



ERA-IB 6th joint call for proposals: Industrial biotechnology for Europe: an integrated approach

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Summary:

This document announces the sixth international joint call on Industrial Biotechnology within the framework of the ERA-NET Industrial Biotechnology. This call will be organised in collaboration with the ERA-NET EuroTransBio. By combining forces of the two ERA-NETs, more funding will be available and the geographical coverage is expanded. The main purpose of the call is to generate joint European research and development activities. Joint projects must have a minimum of three and maximum of eight participants from a minimum of three different ERA-IB-2 and/or EuroTransBio partner countries. Significant, active participation of at least one industrial partner is mandatory for each applicant consortium. Submissions of proposals will be in two steps: pre-proposal and full proposal. The deadline for submitting pre-proposals is 23rd of February 2015 (13:00 CET) and full proposals must be submitted by the 15th of June 2015 (13:00 CET). Projects are expected to start in late 2015 or early 2016, depending on the funding organisation.

1. Aim

Industrial Biotechnology (IB) is essential for the construction of the Knowledge-Based Bio-Economy (KBBE) and to transform life sciences knowledge into new, sustainable, eco-efficient and competitive products and technologies. IB will increasingly replace or complement existing chemical processes or generate new products, often based on renewable raw materials. There are numerous industrial sectors that will benefit from IB, e.g. the chemicals, pharmaceuticals, textiles, paper and food industry.

During the last few years there has been an increase in the use of industrial biotechnology in academia and industry. Nevertheless, there are still scientific and technological challenges preventing greater use, e.g. understanding the metabolic pathways within cells to make reliable predictions of the outcomes of genetic manipulation or being able to design biocatalysts with sufficient stability for continual industrial use. In addition, many scientific discoveries appear to take too long to be translated into commercial products or processes.

ERA-IB-2 is a four-year programme funded under the European Commission ERA-NET scheme (Contract number: 291814) in the 7th Framework Programme. The objective of the ERA-NET scheme is to step up the cooperation and coordination of research and

development activities carried out at national or regional level in the Member States and Associated States.

ERA-IB-2 brings together 18 research programme funding and/or management organisations in 14 countries with important activities in the field of IB, aiming at coordinating national and regional funding programmes in the field of Industrial Biotechnology. The network is a continuation of the first ERA-IB, which was funded under the 6th Framework Programme from 2006 to 2011.

The objective of ERA-IB-2 is to foster knowledge transfer from invention to innovation, from fundamental research into technically realisable and cost-effective products and technologies. It is aimed at establishing cross-border partnerships between industrial and academic IB research, improving and accelerating technology transfer, and strengthening European efforts to achieve sustainable industrial development. These goals should be achieved by implementing common calls for trans-national R&D projects. The transnational collaboration on research as well as on funding level will contribute to strengthen the still fragmented European Industrial Biotechnology funding landscape.

This ERA-IB call will also be organised in collaboration with EuroTransBio (ETB). ETB is a joint initiative of 10 research programme funding and/or management organisations with a focus on industrial research especially of small and medium enterprises (SMEs). By combining the two ERA-NETs, more funding will be available and the geographical coverage is expanded, increasing the number of projects that might be funded.

Under the umbrella of ERA-IB, the following ERA-IB-2 partners:

- Agentschap voor Innovatie door Wetenschap en Technologie (IWT), Belgium
- Fachagentur Nachwachsende Rohstoffe (FNR), Germany
- Sächsisches Staatsministerium für Wissenschaft und Kunst (SMWK)/Freistaat Sachsen, Germany
- Latvian Academy of Sciences, Latvia
- Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO), Netherlands
- Norges forskningsråd (RCN), Norway
- Narodowe Centrum Badań i Rozwoju (NCBR), Poland
- Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia (FCT), Portugal
- Unitatea Executiva pentru Finantarea Invatamantului Superior, a Cercetarii, Dezvoltarii si Inovarii (UEFISCDI), Romania

- Фонд содействия развитию малых форм предприятий в научно-технической сфере (Foundation for Assistance to Small Innovative Enterprises) (FASIE), Russia
- Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad (MINECO), Spain
- Türkiye Bilimsel ve Teknolojik Araştırma Kurumu (TUBITAK), Turkey
- Innovate UK, United Kingdom
- Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC), United Kingdom

Note: The participation of BBSRC is not definitive at the moment. It will be determined by the end of 2014.

and the following ETB partners:

- Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG), Austria
- Agentschap voor Innovatie door Wetenschap en Technologie (IWT), Belgium (also partner in ERA-IB-2)
- Service public de Wallonie, General Directorate for Economy, Employment and Research (SPW-DGO6), Belgium
- Finnish Funding Agency for Innovation (Tekes), Finland
- Фонд содействия развитию малых форм предприятий в научно-технической сфере (Foundation for Assistance to Small Innovative Enterprises) (FASIE), Russia (also partner in ERA-IB-2)

have decided to participate in the sixth joint call for multilateral research projects addressing “Industrial biotechnology for Europe: an integrated approach”.

2. Expected projects

Funding is available for innovative, industry relevant Industrial Biotechnology projects on the following topics:

1. Conversion of industrial by-products and biomass into value-added products
2. Novel systems for new or more sustainable processes e.g. the use of enzymes, micro-organism and cell-free biosynthesis systems
3. New compounds from existing, but not well studied biological systems, through a greater understanding of their metabolic pathways

4. Modelling and optimisation of biological processes
5. Process development, intensification and/or integration in existing industrial processes e.g. upstream or downstream design, scale-up of biotechnological processes.

Projects should clearly address the product and market to be addressed, produced by biotechnological processes, e.g.

