

# **Joint Call for Proposals**

**ERA-NET Cofund on Sustainable Crop Production**

**- SusCrop -**



## **National/Regional Funding Regulations**

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### Austria – BMNT (former BMLFUW)

Bundesministerium für  
Nachhaltigkeit und  
Tourismus

**Participating organisation:** FEDERAL MINISTRY OF SUSTAINABILITY AND TOURISM

**Indicative Budget:** 200.000 EUR

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**Name of & link to the funding programme(s) and other relevant information:**

[www.dafne.at](http://www.dafne.at)  
[https://www.dafne.at/dafne\\_plus\\_homepage/sections/dafneplus/PFEIL20.pdf](https://www.dafne.at/dafne_plus_homepage/sections/dafneplus/PFEIL20.pdf)

**Min. project duration:** 3 Jahre

**Max. project duration:** 3 Jahre

**Maximum funding per project:** 200.000 EUR

**Institutional eligibility criteria:**

**Institutional thematic priorities:**

Each submitted proposal has to address at least one out of the four topics of the call.

**Proposals with the following focus cannot be funded:**

N/A

**Additional information:**

- For one eligible project there will be only one contract between BMNT and the respective Austrian partner, whereas additional Austrian partners shall be subcontracted.
- After the final selection for funding of a proposal the Austrian partner, if any, has to submit the project via [www.dafne.at](http://www.dafne.at).
- Requested BMNT contribution shall not exceed the budget provided in the table of the indicative call budget.
- Amortisation costs for equipment can be requested in proportion to the share considered relevant for the project.
- Travel and meeting costs are eligible according to the Austrian "RGV".
- Overhead costs must be shown with their calculation basis (maximum 20% of direct costs).
- Payments by BMNT principally consist of prepayment, payment after approval of the Interim Report, and a final payment after the approval of the Final Report (min. 10% of total).
- In-kind contribution of the contracted Austrian partner shall be at least 10% of the total national costs.

**Belgium – F.R.S.-FNRS**



**Participating organisation:** Funds for Scientific Research-FNRS

**Indicative Budget:** 200.000 €

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**Name of & link to the funding programme(s) and other relevant information:**

<http://www.ncp.fnrs.be/index.php/appels/era-nets>

**Min. project duration:** 3 years

**Max. project duration:** 3 years. If the project involves the recruitment of a PhD student, the project duration of the F.R.S.-FNRS sub-project could be up to four years (cf. PINT-MULTI regulations).

**Maximum funding per project:** 200.000 €

**Institutional eligibility criteria:** all eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the [PINT-MULTI regulations](#). Applicants are **strongly advised** to contact the F.R.S.-FNRS prior to submission regarding the eligibility criteria.

**Institutional thematic priorities:** N/A

**Proposals with the following focus cannot be funded:** N/A

**Additional information:**

Applicants must provide basic administrative data by submitting an administrative application on [Semaphore](#) for the same deadline as the consortium application is submitted. Please select the “PINT-MULTI” funding instrument when creating the administrative application. Proposals invited to the second stage will be able to complete the pre-proposal form and provide information for the full proposal upon validation by the F.R.S.-FNRS.

**Canada – AAFC**



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**Additional information:**

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**Denmark – Ministry of Environment and Food**



**Participating organisation:** Green Development and Demonstration Programme (GUDP)

**Indicative Budget:** 1 million Euro

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**Name of & link to the funding programme(s) and other relevant information:** [www.gudp.dk](http://www.gudp.dk)

**Institutional eligibility criteria:**

The funding from the Ministry of Environment and Food of Denmark for this call is under the auspices of the Board of the “Green Development and Demonstration Programme” (GUDP) and is administered by the Danish Ministry of Environment and Food.

GUDP is a funding programme with focus on motivating and promoting ambitious and green business oriented innovation activities in the Danish agriculture, fisheries and food sector. Thus, GUDP projects must induce green sustainability and economical sustainability simultaneously through the entire value chain. Green sustainability means having a focus on the environment, climate, nature, quality, sustainable exploitation of resources, food safety, human health, and animal welfare. Economical sustainability means having a focus on generating profit, socio-economic effects and addition of value to raw materials to support growth and competitiveness.

Projects shall meet the needs of the food industry and have to follow the rules and regulations of GUDP. In addition, it is a requirement that Danish participants submit a separate business plan BEFORE THE PRE-PROPOSAL DEADLINE in order to be eligible for funding. More about the business plan can be read below.

**Additional information:**

For Danish applicants, the rules of GUDP prevail, but the international application- and budget templates should be used; only in case of funding, a budget scheme, participant datasheets and Gantt chart for the Danish part of the work has to be submitted.

Applications for funding can be submitted by:

- Large, medium and small size enterprises (incl. stakeholders and similar associations, independent institutions, private research organizations, owners, tenants and users of farms)
- Research and other public knowledge institutes
- Technical Service Institutes (GTS) – are classified as companies

Funding from GUDP cannot be granted directly to foreign institutions or businesses registered outside of Denmark; they can however be part of the Danish participation in a project on a consultancy basis.

More details about maximum subsidiary rates and eligible costs can be found in GUDP’s general national guidelines (Please use the latest version if there is no actual call) under “skema B: Budgetskema og gantt-diagram”:

<http://lbst.dk/tilskud-selvbetjening/tilskudsguide/groent-udviklings-og-demonstrationsprogram-gudp/>

Submission of a business plan prior to the preregistration deadline is mandatory for Danish applicants. The business plan should be sent directly by the Danish project partner to the Danish contact person (see contact details above).

Details about the content of the business plan can be found in the national guidelines, sections are indicated below.

The business plan should be in English and include the following aspects:

- *Project title and acronym*
- *Consortium participants*
- *Project output (max. 1 page) – Guidelines section A28*
- *Description of market and customers (max. ½ page) - Guidelines section A29*
- *The business perspective (max. 1 page) - Guidelines section A30*
- *The business model (max. ½ page) – Guidelines section A31*
- *Risk analysis (max. ½ page) – Guidelines section A32*

### ***Applicable legislation and guidelines***

Act on a Green Development and Demonstration Programme, Act. No. 23 of 04 January 2017:

<https://www.retsinformation.dk/Forms/R0710.aspx?id=186165>

Administrative Order on a Green Development and Demonstration Programme, Order No. 1069 of 13 September 2017:

<https://www.retsinformation.dk/forms/R0710.aspx?id=192729>

GUDP general application guideline; Please use the latest version if there is no actual call - In Danish:

<http://lbst.dk/tilskud-selvbetjening/tilskudsguide/groent-udviklings-og-demonstrationsprogram-gudp/>

Reference is made to the GUDP Strategy 2015-18 and Action Plan 2015:

[http://lbst.dk/fileadmin/user\\_upload/NaturErhverv/Filer/Indsatsomraader/GUDP/GUDP-bestyrelsen/GUDP\\_Strategi\\_2015-2018\\_og\\_Handlingsplan\\_2015.pdf](http://lbst.dk/fileadmin/user_upload/NaturErhverv/Filer/Indsatsomraader/GUDP/GUDP-bestyrelsen/GUDP_Strategi_2015-2018_og_Handlingsplan_2015.pdf)

## **Estonia – ETAg**

**Participating organisation:** Estonian Research Council



**Indicative Budget:** 100 000 €

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**Name of & link to the funding programme(s) and other relevant information:** [www.etag.ee](http://www.etag.ee)

**Maximum funding per project:** 100 000 €

### **Institutional eligibility criteria:**

**Estonian Research Council** (hereafter The Council) funds basic and applied research. Applied research is only funded as far as it does not refer to product development with commercial value and for marketing purposes. A grant or research support is the allocation of funds by the Council for a specified purpose to carry out research work and the grant shall be awarded within an open competition.

