



**CALL TEXT**  
**4rd CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

**POLAND - TURKEY**

**1. Funding purpose**

The National Centre for Research and Development, Poland (NCBR) and the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey TÜBİTAK aim to strengthen and develop scientific and technological co-operation of the two countries on the basis of equality and mutual benefit. They shall pursue their support for bilateral research and development (R&D) projects for the years 2020-2022, in the following areas of mutual interest:

1. ICT - Information and Communication Technologies
2. Energy
3. Health
4. Food

The Parties shall encourage and support co-operation between research entities, universities, research institutes and SMEs/industries of Turkey and Poland.

The funding will be focused on topics falling into the scope of these call areas that are of major interest to the participating sides. In addition to this, the scientific oriented cooperation between the participating countries will serve to develop their national economies.

**2. Type of funding and legal basis**

Project partners will be funded by the funding institutions of the respective partner countries (Poland and Turkey). The projects will be supported with grants from the national budget in accordance with the respective national funding regulations. In the frame of the Science and Technology Call, the applicants from Turkey are obliged to apply to the following support programme of TÜBİTAK:

- [TÜBİTAK 1071 Programme - Support Programme for Increasing Capacity to Benefit from International Research Funds and Participation in International R&D Cooperation](#)

The final selection shall be based upon the mutual decision by the funding institutions. The applicable awarding institution will base its decision on the national evaluation procedure of proposals and within the scope of the available budget.

### **3. Object of funding**

The main focus of the funding is on R&D projects that:

- make a contribution to the improvement of collaboration between the partner countries in one of the fields listed in point 1 of this Call Text;
- correspond to the funding purpose described;
- create added value to national/transnational R&D activities in the fields listed in point 1 of this Call Text by planned transnational cooperation.

The duration of projects can be minimum 24 months and not exceed 36 months.

### **4. Legal status of applicants**

Proposals may be submitted by public and/or private entities that are eligible to participate in the call according to the respective funding regulations of the funding institutions. These can be public research institutions, private research institutions, higher education institutions and industries.

Additionally, in case of application from a higher education institute from the Turkish side, the Turkish project leaders must hold a full-time contract-based affiliation with a university or research institute and must also hold Ph.D. degree.

Further information relevant to national applicants/regulations for Turkish applicants:

[https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/3125/guncel\\_1071\\_arastirma\\_projeleri\\_surec\\_do\\_kumani.pdf](https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/3125/guncel_1071_arastirma_projeleri_surec_do_kumani.pdf)

### **5. Composition of project consortium**

The work plan must show real cooperation between the partners. Project outputs are expected to provide benefits to both partner countries. Consortia also need to be balanced both in terms of number of partners and distribution of budget; such that all project partners contribute to and benefit from an equitable and balanced cooperation.

Eligible Applicants:

The Polish part of the consortium shall consist of research entity or small/medium/large enterprise or scientific consortium (consisting of min. one research entity and min. one small/medium/large enterprise or of min. two research entities), based in Poland.

- The Turkish part of the consortium shall consist of public/private research institutions, higher education institutions, their institutes, SMEs and large companies established in Turkey.

Applicants are advised to make sure that the project consortium is balanced with regard to the type and number of entities constituting the consortium (e.g. commercial partners/enterprises if included, will need to be present on both sides i.e. Polish and Turkish).

The funding institutions expect that the bilateral cooperation in the field of R&D, covered by the scope of this cooperative funding, will deliver significant synergy effects within the framework of the R&D projects to be funded. Proposals must therefore make clear why they should be developed cooperatively between the participating countries and what the added value will be created through this collaboration. Projects that do not indicate why this cooperation is necessary cannot be considered.

## **6. Financial support**

For Turkish Applicants:

Each winning project will receive funding of up to 720.000 TL (excl. overhead and Project Incentive Premium) from TÜBİTAK within the scope of the available call budget.

This funding will cover the expenses in connection with the project, i.e. Personnel, travel, equipment/tool/software, service procurement, material costs.

Turkish side shall receive daily allowances as indicated below:

- The sending party is obliged to cover all expenses of its investigator in accordance with its rules. In the case of bilateral travel, economic class air tickets and daily allowance shall be paid in accordance with the provisions of the Per diem Law No. 6245.
- Accommodation difference is payable if the accommodation fee exceeds 40% of the daily allowance.
- Health and travel insurance costs are paid only on the declaration of the project director if obliged by the other country.