1. Bio-based materials
2. Platform chemicals e.g. bio-monomers, oligomers and polymers
3. Pharmaceuticals, functional food/feed ingredients

→ Please check national/regional regulations since some of these topics may be not suitable for all agencies. As well as describing the technical aspects of the project, proposals should describe their social, economic and environmental impact

With this joint call, ERA-IB and ETB want to foster the integration of different steps of the whole value chain.

The applications should fit to the specific remit of the national/regional funding organisations (see annex National or regional regulations, National or regional eligibility criteria).

Summary of funding options and restrictions

***Please note that this is only a summary. Please read also the following section “National or regional regulations, national or regional eligibility criteria“**

Country / Funding Organisation	IWT Flanders BE	SMWK DE	FNR DE	LAS LV	NWO NL	RCN NO	NCBiR PO	FCT PT	UEFISCDI RO	FASIE RU	MINECO SP	TUBITAK TR	Innovate UK	BBSRC UK	FFG AT	SPW-DGO6 Wallonia BE	TEKES FI
Indicative funding (Mio Euro)	1 Mio€	2 Mio€	3.5 Mio€	0.21 Mio€	0.8 Mio€	1.4 Mio€	0.5 Mio€	0.325 Mio€	0.5 Mio€	1 Mio€	0.8 Mio€	1 Mio€	1.2 Mio€	The participation of BBSRC is not definitive at the moment. It will be determined by the end of 2014.	2.0 Mio€ (flexible budget)	1 Mio€ (flexible budget)	1-2 Mio€ (flexible budget)
Research topics excluded from funding	Military	None	Applications in food, feed and pharmaceuticals	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	Applications in food, animal feed and medical; (pharmaceutical precursors, antibiotics and recombinant biologics are acceptable)	Military applications	None	No
Funding of industrial partners possible?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (See “annex for national regulations”)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes, up to 50%	Yes	Yes. ONLY industry. See national regulations	No	Yes	Yes, only	No	Only industry (see national regulations)	Yes	Only industry funding
Maximum funding per project partner?	250,000 Mio€	No	Usually 500000 € total for all German partners in one consortium but may be in individual cases be exceeded	210,000 €	250,000 €	450,000 €	No	Maximum per project: -Up to 125.000 € -Up to 200.000 € in the case there is a PT coordinator	250,000 €	200,000 € per Russian participant	Yes (see national annex)	No	£250k	No	No	No	No
Additional documents	Yes	See annex for	Yes, directly to	No	No	No	see guide for	See national	See national	See annexe	See annexe for	See national	See national	See national regulations	Yes	Yes (see annexe for	Yes

required		regional regulations	FNR, see national annex				applicants: www.ncbr.gov.pl	regulations	regulation	for national regulations	national regulations	regulations	regulations			national regulations)	
Funding of PhD students possible	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, but the cost of PhD fellowship is not eligible	Yes	Yes	Possible, but the cost of PhD fellowship is not eligible.	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Maximum project duration (years)	3	3	3	3	4	3		3	3	3	3	International project's duration	3	3	3	3	No specific limit; usually 1-3 years
Any other national / regional restrictions*	See "annex for national regulations"	See annex for regional regulations	See annex	See "annex for national regulations"	Project duration: in NL Ph.D. is 4 years	Maximum 5 mill NOK (670 000 EUR) per project	International project's duration	See national regulations	See national regulations	See annexe for national regulations	See annexe for national regulations	See national regulations	See national regulations	See national regulations	See annexe for national regulations	See annexe for national regulations	See annexe for national regulations

Important note: the active participation of **at least one industry** partner is **mandatory** in each **consortium**. "Active" participation is defined as entailing significant in-kind and/or in-cash contributions by the industry partner(s), with or without the request for public funding. Please keep in mind that some, but not all, funding organisations require an industry partner being involved in "their" national/regional share of a consortium (see table above).

All ERA-IB/ETB projects should follow these principles:

- All project partners contribute to, and benefit from, an equitable and balanced cooperation.
- Adequate protection of intellectual property rights used in and generated during joint research and development is ensured.
- Results of collaborative projects are shared through a controlled process that protects and equitably allocates any intellectual property rights established during cooperation.

3. Funding recipients / consortium partners

Funding is carried out according to the “nationality principle”, meaning that each participating national or regional funding agency funds their respective national research partners in a particular project consortium. Consortia consisting of at least three partners from three different participating countries or regions may apply for funding (each partner is recommended to enquire if any forms must be submitted at national or regional level in advance). Consortia can involve a maximum of eight partners. A project partner must make a substantial contribution to the project, which means that they perform specific and significant parts of the project work. This can be facilitated by way of own contributions or by requesting public funding or a mixture of both. The participation of at least one industrial partner in the consortium is mandatory. The call is open to consortia including large companies, small and medium-size enterprises (SMEs), RTOs and universities. Funding and industry participation are subject to national or regional regulations (see *Annex National or regional regulations, National or regional eligibility criteria*).

Parties from countries which do not take part in this call may be a partner in a consortium at their own cost if their contribution is important to achieve the project goals. Industrial partners that cannot be funded by their national / regional funding organisation may participate in a consortium on their own account. However, the maximum of eight project partners may not be exceeded. Within a joint proposal, each group leader will be the contact person for the relevant national or regional funding agency. All research groups agree to abide by the rules and agreements made within the call framework of ERA-IB/ETB call.

4. Financial modalities and funding prerequisites

The total budget available for this call will be around € 20M. Funding is granted according to national or regional regulations (see annex *National or regional regulations, national or regional eligibility criteria* for details).