#### **Participants in the grant project**

1. Principal Investigator is the applicant of the grant, to whom the grant has been allocated within an open competition and who is responsible for the use of the grant for specified purpose and for the productive realisation of the grant project. The Council shall enter into a grant agreement with the Principal Investigator.

The Principal Investigator:

- Is either an Estonian citizen or a permanent resident of Estonia.
- Has an updated profile in the Estonian Research Information System (ETIS).
- Has as a rule entered into an employment relationship with the legal person (hereinafter Institution), which is the basis of the realisation of the grant project and through which the grant shall be allocated to the Principal Investigator.
- Holds the doctoral degree of Estonia or an equivalent academic degree, awarded by the deadline of submission of the grant application, at the latest.
- Must have published within the last five years prior to the proposal's submission deadline at least three publications, which comply with the requirements of clauses 1.1 of the classification of publications of the ETIS, or at least five publications, which comply with the requirements of clauses 1.1, 1.2, 2.1 and 3.1 of the classification of publications of the ETIS; international patents are equalised with publications of clause 1.1.; the monographs (ETIS category 2.1) are equalised to each author with three publications mentioned in clause 1.1 if the number of its authors is three or less. If the applicant has been on the parental leave or in the compulsory military service within these last five years, the deadline of the publication requirement shall be extended by the time stayed on the parental leave or compulsory military service.

2. The main participant of the project is a person who participates in the substantial performance of the project. The main participant of the project shall either possess at least the master's degree or the respective qualification and must have published at least one publication within the last three years



prior to the proposal's submission deadline, which comply with the requirements of clauses 1.1, 1.2, 2.1 or 3.1 of the classification of publications of the ETIS; or be a doctoral candidate.

### What is the maximum funding amount?

The budget limit for Estonian teams is **100 000 €**. In case of two Estonian partners (research teams) their combined budget may not exceed the same limit.

### What types of cost are eligible?

1. The budget of a proposal should consist of research expenses and overhead costs of the Institution.
2. The **research expenses** consist of direct costs (personnel costs incl. scholarships, travel costs and other direct costs) and subcontracting costs. The expenses on research are clearly required to carry out the project and respectively identifiable.
3. **Remuneration** may be only paid out of the grant to the Principal Investigator, main participants in the project and auxiliary staff according to the time they participate in the grant project and their total salary cost for Institution. Double funding of activities already have contributions is not acceptable.
4. **Scholarships** to doctoral candidates not paid any salary by Institution. Please contact the National Contact Point (ETAg) about scholarship rules.
5. **Travel costs** cover expenses for transport, accommodation and daily allowances (except in case of internal travel).
6. **Other direct costs** are:
  - 6.1. Consumables related to the project
  - 6.2. Costs for publishing and dissemination of project results (fair distribution of costs between partners should be followed)
  - 6.3. Costs for organising the meetings/seminars/conferences (only in Estonia)
  - 6.4. Fees for participating in scientific forums and conferences
  - 6.5. All other costs which are clearly required for the implementation of the project and respectively identifiable.
7. **Subcontracting costs** should generally cover only additional or complementary tasks (e.g. costs for translation, analyses, etc.) to the third parties. Core project research tasks should not be subcontracted. Subcontracting costs may not exceed 10% of the total costs.
8. **Overhead costs** of the institution must not exceed a maximum of 20% of eligible direct costs and should cover general expenses of the institution.
9. Costs for equipment and services intended for public use (copying machine or printer publicly used, phone bills, copying service, etc. shall be covered from the overhead fee.
10. Participants' personal expenses or expenses not directly related to the project are not eligible.

### Other requirements

If a human research or animal tests are intended in the research project, the positive resolution of the Ethics Review Committee or Animal Testing Project Permits Committee with respect to the performance of the project addressed to the Council shall be submitted before the funding decision is made.

**APPLICANTS ARE ADVISED TO CONTACT THE NATIONAL CONTACT POINT FOR THE PRE-ELIGIBILITY CHECK.**

## **Estonia – MEM**

**Participating organisation:** Maaeluministeerium



MAAELUMINISTEERIUM

**Indicative Budget:** 100.000 €

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**Name of & link to the funding programme(s) and other relevant information:**

Programme “Applied Research and Development in Agriculture 2015-2021”

<https://www.agri.ee/sites/default/files/content/arengukavad/arengukava-arendustegevus-2015-2021-v2.pdf>

**Min. project duration:**

**Max. project duration:**

**Maximum funding per project:** 100.000 €

Funding is provided up to 100 000 €. Minimum 5% of total eligible project costs must be covered by the applicant institution.

**Institutional eligibility criteria:**

The call is addressed to research institutions. Project manager must have a doctoral level degree and research publications and/or patents registered in their name during the last 5 years.

All eligibility rules and criteria can be found:

<https://www.agri.ee/sites/default/files/content/arengukavad/arengukava-arendustegevus-2015-2021-v2.pdf>

**Institutional thematic priorities:** N/A

**Proposals with the following focus cannot be funded:** N/A

**Additional information:**

Applicants are strongly recommended to contact their National Contact Persons before submitting a proposal.

## Finland – MMM



**Participating organisation:** Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

**Indicative Budget:** 300 000 €

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**Name of & link to the funding programme(s) and other relevant information:**

Agri-food Research and Development funding of MMM (Makera). More information on our website (in Finnish):

[www.mmm.fi/tutkimus](http://www.mmm.fi/tutkimus)

**Min.project duration:**

**Max. project duration:** Proposed projects may last up to 36 months

**Maximum funding per project:** 170 000 €

**Additional information:**

The main national criteria emphasizes that the research shall benefit the agri-food livelihood. The work carried out must be pre-competitive research and/or prototype demonstration. Product development supporting individual companies will not be supported. Financial involvement must be clearly stated in the application. The application must contain a plan for communication of results.

Funding does not cover expenditures for activities before the project has been granted. Normally 70 % of the project's gross eligible costs can be covered by the MMM funding. Applicants must provide the necessary apparatus for the project themselves. If a special apparatus is needed an explanation and application for funding for apparatus must be included. If the applicant has not earlier given the explanation for indirect employee costs and overheads the applicant has to give an account to the ministry.

**Institutional eligibility criteria:** None

Finnish participation must fulfil MMM's requirements and General Terms and Conditions for R&D Projects: [www.mmm.fi/tutkimus](http://www.mmm.fi/tutkimus) <http://mmm.fi/tutkimus-ja-kehittaminen/lomakkeet-ja-ohjeet> (Tutkimus- ja kehittämistoiminnan yleiset ehdot ja ohjeet)

Only the Finnish project partners of positively evaluated projects in the first step will be eligible for the second step. Project partners of financed projects will have to submit national application forms to MMM after notification.

**Institutional thematic priorities:** None

**Proposals with the following focus cannot be funded:** not outside agri-food sector and not product development supporting individual companies.

