



GERMANY - National Funding Regulations of BMBF

Applicants will be advised to check with the respective national **Call Contact Person** the eligibility as to who may apply and what costs are eligible before a consortium submits the complete application.

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Initial Funding Commitment	EUR 1,000,000.00

Who can apply?

- Private and public universities
- Private and public research institutions
- Other types of institutions that provide research contributions
- commercial enterprises, especially small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

If two German institutions participate in the consortium, the project duration of these two consortium partners must be the same.

What types of costs are eligible for funding?

a) Personnel costs

Grants towards the costs of scientific staff, administrators and/or student assistants, required in connection with the proposed project can be provided. In projects with two German partners, only one of the partners may claim personnel costs.

b) Costs of durable equipment

Funding for project-related material and equipment (such as consumables, equipment, tools, literature etc.) and funds for contracts with third parties can be provided to a limited extent.

c) Travel costs and subsistence allowance for German scientists and experts

Travel costs to and from the partner countries including the necessary visa (economy class), the subsistence allowance as well as German domestic traveling are eligible according to the regulations of the respective institution or commercial enterprises and SMEs.



d) Workshops

For workshops with consortium partners taking place in Germany, grants can be provided towards expenses such as accommodation of guests, transfers, the preparation of the workshop materials, catering and rental of the venue. The amount of the grant depends on the size of the workshop and the number of guests.

e) Patents

Costs associated with obtaining and validating patents and other industrial property rights incurring during the lifetime of the project can generally be claimed.

f) Scientific Communication

Costs in relation to science communication measures. The purpose of science communication is to make the planned research process or results accessible to the public outside the scientific community and to enter into an exchange with society about them.

There is no provision of funds or subsidies for the basic equipment of the participating institutions.

For the definition of the respectively eligible costs and the calculation of the respective funding amount the General Block Exemption Regulation (AGVO) must be considered.

Nature, scope and amount of the payment

The upper funding limit is EUR 100,000.00 per project for a project lifetime of 36 months.

Grants for SME are calculated on the basis of the total project-related costs eligible for funding. They can be partially financed in due consideration of the General Block Exemption Regulation (AGVO). The BMBF policy requires an appropriate own contribution towards the eligible costs incurred.

Grants for universities, research and science institutions and similar institutions are calculated on the basis of the eligible project-related expenditures (grants for Helmholtz centres and the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft are calculated on the basis of the project-related costs eligible for funding), which can be covered individually up to 100% in due consideration of the General Block Exemption Regulation (AGVO).

In case of non-economic research projects at universities and university clinics an additional lump sum of 20 % (Projektpauschale) will be provided. In this case, the upper funding limit is 120,000 EUR.

Additional national eligibility criteria for the proposal beyond the general criteria in the Terms of Reference of the Joint Transnational Call:

The proposal must clearly demonstrate the benefits of the multilateral cooperation for Europe, Germany and the German project partners in terms of their economic and scientific objectives.

Regarding the topics, this specifically means:

Topic 1: Biodiversity incl. Agriculture and Food Security

- Evidence must be provided that the "food system" in question has a direct link to agriculture in Europe. Proposals focusing solely on regional or tropical farming systems in South America are not eligible for funding.

Topic 2: Bioeconomy and Nature-based Solutions

- Presentation of the usability of the results in applied research and their relevance to addressing challenges in Europe.



Topic 3.1 and 3.2:

- No additional national criteria to be fulfilled.

Topic 4: EU-LAC Cooperation for energy transition

- Presentation of the links to thematic challenges in Europe, including a description of the research infrastructure (e.g. catalysis laboratories) of the Latin American partners that can be used or expanded (through the project).

Topic 5: EU-LAC Cooperation in Open Science:

- This topic is not eligible for funding from Germany.

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Other Information:

Applicants whose full proposals have been evaluated positively will be invited to submit – in coordination with the designated project coordinator - a formal application for funding on which a decision will be taken after a final evaluation.

To draft formal applications for funding, applicants must use the BMBF's electronic application system "easy online".