All project partners are required to sign a Consortium Agreement (CA) within three months of the project start, addressing the points given in the *Consortium agreement guidelines* (available on the ERA-IB-2 website, <http://www.era-ib.net/>). On request, the CA must be made available to the national or regional funding organisations, together with any other information required by national or regional regulations.

5. Application procedure

The application process is two-phased. Throughout the whole process, the ERA-IB Call Secretariat (ptj-eraibcalloffice@fz-juelich.de) is the central communication point for all applicants.

First a pre-proposal must be submitted electronically via the ERA-IB submission website (<http://www.submission-era-ib.eu/>). Only the coordinators of pre-proposals which pass the first evaluation step will then be invited to submit a full proposal. No full proposal will be accepted without previous submission of a pre-proposal.

6. Eligibility and evaluation procedure

It is the aim of the 6th ERA-IB joint call, which is supported by EuroTransBio, to facilitate a broad-based funding support from the member countries and to allow for flexibility with regard to composition of consortia, in particular with respect to size/number of partners.

6.1 Eligibility criteria

Only pre-proposals which meet all eligibility criteria will be considered for evaluation. National or regional eligibility criteria are given in the annex *National or regional regulations, National or regional eligibility criteria*. In addition, all pre-proposals must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Projects must be in the fields of Industrial Biotechnology outlined in section 2 (Expected projects).
- Pre-proposals and full proposals must be written in English and be submitted on time. The deadline for submitting pre-proposals is the 23rd of February 2015 (13:00 CET). Pre-proposals and full proposals are submitted via the ERA-IB submission website (<https://www.submission-era-ib.eu/>). In addition, if national/regional forms are required, these must be submitted directly to the national/regional agency (see annex *National or regional regulations, National or regional eligibility criteria*) according to the deadlines stated there.
- Consortia must consist of at least three partners from three different ERA-IB and/or EuroTransBio member countries who contribute funds to the call. Consortia can involve a maximum of eight partners.
- Large companies, small and medium-size enterprises (SMEs) and academic research groups / organisations may be part of a consortium. At least one industrial partner must be part of the consortium. Funding and industry participation are subject to national or regional regulations (see annex *National or regional regulations, national or regional eligibility criteria*).
- Consortia must be coordinated by a project coordinator from an organization that successfully applies for public funding from an ERA-IB-2 or EuroTransBio member country.
- The project should be balanced between countries and between consortium partners in terms of contribution to the work programme. To address this, the contribution of one country to the collaborative project must not exceed 70% of the total budget. Parties from countries which do not take part in this call may be a partner in a project at their own cost if their contribution is important to achieve the project goals. The consortium leader should take steps to ensure that sufficient funds are secured from these additional partners.
- Subcontractors can be included and are managed under the national or regional financing regulations of the eligible participant.

6.2. Pre-proposal evaluation

Eligibility of pre-proposals, i.e. compliance with the general ERA-IB and national or regional eligibility criteria (see annex *National or regional regulations, National or regional eligibility criteria*), will be checked by the ERA-IB and EuroTransBio partners.

National or regional agencies/ministries will check the eligibility of partners from their own country, e.g. regarding compliance with all call regulations and fit to call.

An international panel of experts will evaluate the pre-proposals taking into account:

- fit of pre-proposals into the expected project list
- scientific quality
- economic potential
- clear added value of the planned cooperation
- feasibility of the project

The project coordinator has to make sure that all consortium partners provide the necessary information as requested from the agencies/ ministries (see annex *National or regional regulations, national or regional eligibility criteria* and ERA-IB Call Guidelines) to ensure the eligibility of the project. The coordinators of positively evaluated pre-proposals will be invited to submit full proposals.

6.3. Full proposal evaluation

The deadline for submitting full proposals is the 15th of June 2015 (13:00 CET). Full proposals will be evaluated according to the evaluation criteria given below and by an international panel of evaluators with relevant expertise in the field.

6.3.1 Evaluation criteria

The evaluation criteria fall into the following categories:

1. Scientific and technological quality (weighting factor 3x)
 - novel innovative research within the scientific scope of the call,
 - scientific expertise and international competitiveness,
 - scientific merit and feasibility, taking into account the state of the art,
 - level of collaborative interaction between the groups and added value of the consortium: added value and the necessity of executing the project at a transnational level

2. Economic and social perspective (weighting factor 3x)
 - potential of the expected results for industrial application, including knowledge about the current patent situation,
 - environmental and ethical issues,
 - integration into the whole value-added chain, e.g. industrial exploitation
 - expected economic potential (exploitation of results) and social perspective of outputs

3. Administrative and financial assessment (weighting factor 1x)

- contribution and size of industrial partners, assessment of financial capabilities,
- consortium and project management, adequateness of resources, plausibility of the financial plan,

6.3.2 Evaluation and rebuttal opportunity

The ERA-IB evaluation process provides applicants with the opportunity to reply to issues raised by the expert evaluations. Project coordinators will get access to all reviews of the corresponding project without revealing the identity of evaluator. The project coordinator may submit a response to the reviews via the ERA-IB submission website (<https://www.submission-era-ib.eu/>). The project coordinator may consult the other partners in the consortium, but only one response from the coordinator may be submitted. This response is optional, i.e. no response does not exclude the proposal from the next stage of the review procedure. For more details, rules and regulations: see “Guidelines for submission of transnational proposals within the ERA-IB 6th joint call for proposals”.

6.3.3 Ranking and funding decision

The expert panel will get access to the (optional) response and will take it into consideration at the evaluation meeting, when the proposals are ranked. Based on the ranking and the available funding, the ERA-IB Executive Board will suggest which projects to fund. Final decisions will be made at national or regional level.