**France – ANR**



**Participating organisation:** ANR

**Indicative Budget:** 1.4 M€

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**Name of & link to the funding programme(s) and other relevant information:**

Agence Nationale de la Recherche <http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/>

**Min.project duration:**

**Max. project duration:** 36 months

**Maximum funding per project:** 300 k€ if a French team is project leader  
200 k€ in other cases

**Institutional eligibility criteria:**

- Proposed projects may not exceed 36 months.
- One project can require a minimum of 15.000 € per partner and up to 200.000 € per project.
- Applicants must include at least one French public research organization category (university, EPST – Scientific or Technical Public Institution, EPIC – Industrial or Commercial Public Institution...).
- In the case there is a foreign company within a proposal, the participation of a French company is mandatory. In this case, the IP rights have to be clearly defined within the full proposal.
- A French principal investigator is allowed to present only one project as coordinator, but it can be partner within other proposals. Each applicant is not allowed to participate to more than three proposals in the ANR's Work Programme 2018 (national and international calls) : one coordination and two partnerships or three partnerships
- The French part of the project proposal must not be judged similar to a project that is already financed by the ANR or submitted to another ANR call for proposals.
- The French part of the project proposal must not be considered to infringe an intellectual property right characterizing a counterfeit within the meaning of intellectual property.
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**Important recommendations:**

- If the project coordinator is a French organization, the project coordinator should devote at least 30% of his/her research time to the project;
- The total (in person months) of the non-permanent personnel (postdocs, fixed-term contracts, temporary workers) receiving ANR funding should not exceed 30% of the total (in person months) of the staff (permanent and non-permanent personnel) of the French partners assigned to the project;
- The financing duration for each post-doctoral fellowship cannot be less than 12 months.

**Institutional thematic priorities:**

- I. **Enhancement of predictive breeding technologies and development of new genotypes leading to new phenotypes and crop varieties for improvement of plant health, protection, production and resilience**

- II. **Development and exploitation of novel integrated pest and crop management methods and practices**
- III. **Improvement of resource-use efficiency of crops and cropping systems**
- IV. **Systemic research on agricultural crops as part of an ecosystem including interactions between plants and other organisms (“the plant as a meta-organism”)**

**Proposals with the following focus cannot be funded: none**

**Additional information:**

400 k€ coming from the Ecophyto II program and included in the 1,4 M€ should be specifically dedicated to selected projects proposed under thematic priorities 1 and 2 AND focusing on Integrated Pest Management (IPM) with the aim of generating new diversified cropping systems based on intercropping and multiple-cropping with particular attention paid to reduce by half pesticide use against a wide range of pests (pathogens, animal pests and weeds). The adequacy with the topics, defined above, will be assessed by the scientific evaluation panel.

## Germany – BMBF

**Participating organisation:** BMBF

**Indicative Budget:** 3.0 M€



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**Name of & link to the funding programme(s) and other relevant information:**

Information about „Nationale Forschungsstrategie BioÖkonomie 2030“ is provided under <http://www.bmbf.de/de/biooekonomie.php>

**Min. project duration:** proposed projects may last up to 36 months

**Max. project duration:** proposed projects may last up to 36 months

**Maximum funding per project:** there is no minimum and/or maximum funding per project

**Institutional eligibility criteria:**

Applicants must be research groups from academia, universities, research organisations or industry. Enterprises, especially SMEs, may participate as partners provided they can prove their financial stability (see “additional information”).

**Institutional thematic priorities:**

BMBF will support projects within the entire scientific scope outlined in the Call Announcement except applications related to bioenergy topics.

**Proposals with the following focus cannot be funded:**

Applications related to bioenergy.

**Additional information:**

German applicants are strongly recommended to contact their National Contact Persons before submitting a proposal and to refer to the National Announcements, which can be requested from the National Contact Persons.

German applicants who are eligible to receive “Projektpauschale” must make sure, that this is drawn in the section “Finances” under “Overhead”. Additional explanations can be added in the section “Comments on finances”.

- BMBF funding of the SusCrop co-funded call is provided as delineated in the announcement “Richtlinie zur Förderung transnationaler Verbundvorhaben auf dem Gebiet der nachhaltigen Produktion von Nutzpflanzen im Rahmen des ERA-NET Cofund SusCrop” which is planned to be published in the Bundesanzeiger in January 2018.
- Funding bases on §§23 and 44 BHO (Bundeshaushaltsordnung) and associated administrative regulations. The main items are as follows:
  - The procedure (“Verfahren”) is according to the above mentioned protocol (see Chapter “Application Procedure”). Funding will be awarded as non-repayable project grant.
  - The funding regulations, the follow up and reporting of publicly funded projects are regulated according to the national announcement “Richtlinie zur Förderung transnationaler Verbundvorhaben auf dem Gebiet der nachhaltigen Produktion von Nutzpflanzen im Rahmen

- des ERA-NET Cofund SusCrop". Additionally, reporting duties as delineated in this Call Announcement in the Chapter „Reporting requirements“ must be respected as well.
- Eligible applicants are universities, research institutions and enterprises, especially SMEs, domiciled in Germany.
    - o For universities intending to request the “Projektpauschale” in the frame of the present call, the project costs budgeted in the pre-proposal must include this “Projektpauschale”. More information is available in the “FAQ zur Projektpauschale”: <https://foerderportal.bund.de>
    - o Research institutions, which receive basic financing, can be funded subject to specific conditions.
  - Enterprises must be registered in Germany and must be well established in Germany with plants, laboratories, employees, etc. The proposed project must be beneficial to the national economy. In order to prove their financial ability to participate in the proposed project, Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) have to submit the following documents together with the electronic submission of the Pre-proposal (documents received latest on 04.04.2018):
    - ✓ Financial statement for the last two years (Jahresabschlüsse der letzten zwei Jahre)
    - ✓ Confirmation of the financial own contribution (Erklärung zur Aufbringung des Eigenanteils)
    - ✓ Business assessment (Aktuelle BWA)
    - ✓ Liquidity planing for the duration of the proposed project (Liquiditätsplanung für die Laufzeit des vorgeschlagenen Projektes)

The documents have to be submitted to:

Dr. Christian Breuer

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Geschäftsbereich Bioökonomie  
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Double funding is forbidden!

In the case of a positive funding recommendation all German applicants will be asked to submit a formal national application. It is strongly recommended to use the electronic application system “easy-online” <https://foerderportal.bund.de/easyonline>.

### Germany – DFG

**Participating organisation:** DFG

**Indicative Budget:** 1.0 M€

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**Min.project duration:** proposed projects may last up to 36 months

**Max. project duration:** proposed projects may last up to 36 months

**Maximum funding per project:** there is no minimum and/or maximum funding per project

#### **Institutional eligibility criteria:**

The eligibility to submit proposals follow the regulations for the funding scheme “Sachbeihilfe/research grants” (DFG form 50.01). This includes the duty to cooperate (“Kooperationspflicht”) within Germany for members of non-university institutions with permanent positions.

#### **Institutional thematic priorities:**

The DFG will support projects within the scientific scope outlined in the Call Announcement with special emphasis on basic research. This includes research on basic biological processes relevant for crop improvement. Funding will only be provided for scientifically outstanding projects in terms of the evaluation criteria ‘Quality and efficiency of the implementation’ and ‘Excellence’.

#### **Proposals with the following focus cannot be funded:**

Solely applied research projects or applications with partners from industry requesting for budget.

#### **Additional information:**

German applicants are strongly recommended to contact their National Contact Persons before submitting a proposal and to refer to the National Announcements that can be requested from the National Contact Persons.

#### A copy of the preproposals have to be sent to:

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Invited full proposals have to be submitted via the electronic application system “elan” <http://elan.dfg.de>.



