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Call 2025 rules

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Call 2025 – proposal submission

- Start date:
25 March 2025
- End date:
26 May 2025 (16.00.00 CEST)



Call 2025 – thematic areas

- all research topics allowed
- focused exclusively on civil applications
- compliance with and support for Sustainable Development Goals
- compliance with the principle of equal opportunities and non-discrimination



Call 2025 – eligible entities

- Polish and Swiss enterprises and research organisations
- consortia comprising of at least one Polish enterprise and one Swiss enterprise
- research organisation may only be part of a consortium if the above condition is met



Call 2025 – roles in consortium

- Programme Component Operator (PCO) – Polish enterprise or Polish research organisation. The PCO is formally responsible for submitting the proposal, signing the Partnership agreement with the PCPs, signing project contract with the PO, distribution of funding among the PCPs, submitting periodic and final reports to the Programme Operator and generally managing all activities related to project proposal, implementation and closure.



Call 2025 – roles in consortium

- Programme Component Partners (PCP) – Polish or Swiss enterprises and/or research organisation
- PCPs from third countries – up to 10% of total eligible costs; not funded from the programme



Call 2025 – Principal Investigator

- The Principal Investigator (PI) - is the researcher of any nationality having the scientific lead of the project on a daily basis. The Principal Investigator must be an employee of the PCO or will have to be employed by the PCO at least for the duration of the project implementation period



Call 2025 – young researchers

- Mentoring plan
- Applies to all project consortia comprising at least one research organization
- Consortia consisting solely of enterprises are exempted from this obligation - mentoring plan is optional
- Definition of young researcher provided in p. 2.6 of Guide for Applicants



Call 2025 – types of research

- **industrial research**
- **experimental development**
- Definitions from Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty
- other type of activities (e.g. coordination, dissemination, management) may only be parts of Work Packages



Call 2025 – types of research

- Industrial research – planned research or critical investigation aimed at the acquisition of new knowledge and skills for developing new products, processes or services or for bringing about a significant improvement in existing products, processes or services. It comprises the creation of component parts of complex systems, and may include the construction of prototypes in a laboratory environment or in an environment with simulated interfaces to existing systems as well as of pilot lines, when necessary for the industrial research and notably for generic technology validation experimental development



Call 2025 – types of research

- Experimental development – acquiring, combining, shaping and using existing scientific, technological, business and other relevant knowledge and skills with the aim of developing new or improved products, processes or services. Experimental development may comprise prototyping, demonstrating, piloting, testing and validation of new or improved products, processes or services in environments representative of real life operating conditions where the primary objective is to make further technical improvements on products, processes or services that are not substantially set. This may include the development of a commercially usable prototype or pilot which is necessarily the final commercial product and which is too expensive to produce for it to be used only for demonstration and validation purposes. Experimental development does not include routine or periodic changes made to existing products, production lines, manufacturing processes, services and other operations in progress, even if those changes may represent improvements.



Call 2025 – types of research

- other type of activities (coordination, dissemination, management) to be described and planned within research tasks;
- activities related to creating social and economic value from knowledge by linking different areas and sectors and transforming data, know-how and research results into sustainable products, services, solutions and knowledge-based policies that benefit society to be described and planned within research tasks.



Call 2025 - budget

Total allocation:

14 761 859,14 CHF / 66 203 985,86 PLN

Funding for projects:

Min. 500,000 CHF / 2,242,400 PLN

Max. 1,000,000 CHF / 4,484,800 PLN

Each enterprise: at least 10% of the total eligible costs of project.

Swiss entities: up to 40% of the total eligible costs of Polish and Swiss entities;



Call 2025 – funding

- 100% of eligible costs for research organisations
- state aid rules for enterprises



Call 2025 – state aid

- The aid intensity for each beneficiary shall not exceed:
 - 50 % of the eligible costs for industrial research
 - 25 % of the eligible costs for experimental development
- Intensity may be increased by:
 - 10 percentage points for medium-sized enterprises
 - 20 percentage point for small enterprises



Call 2025 – state aid

- Intensity may be increased by:
 - by 15 percentage points if one of the following conditions is fulfilled:
 - (i) the project involves effective collaboration between enterprises among which at least one is a SME, or is carried out in at least two EU Member States, or in an EU Member State and in a Contracting Party of the EEA Agreement, and no single enterprise bears more than 70 % of the eligible costs;
 - (ii) the project involves effective collaboration between an enterprise and one or more research and knowledge-dissemination organisations, where the latter bear at least 10 % of the eligible costs and have the right to publish their own industrial research results;