6.3.4 Application and evaluation time schedule

1 st October 2014	Call pre-announcement
1 st December 2014	Call official announcement
23 rd February 2015 (13:00 CET)	Deadline for submitting the pre-proposals
Week 17 (24 th April 2015)	Communication of the results of the pre-proposal evaluation to the project coordinators
15 th June 2015 (13:00 CET)	Deadline for submitting full proposals (only for those projects that pass the pre-proposal phase)
16 th June- end of July 2015	Evaluation by peer-review
3 rd -17 th August 2015	Opportunity for rebuttal
End of September 2015	Communication of the funding recommendation
End of 2015 or early 2016, depending on the funding organisation	Project start

Within three months of the project start, a Consortium Agreement addressing the points given in the *Consortium agreement guidelines* must be signed by all consortium members and be made available upon request to the national or regional funding organisation, together with any other information required by national or regional regulations.

Joint projects are expected to start in late 2015 or early 2016, depending on the funding organisation.

6.4. Forms, guidelines and further information

All documents related to the call (call texts, application guidelines, additional information etc.) are available on the ERA-IB website www.era-ib.net. As the countries may have additional national or regional requirements, it is strongly recommended to contact the national or regional contact persons for further information. For technical questions related to the electronic submission of your proposal, please contact the ERA-IB call secretariat (ptj-eraibcalloffice@fz-juelich.de).

6.5. Submission

- All applicants must submit the pre- and full proposals via the ERA-IB submission website (<https://www.submission-era-ib.eu/>).
- In order to avoid individual conflicts of interest, it is possible to ask the ERA-IB call secretariat to exclude certain companies / research groups / individual evaluators (e.g. direct competitors, names of individuals) from the ERA-IB expert panel. Please send your request, stating the reason for excluding the referees, to the ERA-IB call secretariat. Your request must reach the secretariat by the 12th of February 2015. Your request will be treated confidentially.

7. Reporting requirements

Projects will be required to provide a mid-term and a final report as well as a non-confidential summary of the outcomes of their project for publication via the ERA-IB submission website (<https://www.submission-era-ib.eu/>). In addition, project coordinators will present their progress at Status Seminars, at the mid and end points of the project. The final presentation may be open to the public. The costs for attending the Status Seminars should be covered by the project budgets. Additional reporting or monitoring of the projects may be required by your funding body.

After the projects funded through this call have ended, the ERA-IB consortium will publish a call brochure with an overview of the R&D results. Hereby, ERA-IB wants to reach out to the wider research community and interested public to inform them about your work and its relevance for industry and society. Therefore a summary of research results is needed that can be understood by a broader audience. The text should give an overview of your results and consortium partnership as well as the relevance of the project, i.e. the impact of the project results on daily life, and the added value of the ERA-IB transnational approach of ERA-IB. ERA-IB will provide a template for this summary on the submission website.

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Annex 1: National or regional regulations, national or regional eligibility criteria

Specific national or regional criteria are listed for each country and funding organisation. For further information regarding national or regional regulations, please contact your national or regional contact person (see chapter 8, list above).

Applicants are strongly advised to contact their national representative and confirm eligibility with their respective funding organization in advance of submitting an application.

Austria, FFG

- Small, medium and large companies are the beneficiaries of the General Programmes of the FFG; research centres, universities and non-profit R&D-institutions can only act as subcontractors.
- A project cannot receive double public funding.
- The partners must have a solid and steady financial basis, balances of the last 3 years (2010/11/12) have to be provided.
- The company must demonstrate its capability (in terms of dimension: personnel, laboratories, facilities) to gear properly its project effort (cost share).
- The project should have an obvious advantage and added value resulting for each projectpartner.
- The project must be compatible with the national programme (<http://www.ffg.at/program/basisprogramm>).
- Any kind of research supporting military activity will not be funded.
- Only pre-competitive development projects can be funded.
- All information needed for the evaluation should be available.
- The company must be registered in the country of the programme owner to receive funding and it must be well established in the country with plants, laboratories, employees etc.
- The project must add benefit to the national economy.
- Following the submission of the application to the ERA-IB/ETB call by the project coordinator, Austrian partners must submit their part of the proposal via FFG e-Call (<https://ecall.ffg.at/Cockpit/Cockpit.aspx>) and follow the usual application procedure of the FFG Basisprogramme.
- Austrian partners are funded in accordance with the programme guidelines of General Programmes of the FFG (max. 50% of project costs, up to 70% in case of Start-ups).
- No funding of dissemination and training activities.
- A bonus of 5% for international cooperation is additionally assigned.

Flanders / Belgium, IWT

- The applying Flemish companies are obliged to contact IWT at least one month before closing the call.

- A project cannot receive double public funding.
- The minimal budget for the Flemish partners is 50,000.00 EUR. The maximum budget is 250,000.00 EUR. The budget for the Flemish partners should follow the IWT cost model.
- The company must have a stable financial situation. Financial statements of the last 2 years should be included (in case of a start-up company, the business plan should be included as well).

The company must at all times have made reasonable efforts to comply fully with all the legal, regulatory and judiciary provisions and decisions that are or were applicable to it.