## Hungary - FM

**Participating organisation:** Ministry of Agriculture

**Indicative Budget:** 50.000 €

**National Contact Person(s):**

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**Name of & link to the funding programme(s) and other relevant information:**

National Protein Feed Supply Programme

**Min. project duration:**

proposed projects may last up to 36 months

**Max. project duration:**

proposed projects may last up to 36 months

**Maximum funding per project:**

there is no minimum funding per project. the maximum funding is according to the indicative budget.

**Institutional eligibility criteria:**

Applicants must be non-profit research institutes / research organisations. FM will support only those applicants whose research results are widely available to all of the stakeholders.

**Institutional thematic priorities:**

FM will support projects within the entire scientific scope outlined in the Call Announcement, except topics inconsistent with the GMO-free agricultural policy in Hungary. FM highlights III. topic as top priority.

**Proposals with the following focus cannot be funded:**

Topics inconsistent with the GMO-free agricultural policy in Hungary.

**Additional information:**

Hungarian applicants are strongly recommended to contact their National Contact Persons before submitting a proposal.

Funding bases on Regulation (2011. évi CXCV. Tv. (Áht.) and 368/2011. (XII. 31.) Korm. rendelet (Ávr.)) and associated administrative regulations. The main items are as follows:

- The procedure is according to the above mentioned national regulations. Funding will be awarded as non-repayable project grant.
- The funding regulations, the follow up and reporting of publicly funded projects are regulated according to the national regulations. Additionally, reporting duties as delineated in this Call Announcement in the Chapter „Reporting requirements“ must be respected as well.
- Eligible applicants are non-profit research institutes / research organisations, domiciled in Hungary.
- Double funding is forbidden!



## Ireland – DAFM/Teagasc

**Participating organisations:** Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) and Teagasc

**Indicative Budget:** €526,000

**National Contact Person(s):**

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**Name of & link to the funding programme(s) and other relevant information:**

[DAFM Research Stimulus Programme](#)

[Teagasc Walsh Fellowship Programme](#)

**Min. project duration:** 3 years

**Max. project duration:** 3 years

**Maximum funding per project:**

The maximum funding available per project is: €175,000 from DAFM and €88,000 from Teagasc. Therefore the total combined DAFM/Teagasc public funding to eligible Irish Research Performing Organisations (RPOs) shall not be greater than **€263,000 per project**. It is not mandatory for Irish applicants to request grant-aid from both DAFM and Teagasc, however where only one of these funders is selected, this must be stated clearly in the Budget Comments section of the SusCrop pre- and full proposal application forms and the maximum grant available will be that stated above per project for each funder respectively. Where grant-aid is sought from Teagasc this must be in the form of €88,000 for a four-year Walsh Fellowship-funded PhD – please refer to the ‘Funding Rules’ in Section 7A of the Guidelines for Irish Applicants for more details on how the Walsh Fellowship funding is structured to meet central SusCrop requirements.

**National eligibility criteria:**

1. Grant applications will only be accepted from DAFM approved Irish RPOs (see section 6 of the Guidelines for Irish Applicants)
2. The grant request by Irish RPOs must not exceed the maximum funding per project as set out in the ‘Max Funding Available’ in section 3 of the Guidelines for Irish Applicants
3. Address at least one of the SusCrop Call’s four scientific topic areas (as set out in the central SusCrop Call announcement)
4. Avoid duplication of recent research work already undertaken or ongoing that incorporates the scope of the scientific topic areas in the SusCrop Call
5. Closely align with [Sustainable Healthy Agri-Food Research Plan](#) (SHARP) – the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda covering the ‘Sustainable Food Production and Processing’ and ‘Food for Health’ priority areas of the [National Research Prioritisation Exercise](#)
6. Align with relevant national policy and foresight documents including but not restricted to [Food Wise 2025](#), the Government’s [Action Plan for Jobs](#), [Innovation 2020](#), [Our Sustainable Future](#) and [Teagasc Technology Foresight 2035](#).

Applications that do not adhere to these criteria **will be deemed ineligible** and in such cases the application will not proceed for expert review.

**National thematic priorities:**

Applicants seeking grant aid from DAFM/Teagasc can apply for funding under any of the four SusCrop scientific topics (as set out in the central SusCrop Call announcement) or a complementary combination of some/all four topics.

**Proposals with the following focus cannot be funded:** N/A

**Additional information:**

Please see the ‘Guidelines for Irish Applicants’ located on the DAFM website in the following link: [Funding for Participation in SusCrop](#) – This sets out in more detail the rules for Irish applicants seeking grant-aid in SusCrop and **must** be read in conjunction with the requirements set out in this National Annex.

## Italy – MIUR

Ministry of Education, Universities and Research  
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<http://www.miur.gov.it>

[http://www.ricercainternazionale.miur.it/era/eranet-cofund-\(h2020\)/suscrop.aspx](http://www.ricercainternazionale.miur.it/era/eranet-cofund-(h2020)/suscrop.aspx)



**Indicative budget**                      **500.000 €**

### National Contact Point

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### Funding Criteria and Regulations

#### **Name of & link to the funding programme(s) and other relevant information**

FIRST (Fondo per gli Investimenti nella Ricerca Scientifica e Tecnologica) and IGRUE account for the EU cofunding.

Min. project duration:    24 months

Max. project duration:    36 months

#### **Maximum funding per project**

Overall funding commitment for the call: 500.000 €.

The maximum amount of funding allowed per project, even if it includes more than one Italian participant, is € 200.000 if the project is coordinated by an Italian participant and € 150.000 if it is not coordinated by an Italian participant..

#### **Institutional eligibility criteria**

A maximum of two Italian participants per project proposal, requesting funding to MIUR, is admitted.

All costs incurred during the lifetime of the project under the following categories are eligible: Personnel, Equipment, Subcontracting, Consumables, and Overheads.

Activity Typology \ Applicant typology		Funding Rates			
		Enterprises and private research bodies (which meets the requirements of research organization under EU Reg. no. 651/2014 of the Commission - June 17, 2014)			Universities, public research institutions, research organizations (public and private) in accordance with Reg. EU n. 651/2014 of the Commission - June 17, 2014)
		Small Enterprises	Medium Enterprises	Big Enterprises	
Basic Research	grant	40%	30%	20%	70%
Industrial Research	grant	40%	30%	20%	50%
Experimental Research	grant	30%	20%	10%	25%

On request of applicants a pre-payment may be done, equal to:

- 80% of the total contribution for public entities;
- 50% of the total contribution for private entities.

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The remaining part of contribute will be paid in instalments after each financial and progress reporting period.

### 1) *Type/nature of participants*

According to art. 60 of the Decree-Law n. 83/2012 and art. 5 of its implementing Ministerial decree 593/2016, the following entities are eligible, providing that they have stable organization in Italy: enterprises, universities, research institutions, research organizations in accordance with EU Reg. n. 651/2014 of the European Commission - June 17, 2014. Eligible participants must have a stable organization in Italy.

### 2) *Legal/administrative/financial conditions*

The participant must not be defaulting with regard to other funding received by MIUR.

The participant must not have requested/got any other funding for the same research activities.

The participant must respect the Italian law "D.Lgs. n 159 del 6/09/2011 e successive modificazioni ed integrazioni".