For Turkish applicants, the total duration of visits in one direction of a specific project should not be more than three months a year. It is possible to exceed 90 days a year provided that it is justified and deemed appropriate.

For Polish Applicants:

Each winning project will receive funding of up to 850 000 PLN from NCBR within the scope of the available call budget.

This funding will cover the expenses in connection with the project, i.e. personnel costs, equipment, subcontracting, travel, overheads, etc.

The parties shall receive daily allowances as indicated below:

- Polish researchers will receive daily allowances according to the respective national regulations.

## 7. Application procedure

There is a one-level procedure for submission of proposals.

Project proposals must provide detailed information on the objectives and justification of the planned joint research work, the methodology to be followed, the composition of each research team and the intended timetable and the proposed budget.

Project proposals shall be submitted for evaluation and approval simultaneously to TÜBİTAK and to NCBR. Each proposal shall comprise an Application Form prepared in English and further formal and financial information according to the required form in the national language, which should be submitted to the both funding agencies respectively.

Applications which are not submitted on both sides will not be accepted for evaluation. Hence, Turkish/Polish project leaders should make sure that their counterpart submits a matching Application.

For formal and financial national regulations please see the national call text and guidelines:

- for Polish applicants: <http://www.ncbr.gov.pl> (Section: Programy międzynarodowe /Współpraca dwustronna/Turcja/IV konkurs)
- for Turkish applicants: <http://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr/> (Project Application System)

The timeline for the call:

<b>Application procedure</b>	<b>Launch of the call/ invitation for proposals</b>	<b>23.12.2019</b>
	<b>Deadline for submitting of proposals</b>	<b>18.03.2020</b>
	<b>Deadline for e-signature (For Turkish Applicants)</b>	<b>25.03.2020</b>
	<b>Deadline for evaluation of proposals</b>	<b>24.07.2020</b>
	<b>Exchange of respective review results</b>	<b>12.08.2020</b>
	<b>Deadline for joint selection decisions</b>	<b>21.08.2020</b>
<b>Project</b>	<b>Earliest start of projects</b>	<b>October 2020</b>

Potential applicants are advised to contact the national contact points before writing proposals to carefully check the specific national application and funding conditions.

The respective contact points are:

- in Poland:  
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- in Turkey:  
TÜBİTAK The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey  
Tunus caddesi No:80 Kavaklıdere Çankaya ANKARA  
  
Tel: + 90 312 298 1861  
E-mail: uidb@tubitak.gov.tr

## **8. Evaluation of project proposals**

### **Evaluation procedure**

The proposals will be evaluated according to the national regulations of the funding institutions, but based on jointly agreed rules and criteria of evaluation. Only projects that fit to the call topics mentioned in Part 1 of this document can be funded.

### **Selection/Evaluation criteria:**

- (1) Scientific/Technological Excellence
- (2) Methodology
- (3) Project Management
- (4) Importance of International Collaboration
- (5) Impact

Based on evaluations from external experts each funding institution will establish its own ranking list of proposals with the average score given for each proposal.

The final score for each proposal will be an average of points received in both evaluation procedures. The common ranking list will be established based on these final scores.

The final decisions on what projects to support will be made by the funding institutions based on the common ranking list and within available budget.

## **9. Communication of project evaluation decisions**

The outcome of the evaluation of proposals will be communicated to applicants in accordance with the respective communication procedures of the funding institutions.

## **10. Decision process and the start of projects**

The formal funding decisions will be taken jointly by the funding institutions after the proposals have been evaluated by external experts, wherein only projects which were positively evaluated by both parties, will be considered eligible for support. Each country will fund its own project partners within available budget.

When final decisions have been conveyed to project participants, successful applicants must enter into individual contractual agreements with their national funding institutions. A consortium agreement must be concluded between the project partners and has to regulate, inter alia, duties and responsibilities, use of project results and intellectual property rights (IPR) issues. The consortium agreement and the above mentioned individual contractual agreements are prerequisites for the first payments made to the project partners from the national funding institutions. The involved funding institutions will monitor and supervise the funded projects (reporting).