- The company must have enough financial means to fund its own part of the project.
- The project must be compatible with the regional program. Any kind of research supporting military purposes is not funded.
- The application should contain all information needed for evaluation of the scientific technical aspects as well as the aspects related to the valorisation of the research results.
- The company must be registered in the Flemish region in order to receive funding. Moreover, the company must be well established in the region.
- The project must add benefit to the regional economy. Companies should describe the added value for Flanders ("Toegevoegde waarde in Vlaanderen" - max 5 pages). This document should be part of the hard copy sent to IWT. Companies which do not create enough added value for Flanders will not be considered eligible.
- Applying companies should have complied with all contractual obligations in previously funded projects.
- The duration of the project is max 3 years.
- Large companies can be funded.
- Subcontractors can be funded.
- At the closure of the call the consortium coordinator should send the pre-proposal of the project to the international call secretary office. Latest at the same day the Flemish partner has to send the innovation goal, the valorisation perspective and the accessibility statement to IWT. In case there are changes with respect to the first version a version with track changes has to be send to IWT as well.

- If authorisation by an ethical commission is required for project execution in Flanders, the official approval should be send to IWT as soon as possible. In any case, for projects that have been selected for funding, the official authorisation document has to be made available to IWT after the funding decision was made by the board of IWT. If not, project funding will be denied.

- Declaration (in Dutch and included in the hardcopy sent to IWT) that
 - o The ERA-IB-procedures and rules will prevail on IWT-procedures and rules.
 - o IWT can perform all due diligence to evaluate the international project.
 - o There are no government claims on the company and there is no double financing.
 - o That the given financial information is correct.
 - o Electronic version of the application sent to ERA-IB is identical to the hard copy of the application sent to IWT.

DECLARATION FORM (in Dutch) :

Voeg aan uw aanvraag onderstaande tekst toe en onderteken deze. De ondertekening moet voor uw bedrijf gebeuren door een persoon die de betrokken rechtspersoon rechtsgeldig kan verbinden.

Ik verklaar in naam van het bedrijf akkoord te gaan met de ERA-IB procedure met inbegrip van de National requirements voor België Vlaanderen (handleiding ERA IB) en dat deze procedure voorrang heeft op de IWT-procedure.

Hierbij geef ik IWT-Vlaanderen de toestemming alle nodige enquêtes te laten uitvoeren naar aanleiding van de aanvraag bij IWT-Vlaanderen tot financiële steun voor het ERA-IB project : <titel project>.

In hoofde van het aanvragend bedrijf verklaar ik dat het bedrijf op datum van deze aanvraag geen vervallen schulden bezit met betrekking tot belastingen en/of RSZ alsook in orde is met betrekking tot de nodige (milieu)vergunningen. Ik verklaar tevens voor dit projectvoorstel geen andere overheidssteun aangevraagd of ontvangen te hebben.

Tevens verklaar ik dat alle relevante informatie m.b.t. deelnemingen en stemrechten van mijn bedrijf en zijn aandeelhouders volledig en correct is.

Ik verklaar dat het aanvragend bedrijf op datum van deze aanvraag in orde is met betrekking tot de nodige vergunningen en dat indien voor het project specifieke autorisaties of verzekeringen vereist zijn, deze tijdig zullen aangevraagd worden en dat de activiteiten die dergelijke autorisaties/verzekeringen vereisen niet zullen uitgevoerd worden zonder dat deze autorisaties/verzekeringen bekomen werden.

Ik verklaar in naam van het aanvragend bedrijf dat de elektronisch ingestuurde versie van de ERA-IB projectaanvraag identiek is aan de papieren versie van de ERA-IB projectaanvraag die aan het IWT wordt bezorgd

Datum :

(handtekening(en), voorafgegaan door “gelezen en goedgekeurd”)

Voor het aanvragend bedrijf

Wallonia / Belgium, SPW-DGO6

- A complementary Walloon submission form must be submitted to the SPW-DGO6 within 7 days after the call deadline.
- All information needed for evaluation should be available.
- Small, medium, large companies, academia and research centres can be funded.
- Walloon companies must benefit from at least 40% of the Walloon funding for the project.
- The budget for the Walloon partners should follow the SPW-DGO6 cost model
- The beneficiary must be registered in the region of the programme owner to receive funding and it must be well established in the region.
- The beneficiary must have a stable financial situation.
- The beneficiary must have enough own financing for the project that they are applying funding for.
- The project must be compatible with the regional programme.
- The project must add benefit to the regional economy.
- A project cannot receive double public funding.
- The duration of the project can be max 3 years.

Finland, TEKES

- The project cannot receive double public funding.
- The company, applying for funding, should have a stable financial situation.
- The company must have enough own financing for the project for which they are applying for funding.
- The company must be registered in Finland and it must be well established in the country with plants, laboratories, employees, etc.
- The project must add benefit to the national economy.
- Subcontractors can be funded.
- SMEs and large companies can be funded.
- All areas of biotechnology (by OECD definition) are supported.
- Public research groups are considered as subcontractors to the company proposal.
- Please contact the national contact person at Tekes and/or look at Tekes web site “Funding for companies development projects” (<http://www.tekes.fi/en/funding/companies/>) for further details of the national funding rules.

FNR, Germany

- Funding through FNR is based on the German national programme called „Programm des Bundesministeriums für Ernährung, Landwirtschaft und Verbraucherschutz (BMEL) zur Förderung von Forschungs-, Entwicklungs- und Demonstrationsvorhaben im Bereich der Nachwachsenden Rohstoffe“ (<http://www.nachwachsenderohstoffe.de/projekte-foerderung/>).
Please note, that **only** consortia with exclusive Saxon participation (within Germany) are not limited in their choice of topics (**please see SMWK**). Projects of other German participants or mixed consortia (Saxon and other German applicants) must be fully consistent with the RTD programme „Nachwachsende Rohstoffe” to be eligible for funding. In order to ascertain compliance with the funding programme, applicants who apply for funding in the frame of this programme must **complete the form “FNR-Zusatzinfo”** available on www.era-ib.net and send it **directly to t.hausmann@fnr.de**, not centrally to ERA-IB with the application form!
- Projects concerning the areas food, feed and pharmaceuticals cannot be funded.
- Usually, the total requested funding of German Partners in a consortium should not exceed 0,5 M € but may in individual cases be exceeded.
- The German R&D work in the proposed project must be conducted in Germany.
- Double funding is not possible.
- Funding for companies in Germany is only possible if the company is registered in Germany. The company must be well established in Germany with plants, laboratories, employees, etc. The company must have appropriate own financing for the project as well. The company must demonstrate its capability (in terms of dimension: personnel, laboratories, facilities) to gear properly its project effort.
- The project must add benefit to the German economy.