### 3) *Financial conditions*

For any participant, with the exception of public universities and public research institutions (Entipubblici di ricerca), the following financial criteria, calculated using the data reported in the last approved balance sheet, must be fulfilled:

$$CN > (CP - I)/2$$

Where:

- CN = net assets (Capitale netto)
- CP = sum of the costs of all the projects for which public funding has been requested by the participant during the year
- I = sum of the contributions received, approved or requested for the same projects

$$OF/F < 8\%$$

Where:

- OF = financial charges (Onerifinanziari)
- F = turnover (Fatturato)

In addition to the project proposal, which shall be submitted at European level, the Italian participants are requested to submit further documentation to MIUR, through the national web platform, available at the following link: [http://www.ricercainternazionale.miur.it/era/eranet-cofund-\(h2020\)/suscrop.aspx](http://www.ricercainternazionale.miur.it/era/eranet-cofund-(h2020)/suscrop.aspx).

These national additional documents must be submitted by the same deadline established for the pre-proposal phase submission as defined in the SusCropinternational joint call.

Any participant who does not submit its national documents by the deadline of the pre-proposal SusCrop call, will be considered not eligible for funding.

MIUR will require to all Italian participants admitted for funding some additional documents describing in more detail the participant and its research activities within the project.

It is strongly recommended to contact the National Contact Persons already in early stage of project preparation.

The admission for funding is subject to the adoption of the necessary accounting and administrative measures for the allocation of the resources.

Funded participants will be requested to submit financial and scientific reports to MIUR.

***Institutional thematic priorities***

All activities classifiable as Basic research, Industrial research and Experimental development are eligible for funding.

Furthermore, Basic research and Industrial research activities must be predominant with respect to Experimental development activities.

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## **Latvia – LAAFS**

**Latvian Academy of Agricultural and Forestry Sciences, LAAFS, LATVIA**

### **Eligible institutions:**

- Universities, research institutes and RTD centres entered into the Registry of Scientific institutions of Latvia;
- Enterprises are eligible only if entered into the Latvian Commercial Registry, assumed they are eligible to do specific research and have proven resources for specific activities.

Limitations of EU legislation apply together with financial reporting requirements and support rate limits.

Project leader and the principal investigators should be researchers according to Latvian legislation („zinātnieks”) possessing doctoral degree and experience in relevant research field, and the work carried out should be research.

Support is provided according to Provisions Nr.259, 26.05.2015 of the Latvian Cabinet of Ministers

<http://m.likumi.lv/doc.php?id=274671>

### **Eligible costs:**

- Personnel costs, including social tax,
- Consumables, materials,
- Subcontracts and external services – up to 25 % of direct costs, needs detailed justification. Includes all publishing and patenting costs, knowledge engineering and dissemination services,
- Equipment (only depreciation costs),
- Travels costs (according to travel plan),
- Indirect costs (up to 20 %, the indirect nature of cost position must be proven).
  - Core activities cannot be subcontracted.
  - Educational activities are not supported.

Maximum grant is 30 000 EUR. Funding of cost positions not related to the project is not allowed; time sheets and invoices should correspond to the actual national legislation. Funding release is subject to final audit which can invoke a sworn auditor.

The grant will be awarded after the following steps are accomplished:

- the submitted project proposal with eligible Latvian beneficiary organization is in accordance with the criteria in the National Annex;
- the respective Project proposal is selected for the award by the transnational evaluation procedure,
- the Project Consortium Agreement is signed.

The available budget will be taken into account.

**The Netherlands – NWO**



Nederlandse Organisatie  
voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek

**Participating organisation:** Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research

**Indicative Budget: € 1.000.000**

**National Contact Person(s):** Name Dr. Theo Saat  
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**Name of & link to the funding programme(s) and other relevant information:**

NWO Sciences (ENW): Funding for international activities in the economic priority areas Agri&Food and Horticulture & Propagation Materials, linked to FACCE-JPI.

Detailed conditions for applicants are available in the national call for proposals: <http://www.nwo.nl/suscrop>

**Min.project duration: 12 months**

**Max. project duration: 36 months**

**Maximum funding per project:**

A single Dutch partner may request a maximum of 250.000 €, consisting of max. 220.095 € for personnel and max. 50.000 € (max. 20% of the total subsidy requested) for materials (consumables and travel). For personnel funding can be requested for post-doc researchers (temporary position) only, with the exception of researchers with a fixed position at TO2 or HBO institutes for whom funding can be requested in this specific call at maximal tariffs (see additional criteria below).

**Institutional eligibility criteria:**

Funding can be applied for by associate, assistant and full professors or researchers with a comparable position who hold an appointment at a Dutch university or a research institute recognised by NWO (cf. NWO grant rules 2017). For this specific call TO2 and HBO institutes are also eligible (see below).

Specifically:

- Applicants must hold a doctorate and/or be professor.
- Applicants must have a paid appointment for at least the duration of the application process and the research for which the grant is requested.
- Employees who have a 'zero-hours' contract (0-aanstelling) or a contract as an unpaid guest researcher cannot apply.
- Applicants may not apply for a position for themselves (if required with the exception of lecturers of medior researchers at TO2/HBO).

Non-eligible Dutch partners (e.g. private companies, foundations) may participate in a consortium at their own expense (i.e. as non-funded partner). These partners should provide a letter of commitment, confirming participation and detailing their contribution. Please use the format provided by SusCrop. Letters should be uploaded when submitting the proposal.

**Additional criteria:**

An individual Dutch applicant may request funding for only one project (part of a consortium) in this SusCrop call. For the salary costs at Universities and research institutes recognized by NWO the VSNU contract 'Akkoord bekostiging wetenschappelijk onderzoek' applies. For the Dutch Individual Project a grant can be requested for a postdoc researcher (maximum 3 years full time, per 1 July 2017: 220.095 euro). This amount includes a bench fee of 5,000 euro for individual costs for the purposes of the research of the post-doc (e.g. publication costs, congress visits, etc.). The minimum appointment for a researcher on a project is 12 months 0,5 fte.

In this specific call, TO2 and HBO institutes may request funding for a medior researcher (cf. post-doc salary scale 11 BBRA, maximum tariff is € 79 /hr) or HBO lecturer (cf. salary scale 10 BBRA, maximum tariff is € 72 /hr). These tariffs are based on the 'Handleiding Overheidstarieven' from the Ministry of Finance. The minimum appointment for a researcher on a project is 825 hours.



A maximum of three different researchers may be appointed on a project.

TO2 institutes are defined as TNO, DLO (research institutes of Wageningen UR), the National Aerospace Laboratory (NLR), Energy research Centre of the Netherlands (ECN), Deltares and the Maritime Research Institute Netherlands (Marin). HBO institutes are defined as government funded HBO institutes as included in article 1.8 of the “Wet op het hoger onderwijs en wetenschappelijk onderzoek (WHW)”.

A budget to cover equipment costs cannot be requested under this call. Applicants cannot apply for a grant to cover the costs of tenured staff (with the exception of senior researchers at TO2 or HBO institutes), student assistants, analysts or technicians, overheads, general laboratory equipment and the costs for maintenance, insurance, congress visits and publications. Costs for sub-contracting are not eligible for funding.

**Institutional thematic priorities:**

Dutch participation should be in line with the knowledge and innovation agendas of the economic priority area Horticulture & Propagation Materials and Agri&Food. There are no additional national priorities other than the scientific scope and aims of the call as described in this call announcement.

Before submitting a pre-proposal, it is obligatory contact the National Contact Person to discuss eligibility criteria and possible relevance to policy. For relevance to policy applicants can also contact Annet Zweep: Policy Officer at the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality, Department of Agro and Nature Knowledge: [a.t.zweep@minez.nl](mailto:a.t.zweep@minez.nl), +31 (0) 652 690 643.