Call 2025 – state aid

- Intensity may be increased by:
 - by 15 percentage points if one of the following conditions is fulfilled:
 - (iii) the results of the project are widely disseminated through technical and scientific conferences, publication, open access repositories, or free or open source software;
 - (iv) the applicant commits to, on a timely basis, make available licences for research results of aided research and development projects, which are protected by intellectual property rights, at a market price and on non-exclusive and non-discriminatory basis for use by interested parties in the EEA;



Call 2025 – state aid

- Intensity may be increased by:
 - by 15 percentage points if one of the following conditions is fulfilled:
 - (v) the project is carried out in the following voivodships: kujawsko-pomorskie, lubelskie, lubuskie, łódzkie, małopolskie, opolskie, podkarpackie, podlaskie, pomorskie, śląskie, świętokrzyskie, warmińsko-mazurskie i zachodniopomorskie or region mazowiecki regionalny.



Call 2025 – state aid

- Intensity may be increased by:
 - 5 percentage points if the research and development project is carried out in an assisted region:
 - (i) the project is carried out in the following voivodships: dolnośląskie and wielkopolskie, and region warszawski stołeczny on areas within following communes: Baranów, Błonie, Dąbrówka, Dobrze, Góra Kalwaria, Grodzisk Mazowiecki, Jadów, Jaktorów, Kałuszyn, Kampinos, Kołbiel, Latowicz, Leoncin, Leszno, Mrozy, Nasielsk, Osieck, Prażmów, Serock, Siennica, Sobienie Jeziory, Strachówka, Tarczyn, Tłuszcz, Zakroczym and Żabia Wola.



Call 2025 – state aid

	Large Enterprises	Medium Enterprises	Small Enterprises
Industrial Research	Up to 50+5/15 (max 65 %)	Up to 50+10+5/15 (max 75 %)	Up to 50+20+5/15 (max 80 %)
Experimental development	Up to 25+5/15 (max 40 %)	Up to 25+10+5/15 (max 50 %)	Up to 25+20+5/15 (max 60 %)



Call 2025 – project duration

- Min. 24 months
- Max. 36 months



Call 2025 – evaluation process

- stage 1- formal (eligibility) assessment
- stage 2 - scientific peer review
 - individual reviews
 - consensus reports
- selection committee
- steering committee



Call 2025 – final ranking list and project contracts

- October/November 2025
- followed by:
 - funding decision
 - project contract negotiations
 - project contract signing (partnership agreement)
- Reserve list - withdrawal of proposals, budget savings or the availability of additional budget from other sources



Call 2025 – technical periodic reporting (1)

- Programme Component Operator submits an annual report within 60 days of the end of each 12 and 24 months of the project implementation containing:
 - an explanation of the work carried out by the participants
 - an overview of the progress of work towards the objectives of the project, including milestones and deliverables identified in the project contract. The report must include explanations justifying the differences between the work expected to be carried out in accordance with the project contract and that actually carried out.



Call 2025 – technical periodic reporting (2)

- Programme Component Operator submits an annual report within 60 days of the end of each 12 and 24 months of the project implementation containing:
 - details on the exploitation and dissemination of the results, an updated plan for the exploitation and dissemination of results
 - a comprehensible summary of the activities taken (for the communication purposes of the Programme Operator and other Programme stakeholders)



Call 2025 – technical final reporting

- Programme Component Operator submits a final report on behalf of the consortium within 60 days after the end of the project containing:
 - an overview of the results and their exploitation and dissemination
 - the conclusions on the project
 - the socio-economic impact of the project: a report covering the wider societal implications of the project, in the form of a questionnaire, including gender equality actions, ethical issues, efforts to involve other actors and to spread awareness, as well as the plan for the use and dissemination of foreground
 - a plain language summary of the results achieved (for the communication purposes of the PO and other Programme stakeholders)



Call 2025 – call documents

- Guide for Applicants
- Cost eligibility guides
- Guide for Evaluators
- Proposal Manual
- Project contract template



Call 2025 - Swiss Programme Partner

- Innosuisse, Swiss Innovation Agency
<https://www.innosuisse.ch/inno/en/home.html>



Call 2025 - information and contacts

<https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr-en/2nd-edition-of-the-swiss-polish-cooperation-programme>

<https://www.programszwajcarski.gov.pl/en>

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