- The applicant shall provide all information needed for evaluation to FNR, ERA-IB and the evaluation panel.
 - All details are subject to the new version of the funding programme "Renewable Resources" which will come into force in 2015.
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SAXONY (SMWK), GERMANY

-SMWK funding of Saxon universities, research organisations and companies is based on the related Saxon guidelines that will be announced in December 2015.

- In the case of a positive funding recommendation Saxon applicants will be asked to submit a regional application according to the related Saxon guidelines.

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LAS, LATVIA

Eligible institutions

-) Universities, research institutes and RTD centres listed in the Register of research institutions operated by the Ministry of Education and Science.

-) SMEs are eligible for funding if registered in the Register of Enterprises of the Republic of Latvia and provide most of activities in the Republic of Latvia.

Criteria for project funding are applied in line with the Regulation of the Council of Ministers No 414 on procedure for providing support for participation in international cooperation programs for research and technology and provisions of Commission Regulation (EC) No 800/2008 of 6 August 2008 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the common market in application of Articles 87 and 88 of the Treaty.

Budget and themes

For applicants a maximum of 210 000 euros can be requested per project.

All themes mentioned in the call text can be addressed.

Eligible costs

- Direct costs:

Personnel costs,

Consumables,

Materials,

Equipment (only depreciation costs), materials,

Travels costs,

- Subcontracts (up to 20% of total direct costs),
- Indirect costs (can reach a maximum of 20% of the total direct costs).
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The Netherlands, NWO

Introduction

NWO supports the ERA-IB Sixth Joint Call for Proposals and encourages its Industrial Biotechnology research community to apply for funding for collaborative research in Europe. This National Annex is an annex to the ERA-IB Sixth Call for Proposals and applies to (co-) applicants who perform their research activities in the Netherlands.

Eligibility Criteria

- NWO will fund the Dutch part of any successful transnational collaboration, within the reach of the available budget. All tenure (track) researchers of Dutch universities and selected Dutch institutes under the standard NWO Chemical Sciences rules are eligible to apply, as described in [“Regeling subsidieverlening”](#). TO2 institutes and universities of applied sciences – *HBO-instellingen* – (if paid in accordance with Article 8.1 of the law on higher education and scientific research and a member of the *Vereniging Hogescholen*) may act as (co-) applicant, in addition to the NWO groups as identified in the [“Regeling subsidieverlening”](#), Article 1.1.1, TO2 institutes and universities of applied sciences can also receive (part of) the grant applied for (see section 1.1.2 [“Regeling subsidieverlening”](#)).
- For all ERA-IB applications involving Dutch applicants, the involvement of a Dutch university or institute as (co-)applicant (as identified in the [“Regeling subsidieverlening”](#), Article 1.1.1) is required;
- For IPR-matters, the “ERA-IB consortium Agreement Guidelines with principles of IPR” to the ERA-IB Sixth Joint Call for Proposals are leading;
- Industrial participants from the Netherlands are encouraged to participate in the consortium and contribute to the project. Industrial participants cannot receive funding; **Special notice to applicants:** industrial relevance and economic potential of the research projects is an important assessment criterion in ERA-IB. Active involvement of industrial partners is highly recommended. There is no minimal contribution of industrial partners (in addition to the general ERA-IB rule that at least one industry partner is mandatory in each consortium), though the significance of the industrial contribution does provide the expert panel with information on the active involvement of the company. The absence of clear industrial relevance and involvement of industry highly influences the success rate.
- The maximum total amount applied for by Dutch applicants is k€ 250 per proposal. Please note: if the Dutch subproject involves more than one party, the total of k€ 250 per proposal applies to the total joint budget applied for by all Dutch parties involved in the subproject. I.e., the joint budget applied for by Dutch applicants cannot exceed the k€ 250 per proposal.
- (Co-)Applicants should have an employment contract for at least the duration of the application procedure and the duration of the research the grant is applied for. Exceptions to the required employment duration can be made for main applicants holding a „tenure track” position that covers at least half the duration required and for co-applicants if the applicants prove by means of a letter that adequate supervision of all researchers for whom funding is applied for, can be guaranteed for the full duration of the grant.

Budget and themes

The total budget available to fund participants from the Netherlands is approximately M€ 0,8. All themes mentioned in the call text can be addressed.

Type and amount of funding

Funding can be awarded to cover all reasonable, non-infrastructure costs for the duration of the project. The grant can be used for:

- temporary personnel costs;
- consumables;
- equipment related to the research proposal;
- travel expenses.

For all eligible applicants the [VSNU standard tariffs](#) for personnel costs apply.

Duration of the project

ERA-IB projects have a duration of 3 years, however, researchers in the Netherlands can apply for funding a 4-year PhD student.

Maximum Budget

The total costs of the Dutch part of an awarded grant cannot exceed € 250.000 per ERA-IB proposal.