**Proposals with the following focus cannot be funded:**

**Additional information:**

**Norway – RCN**



**Participating organisation:** The Research Council of Norway

**Indicative Budget:** Up to 1 000 000 €

**National Contact Person(s):**  
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**Name of & link to the funding programme(s) and other relevant information:**

FACCE-JPI is established as an independent activity in line with national funding programmes. National website:  
<http://www.forskingsradet.no/prognett-jpifacce/Forside/1254005634060>

**Min.project duration:** Proposed projects may last up to 36 months

**Max. project duration:** Proposed projects may last up to 36 months

**Maximum funding per project:** The maximum grant for Norwegian participation is set to 400.000 € per proposal.

**Institutional eligibility criteria:**

Norway will support *Researcher Projects* in this call. This implies that the responsible Norwegian partner in the project has to be a Norwegian research institution while Norwegian companies/groups of companies/trade and industry organizations are welcome to join the projects as partners or subcontractors.

Norwegian participation must fulfil RCN's requirements for researcher projects:

<http://www.forskingsradet.no/servlet/Satellite?c=Page&cid=1195592882768&pagename=ForskingsradetEngelsk%2FHovedsidema>

The Norwegian participation must also follow RCN's General Terms and Conditions for R&D Projects:

<http://www.forskingsradet.no/servlet/Satellite?c=Page&cid=1138882213515&pagename=ForskingsradetEngelsk%2FHovedsidema>

Only the Norwegian project partners of positively evaluated projects in the first step will be eligible for the second step. Project partners of financed projects will have to submit national application forms to The Research Council of Norway after notification.

**Institutional thematic priorities:**

No additional national priorities.

**Proposals with the following focus cannot be funded:**

No additional national priorities.

**Additional information:**

No additional national priorities.

## Poland – NCBR



**Participating organisation:** The National Centre for Research and Development (Narodowe Centrum Badań i Rozwoju)

**Indicative Budget:** 500 000 €

**National Contact Person(s):**

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**Name of & link to the funding programme(s) and other relevant information:**

Funding programme *BIOSTRATEG*: [www.ncbr.gov.pl/programy-strategiczne/srodowisko-naturalne-rolnictwo-i-lesnictwo---biostrateg/](http://www.ncbr.gov.pl/programy-strategiczne/srodowisko-naturalne-rolnictwo-i-lesnictwo---biostrateg/)

**Min. project duration:** -

**Max. project duration:** 36 months

**Maximum funding per project:**

In relation to the budget limit (500 000 €) it is recommended that one project partner can require up to 200 000 €.

**Institutional eligibility criteria:**

Following entities are eligible to apply:

- Research organizations;
- Micro, Small, Medium and Large Enterprises.

Organization must be registered in Poland.

All proposals must be aligned with National regulations, inter alia:

- The Act of 30 April 2010 on the Principles of Financing Science, published in Journal of Laws item 2045, 2016 (with amendments);
- The Act of 30 April 2010 on the National Centre for Research and Development, published in Journal of Laws item 1447, 2017 (with amendments);
- The Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 25 February 2015 on criteria and rules on granting state aid and “de minimis” aid by the National Centre for Research and Development, published in Journal of Laws item 299, 2015.

Eligible costs:

The eligible costs shall be the following:

1. **personnel costs** (researchers, technicians and other supporting staff to the extent employed on the research project);
2. **costs of instruments and equipment, technical knowledge and patents** to the extent and for the period used for the research project; if such instruments and equipment are not used for their full life for the research project, only the depreciation costs corresponding to the life of the research project, as calculated on the basis of good accounting practice, shall be considered eligible;
3. **costs for buildings and land**, to the extent and for the duration used for the research project; with regard to buildings, only the depreciation costs corresponding to the life of the research project, as calculated on the basis of good accounting practice shall be considered eligible; for land, costs of commercial transfer or actually incurred capital costs shall be eligible;
4. **cost of contractual research**, costs of consultancy and equivalent services used exclusively for the research activity; this cost type cannot account for more than 70% of all eligible costs of a project; the subcontracting can

be obtained from consortium partner only in justified case, this need will be verified by a national experts panel;

5. **other operating costs** including costs of materials, supplies and similar products incurred directly as a result of the research activity;

6. **additional overheads** incurred indirectly as a result of the research project; that costs cannot account for more than **25%** of all eligible project costs; That costs (6) are counted as a multiplication by percentage given above (called x%) and the rest of direct costs, excluding subcontracting (4); It means  $6=(1+2+3+5)*x\%$ .

National funding rates:

Funding quota of Polish participants can be up to 100% for research organizations. In the case of enterprises, funding quota will be decided on a case-by-case basis depending on the size of the company, type of research/development, risk associated with the research activities and commercial perspective of exploitation. Organization must be registered in Poland.

	<b>Large Enterprises</b>	<b>Medium Enterprises</b>	<b>Micro/Small Enterprises</b>	<b>Universities and research organizations</b>
<b>Fundamental/Basic Research</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Industrial/Applied Research</b>	Up to 50+15 (max 65 %)	Up to 50+10+15 (max 75 %)	Up to 50+20+15 (max 80 %)	Up to 100 %
<b>Experimental development</b>	Up to 25+15 (max 40 %)	Up to 25+10+15 (max 50 %)	Up to 25+20+15 (max 60 %)	Up to 100 %

In any case only Industrial/Applied Research and Experimental Development will be funded.

Other type of activities (e.g. coordination, dissemination, management) cannot be included into separated task.

All eligible entities, invited to submit Polish proposal are obliged to use the rate of exchange of The European Central Bank dated on the day of opening the call.

**Institutional thematic priorities:**

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**Proposals with the following focus cannot be funded:**

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**Additional information:**

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**Romania – UEFISCDI**



**Participating organisation:** Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding

**Indicative Budget:** 500.000 €

**National Contact Person(s):**

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**Name of & link to the funding programme(s) and other relevant information:**

<https://uefiscdi.ro/suscrop>

**Min. project duration:** 24 Months

**Max. project duration:** 36 Months

**Maximum funding per project:**

The maximum funding for one project from the public budget is 250.000 Euro if Romania is the coordinator of the transnational project.

The maximum funding for one project from the public budget is 200.000 Euro if Romania is partner in the transnational project.

**Institutional eligibility criteria:**

*Eligible Institutions/persons*

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 [NASR Decision no 9281/8.13.2015](#) approving the scheme of State aid for Program 3: European and international cooperation.

The Principal Investigator of Romanian team must hold a Ph.D. degree. This condition does not apply if the Romanian host institution is an enterprise according with the specific European and national laws.

One research team leader will participate only one time in a proposal within the trans-national call as responsible or coordinator.

No simultaneous funding is possible for more than one application under the same call.

The Principal Investigator of Romanian team is full time employed within the host institution with permanent position, with fixed term contract covering at least the duration of the project or has an agreement with the host institution for his/her employment at least for the duration of the contract;

It is forbidden to submit a proposal which seeks to fund activities already funded by other public sources;

The host institution does not have a seizure on its accounts; it has not been declared bankrupt or wound up; it has not made false declarations concerning its economic and legal statute; it has not broken other contract previously signed with a public contracting authority;

The host institution agrees to ensure the necessary administrative support, to provide access to all necessary resources/infrastructures, to support the project implementation in good conditions and to employ the members of the Romanian team, in respect of all legal provisions in force, if the project is selected 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 (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;
  - 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 20% of direct costs, excluding subcontracting.
- Expenses are eligible if incurred after signature of the contract.