Personnel costs (temporary personnel only)

Applicants can apply for a PhD student (4 years) or a temporary postdoc position (2 or 3 years) or a similar function (in terms of functions and grading) at an institute. On behalf of a university of applied sciences (*HBO-instelling*) the lector acts as (co-)applicant and can apply for temporary positions in salary scales 10 or 11. Indemnification shall be in accordance with the standard costs in the [NWO-VSNU agreement](#) on the funding of scientific research.

For details and tariffs: www.nwo.nl/financiering/hoewerkt-dat/Salaristabellen). Tariffs are indexed annually. An indication for 2014: (incl. Personal “bench fee” for PhDs / postdocs): PhD student (4 yr) – k€ 209, post-doc 1 yr – k€ 71, post-doc 2 yr – k€ 138, post-doc 3 yr – k€ 207, technician 1 yr – k€ 59

Consumables

To be budgeted to a maximum of k€ 12 (including VAT/BTW) per year per researcher (PhD or post-doc, PhD student max. 4 years, post-docs max. 3 years).

Application Procedure

The applicants must submit their joint application via the ERA-IB website: www.era-ib.net. NWO makes the final decision on the granting of the proposals concerning researchers who apply for funding and who are affiliated to organisations in the Netherlands, based on the advice of the Executive Board of ERA-IB.

National Contact

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Norway, RCN

The Research Council of Norway (RCN) participates through the national program Biotechnology for Innovation (BIOTEK2021) in all call topics. RCN does not require a national application, but it should be clear from the common application what role the Norwegian partners would have and the size of their budget. The total budgets of the Norwegian participants in each proposal must be limited to 5 mill NOK (670 000 EUR).

Universities and research organisations may receive funding according to the rules of Researcher projects (Forskerprosjekt) of RCN. In these cases up to 100% of total eligible costs may be funded.

Companies and commercial entities may receive funding according to the rules of Innovation Project for the Industrial Sector (Innovasjonsprosjekter i næringslivet) of RCN. In these cases up to 50% of total eligible costs may be funded.

Poland, NCBiR

For information regarding the Polish regulations, please contact: Małgorzata Ziemińska by email: malgorzata.zieminaska@ncbr.gov.pl or by phone: +48 22 39 07 493.

Following entities are eligible to apply:

- Public university;
- Private university;
- Scientific units of the Polish Academy of Sciences;
- Research institute;
- Scientific institution;
- Micro, Small, Medium and Large Enterprise.

The project consortium with Polish participation must include at least one Polish enterprise to be eligible for funding.

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 No. 96 item 615, 2010;
- The Act of 30 April 2010 on the National Centre for Research and Development, published in Journal of Laws No. 96 item 616, 2010;

- The Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 28 October 2010 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 No. 215 item 1411, 2010.

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 $6 = (1+2+3+5) \times x\%$.

Funding quota of Polish participants can be up to 100% for universities or research organisations. 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.

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

In case of enterprises, only Applied Research and Experimental Development will be fund.

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.

Portugal, FCT

All proposals must be aligned with national regulations.

Eligible institutions: Higher Education Institutions, their institutes and R&D centers; Associate Laboratories; State Laboratories; Private non-profit institutions whose main objective is to carry out S&T activities; Companies, provided they participate in projects headed by public or private non-profit R&D institutions; Other public and private non-profit institutions which carry out or participate in scientific research activities.

Eligible costs: Equipment, Personnel, Networks & Consortium Funding, Intellectual Property Rights (e.g. patents), overheads and Mobility.

Submission of the proposal at national level will only be required after selection for funding.

The dedication time of researchers to project is not applicable for this JTC;

Portuguese teams need to send a statement of commitment to the National Contact Point from FCT, duly signed, dated and stamped by the Head of the Portuguese applicant organisation and by the Principal Investigator.

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Romania, UEFISCDI

Romanian funding agency:

Executive Unit for Financing Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation /
Unitatea Executiva pentru Finantarea Invatamantului Superior, a Cercetarii, Dezvoltarii si
Inovarilor (UEFISCDI) <http://uefiscdi.gov.ro>.

Minimum and/or maximum project duration:

Proposed projects may last up to 36 months.

Minimum and/or maximum funding per project:

One project can require up to 250.000 €

Who can be eligible for funding (incl. industry participation)?

Eligible entities for funding are universities, public institutions, R&D national institutions, joint-stock companies, SME's and Large companies, NGOs (associations, foundations, etc.), others. 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 N 542/2007 of the European Commission.

Eligible costs:

For the fundamental research activities, industrial research and experimental development, according to HG 134/2011, types of expenses are eligible, as follow:

a. Staff costs;

b. Logistics expenses

Capital expenditure ;

Expenditure on stocks - supplies and inventory items;

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;

c. Travel expenses;

d. Overhead (indirect costs) is calculated as a percentage of direct costs: staff costs, logistics costs (excluding capital costs) and travel expenses. Indirect costs will not exceed 20 % of direct costs, excluding the cost for subcontracting.

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Russia, FASIE

Funding Institution: FOUNDATION FOR ASSISTANCE TO SMALL INNOVATIVE ENTERPRISES

Who can apply? Small enterprises established in Russia as juridical entities, laws applicable 209 and 217 State Laws.

Absolute requirements:

- personnel up to 100,
- turnover for previous year (balance sheet) maximum 400 million Roubles excluding VAT,
- foreign participation in share capital the company- up to 25%, state/public participation and participation of large companies up to 25% (Article 4 State Law №209 with the exceptions applicable in accordance with 217 State Law).

What types of costs are eligible for funding?

I Eligible costs as direct costs

- a. Costs of personnel **up to 40%**
- b. Costs of durable equipment **up to 30%**
- c. Consumables and supplies **up to 30%**
- d. Subcontracting **up to 30%**
- e. Other costs: **up to 10%**

Events **NOT ELIGIBLE**

Travel **NOT ELIGIBLE**

Subsistence allowance **NOT ELIGIBLE**

II Indirect Costs: Overheads

Additional National Eligibility Criteria for the proposal beyond the general criteria in the ToR of the PJC (section 3 Eligibility of proposals)

Upper funding limits for the eligible costs: UP TO 8 MILLION ROUBLES PER PROJECT

Duration of the projects: 24 months

National Contact Point:

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Spain, MINECO

The entities eligible for MINECO funding are universities and other public research institutions (including hospitals and public foundations), as well as private non-profit institutions. Spanish companies are encouraged to participate in this call at their own cost.

Eligible applicants must have experience as principal investigators (PI) in projects funded by the Plan Nacional I+D+I 2008-2011 and/or the Plan Estatal I+D+I 2013-2016, in ERC Grants, or in Projects of the European FP7.

One researcher is not allowed either to apply for funding in more than one proposal of this call, or to overlap funding in this call with other ERA-NET running projects. In any case, MINECO will avoid double funding and will not finance projects or parts of projects that have been funded through other national or EU calls.

Funding policy:

For universities and other public research institutions, centros tecnológicos, as well as private non-profit institutions up to 100% of the marginal costs of the project can be financed. The following categories of expenses can be financed within this programme:

- Personnel costs for temporary contracts (fellowships are not eligible)
- Direct costs (consumables, small equipment, travel, other costs)

Indirect costs (overheads) are not eligible for funding from MINECO.

Maximum funding is 150.000 € per partner (200.000 € per project coordinator). When more than one Spanish partner participate in the same proposal, the maximum funding of the Spanish part should not exceed 250.000 € per project.

Further instructions:

Once the transnational evaluation procedure has been completed and the researchers involved have been notified, the Spanish applicants that are offered funding will be invited to formally apply to the call of the Programa Estatal de Investigación, Desarrollo e Innovación Orientada a los Retos de la Sociedad implemented by the Dirección General de Investigación Científica y Técnica.

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See national annex (MINECO) at

http://www.idi.mineco.gob.es/stfls/MICINN/Internacional/FICHEROS/Instrumentos_ERA/National_Annex_MINECO_ERA-IB2015.pdf

Turkey, TUBITAK

- The Turkish partners should apply to TUBITAK Technology and Innovation Funding Board to get their projects funded. The program that can be applied is the International R&D Support Programme (programme code: 1509). TUBITAK makes a national evaluation on the basis of the regulation and rules of the programme. For further information please visit the following websites: <http://193.140.81.205/tr/destekler/sanayi/uluslararasi-ortakli-destek-programlari/1509/icerik-era-net-hakkinda>
- Only the industry partners can participate to the programme. Public researchers are not eligible partners but they can take part as subcontractors.
- In the national evaluation, the Turkish partner's contribution to R&D activities is the most important evaluation criteria. It is expected that Turkish partner is involved in the R&D activities and the budget is prepared accordingly.
- Application is made simultaneously with the international joint program.
- There is no budget limit.
- The funding volume is 75% for SME's and 60% for big companies. The projects duration can be maximum the international project's duration.

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United Kingdom, BBSRC

BBSRC supports the ERAIB Call for Proposals and encourages its community to apply for funding for collaborative research in the European Research Area. The participation of BBSRC is not definitive at the moment. It will be determined by the end of 2014.

Specific priorities for Collaborative Research Proposals

Under this call, research on food, food ingredients, animal feed and work of direct medical relevance is excluded. Research covering the development of generic methods for the production of high value chemicals such as pharmaceutical precursor molecules, antibiotics and recombinant biologics are within the scope of the call. If applicants are in any doubt, please contact the National Call Secretariat for further clarification. Proposals should be for a maximum of three years duration.

Eligibility

UK universities, Independent Research Organisations and institutes that receive strategic funding from BBSRC are eligible to apply. Full details of eligibility conditions can be found on the BBSRC website http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/funding/apply/grants_guide.html. BBSRC will fund the UK partner of any successful transnational collaboration.

Specific national regulations and guidelines

BBSRC strongly encourages industrial participation in projects under this scheme.

Funding will be awarded on the basis of full economic cost as described on the BBSRC website. UK applicants invited to prepare a full proposal will also be asked to complete a BBSRC proforma to ensure their proposal complies with the requirements of full economic costs. Applicants are encouraged to clearly justify all the requested resources. Application details and a copy of the proforma will be provided when full proposals are invited.

BBSRC has a very restricted budget available for equipment and other capital items. Applicants requesting items of equipment costing over £10k in their full proposals will be required to follow the BBSRC guidelines set out Grants Guide and on the BBSRC website. PhD students are not funded as part of a standard collaborative research proposal.

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United Kingdom , Innovate UK

Funding from Innovate UK is for Industrial Participants only.

- Organisations must have been trading for at least 12 months before the closing date for applications. VAT registered and registered at Companies House

- Organizations must be registered at Companies House.
- Organizations must be VAT registered.
- Claims under the UK grant must be for project costs incurred in the UK, including subcontracting.
- UK subcontracting is capped at a maximum of 20% of the UK budget.
- The management of the project must be undertaken by a project participant and cannot be subcontracted.
- In the UK the maximum amount of grant funding is €300,000 Euros per UK participant in any single project.
- The maximum amount of funds a single company can apply for in the call is €600,000.
- Industry partners are eligible for 50% funding of project costs. Eligible project costs are available from <http://bit.ly/129yK78>

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