**Institutional thematic priorities:** No restrictions

**Proposals with the following focus cannot be funded:** No restrictions

**Additional information:**

The [guideline](#) according to the National Plan for Research, Development and Innovation 2015-2020, for ERA-NET Cofund projects has to be consulted and respected by applicants.

## Spain, AEI –MINECO

**Participating organisation: Ministry of Economy, Industry and Competitiveness – through the State Research Agency**



**Indicative Budget: 500.000€**

### **National Contact Person(s):**

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### **Name of & link to the funding programme(s) and other relevant information:**

*Programa Estatal de Investigación, Desarrollo e Innovación Orientada a los Retos de la Sociedad, Plan Estatal de Investigación Científica y Técnica y de Innovación 2013-2016. [Link to Plan Estatal](#)*

The instrument for funding the Spanish groups will be the Spanish Call on International Joint Programming Actions or equivalent (*Acciones de Programación Conjunta Internacional o equivalente*). Only as a reference, the beneficiaries are advised to read the call. [APCIN 2017](#)

The Spanish legal entities granted are obliged by the regulations established in this APCIN call (or equivalent) and by the funding limits specified below.

The Call will be managed by the [Subdivisión de Programas Científico-Técnicos Transversales, Fortalecimiento y Excelencia](#).

The projects granted by the Ministry of Economy, Industry and Competitiveness must be aligned with the main objectives described in the [Programa Estatal](#).

**Min.project duration:** 24 month

**Max. project duration:** 36 month

### **Maximum funding per project:**

The following funding limits are considered eligibility criteria. Proposals not respecting these limits can be declared ineligible.

The maximum amount of funding is 150,000 € per proposal and legal entity (additional 50,000 € if the Spanish group leader is the coordinator of the international consortium).

Only one Spanish legal entity per proposal is allowed to apply to this transnational SusCrop call to be funded by the AEI-MINECO.

The final level of funding will take into account the transnational evaluation of the collaborative proposal, the scientific quality of the Spanish group, the added value of the international collaboration, the participation of the industrial sector and the financial resources available.

### **Institutional eligibility criteria:**

The **eligible entities** for the State Research Agency funding are:

Non-profit research organizations according to the APCIN call or equivalent (*Acciones de Programación Conjunta Internacional o equivalente*).

Spanish investigators are encouraged to include the Spanish industrial sector in the transnational consortia. CDTI will fund Spanish for profit entities participating in this SusCrop call. (See CDTI requirements).

In the case there is a foreign company within a proposal, the participation of a Spanish company is mandatory. IPR have to be clearly defined within the full proposal.

Spanish Principal Investigators **must be** eligible according to the APCIN call or equivalent and must have experience as investigators in projects funded by the *Plan Nacional I+D+i 2008-2011*, the *Plan Estatal I+D+i 2013-2016*, ERC Grants, European Framework Programmes or other relevant international programmes.

- Principal Investigators are not allowed to apply for funding in more than one proposal of this ERA-NET Cofund SusCrop call.

- Principal Investigators are not allowed to apply for funding in more than one proposal in two consecutive APCIN calls (or equivalent).

This must be taken into account when participating in different ERA-Nets or other international initiatives.

- Principal Investigators should remain unchanged between the proposal and the National APCIN call or equivalent.

AEI-MINECO will avoid double funding (overlapping with other EU or National funding), and will not grant projects or parts of projects already funded.

### **Eligible costs:**

Personnel costs for temporary employment contracts (scholarships are not eligible).

- Current costs, small scientific equipment, disposable materials, travelling expenses and other costs that can be justified as necessary to carry out the proposed activities.

- Indirect costs (overheads), proofs of concept, proofs of principle, are not eligible for funding in the APCIN call.

### **Institutional thematic priorities:**

The AEI-MINECO participates in all scientific topics.

**Additional information:** Any publication or dissemination activity resulting from the granted projects must acknowledge the Ministry of Economy, Industry and Competitiveness funding: "Project (reference nº XX) funded by the AEI-MINECO through APCIN" (or equivalent).



**Spain – CDTI**



<b>Funding Organisation</b>	Centro para el Desarrollo Tecnológico Industrial, E.P.E. (CDTI) <a href="http://www.cdti.es">http://www.cdti.es</a>
<b>Funding commitment</b>	325.000 €
<b>National programme</b>	<b>R+D+i INTERNATIONALISATION PROGRAMME</b> <a href="https://www.cdti.es/index.asp?MP=7&amp;MS=724&amp;MN=3">https://www.cdti.es/index.asp?MP=7&amp;MS=724&amp;MN=3</a>
<b>National Contact Point</b>	Carlos Franco Email: <a href="mailto:carlos.franco@cdti.es">carlos.franco@cdti.es</a> Tel: +34 915815500
<b>Eligibility criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Eligible entities:</b> For-profit companies (being large or SME) established and carrying out R&amp;D activities in Spain. Other entities such as universities, public research institutions, technological centres, and other private non-profit institutions could participate under subcontracting by Spanish companies (provided that, the entity or respective researcher is not requesting funding simultaneously from AEI-MINECO for the same activities).</li> <li>• <b>Eligible activities:</b> Projects may comprise technology-based industrial research and/or experimental development activities (in accordance with the definitions of EC Regulation nº 651/2014), representing outstanding scientific-technical quality and high innovative potential. The Spanish part of the proposed work plan must be developed in Spain. Management and dissemination activities are explicitly excluded for funding.</li> <li>• <b>Eligible technologies:</b> All</li> <li>• <b>Project budget:</b> The minimum eligible budget is €150,000 per partner (this figure applies to the partner budget not to the requesting funding).</li> <li>• <b>Eligible costs:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Personnel (intended exclusively for the RTD activities within the project).</li> <li>- Instrument and equipment costs, to the extent and during the period in which they are used for the RTD activities of the project.</li> <li>- Contractual research costs, technical knowledge and patents bought or licensed from outside sources at market prices, and costs for consulting and equivalent services intended exclusively for the research activity.</li> <li>- Other operating expenses, including costs for material, supplies and similar products, which result directly from the research project. Project audit (when applicable) up to 2000€ per year; Overheads.</li> <li>- Indirect costs</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Maximum funding levels:</b> No</li> <li>• <b>Project duration:</b> The duration of the projects will be from 1 to 3 years</li> </ul>
<b>Further National Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicants are encouraged to contact CDTI's National Contact Point for getting advice about national funding rules before submitting a proposal. Additionally to the international application process, all Spanish applicants that aim to received CDTI's funding (projects coordinators and partners) must submit a formal application (with the information related to National Eligibility check) by way of CDTI's electronic submission system (<a href="https://sede.cdti.gob.es">https://sede.cdti.gob.es</a>) . This information has to be submitted to CDTI no later than 10 days after the closing date for pre-proposals and full proposals, respectively. The proposal must include a detailed description, in Spanish Language, of the activities to be undertaken and their respective budget. Further guidance will be published on CDTI website. Applicants must indicate their VAT (CIF) number in all their respective applications (both international and national).</li> <li>• Specific financial conditions for ensuring the beneficiary's solvency could be required according to CDTI funding rules. CDTI will avoid double funding, and will not finance</li> </ul>



projects, or parts of projects, that have been already funded through other national, transnational or EU calls. CDTI will be responsible for making the final decision regarding the awarding of funds to those Spanish applicants aiming to receive CDTI's funding, taking fully into account the assessment of the national full proposal, the transnational evaluation of the collaborative project, the previous funds received by the participants for other related projects, the fulfilment of eligibility and funding rules, and the financial resources available.

- The detailed description of the eligible costs and further information is available on: <http://www.cdti.es/index.asp?MP=7&MS=20&MN=3>

## Turkey – TÜBİTAK

**Participating organisation:**

Türkiye Bilimsel ve Teknolojik Araştırma Kurumu (TÜBİTAK)

**Indicative Budget:** 500.000 €

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**Name of & link to the funding programme(s) and other relevant information:**

- [1001 - Scientific and Technological Research Projects Funding Program](#)
- <http://www.tubitak.gov.tr/tr/destekler/akademik/ulusal-destek-programlari/icerik-1001-bilimsel-ve-teknolojik-arastirma-projelerini-destekleme-pr>
- Max. R&D funding per project: ≈ 85.700 € (360.000 Turkish Liras)
- Legal permission and ethical committee approval letters must be completed before full proposal stage, if necessary.
- Online project application should be done via <http://ardeb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr>
- <http://www.tubitak.gov.tr>
- <http://www.tubitak.gov.tr/tr/cagri-arsivi>
- <http://www.tubitak.gov.tr/tr/destekler/akademik/uluslararası-destek-programlari/icerik-era-net>
- <http://www.tubitak.gov.tr/tr/destekler/akademik/ulusal-destek-programlari/icerik-1001-bilimsel-ve-teknolojik-arastirma-projelerini-destekleme-pr>

**Min.project duration:** ---

**Max. project duration:** 36 months

**Maximum funding per project:** ~157.000 € (incl. overhead)

**Institutional eligibility criteria:**

- Eligibility check will be done according to the rules of Scientific and Technological Research Projects Funding Program

**Institutional thematic priorities:** ---

**Proposals with the following focus cannot be funded:**

- Projects that aim routine/case study will be eliminated.
- R&D projects that are higher than TRL 4 will be eliminated.

**Additional information:**

- Banned coordinators/partners' projects will be eliminated.
- Project proposals will be eliminated, if same/similar projects were funded before.
- Separate national application required for both stages.

## Turkey – TAGEM

**Participating organisation:**

**Ministry of Food Agriculture and Livestock  
General Directorate of Agricultural Research and Policies (TAGEM)**

**Indicative Budget:** 200.000 €

**National Contact Person(s):**

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**Name of & link to the funding programme(s) and other relevant information:**

<http://www.tarim.gov.tr/TAGEM/Sayfalar/EN/AnaSayfa.aspx>

**Min. project duration:** 3 years

**Max. Project duration:** 3 years

**Maximum funding per project:** 100.000 €

**Institutional eligibility criteria:**

Our Organisation “General Directorate of Agricultural Research and Policies” (TAGEM) is affiliated with Ministry of Food Agriculture and Livestock and has 50 research institutes. Only these 50 research institutes are eligible to benefit from our fund.

Researchers employed in Universities could benefit from our resources, if they agree to collaborate with one of TAGEM’s Research Institutes. In case of such collaboration, TAGEM’s Institute will be considered partner whereas University shall be subcontracted.

Our provisional commitment is 200.000 € for SusCrop -ERA-NET. Our organization prefer to grant a maximum of 100.000 € to each project. This amount includes % 20 overhead.

**Institutional thematic priorities:**

**Proposals with the following focus cannot be funded:**

**Additional information:**

### United Kingdom – DEFRA



Applicants are advised that this annex is for general guidance only. For more detailed rules and regulations please refer to the national call announcement and contact the National Contact Point.

**Funding Party:**

Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs, DEFRA

**Funding Programme:**

Future Farming Directorate

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**Eligibility criteria:**

*Terms and conditions of procurement*

Applicants are advised to familiarise themselves with Defra's research activities and procurement requirements found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs/about/research>

All successful UK projects under the SusCrop call will be contracted with the authority under our standard terms and conditions for research. Bidders should check that these are acceptable to their contracts department prior to application.

[https://www.google.co.uk/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=5&ved=0ahUKewjSqNfapKLXAhWJthoKHafWC18QFgg\\_MAQ&url=https%3A%2F%2Fdata.gov.uk%2Fdata%2Fcontracts-finder-archive%2Fdownload%2F370473%2F61f61632-393c-46b7-8644-2b8fd593bac2&usg=AOvVaw1\\_ZVcAuS1UTplyZc61Hmyu](https://www.google.co.uk/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=5&ved=0ahUKewjSqNfapKLXAhWJthoKHafWC18QFgg_MAQ&url=https%3A%2F%2Fdata.gov.uk%2Fdata%2Fcontracts-finder-archive%2Fdownload%2F370473%2F61f61632-393c-46b7-8644-2b8fd593bac2&usg=AOvVaw1_ZVcAuS1UTplyZc61Hmyu)

Please note for the purposes of projects procured under ERAnet co-funds Intellectual Property will vest with the contractors but be shared with Defra under license.

Applicants who are invited to submit full proposals must submit an EVID2 proposal form to Defra detailing the specific roles, activities, milestones and deliverables that will be conducted by the UK partners. This form is available from the national contact point and should be completed in parallel with the full proposal.

*Available Funding*

Defra has allocated £300K to ERA-Net SusCrop nominally spread over 3 years as follows:

2019/20 £100K  
2020/21 £100K  
2021/22 £100K

Defra's contribution towards each project should not exceed the maximum limit of £60K. We request that bidders try to spread the cost of activities evenly over the lifetime of the project to assist with budget profiling. Costs in the proposal should be converted from sterling to euros using the average rate for the last 3 months prior to the call publication date as published in the Official Journal of the EU: Please check the rate with the national contact point prior to submission of your proposal.

### *Policy Context and Scope*

Defra seeks to fund research proposals which address current policy concerns. **Bidders must contact the national contact point by email** to discuss their proposals. Only proposals that are cleared by the national contact point prior to submission will be considered eligible, without exception.

Information on Defra's strategic priorities can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs/about>

Defra is primarily interested in bids under topics 1, 2 and 3 of the SusCrop call. Proposals under theme 4 may be considered following clearance by the national contact point.

- I. **Enhancement of predictive breeding technologies and development of new genotypes leading to new phenotypes and crop varieties for improvement of plant health, protection and production**
- II. **Development and exploitation of novel integrated pest and crop management methods and practices**
- III. **Improvement of resource-use efficiency of crops and cropping systems**
- IV. **Systemic research on agricultural crops as part of an ecosystem (“the plant as a meta-organism”)**

Proposals under theme 1 should demonstrate how they link into and build upon existing initiatives such as Defra's Genetic Improvement Networks (GINs) or the BBSRC Designing Future Wheat programme.

All UK proposals must address at least one of the following:

- Enhancing resource efficiency through improved breeding, agronomy or integrated management
- Reducing reliance on agrochemicals through improved breeding, agronomy or integrated management
- Improving sustainability of production
- Improving resilience to biotic and abiotic stresses
- Improving product quality in terms of nutrition or meeting market requirements

Proposals on non-food crops are out of scope for this call.

Defra primarily funds applied agricultural research although we welcome bids with translational elements that partner with industry bodies such as the AHDB or engage farmers. Bids that include financial or in kind contributions from such partners are particularly welcome.