



Revision of the national/regional funding requirements

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Industrial/Applied Research	→ Experimental development								
03/12/2025	Version 1.2. of the funding requirements Clarification on the applicants funding eligibility for NRF-Kenya p.12 NRF Kenya <u>does not fund</u> private company but greatly encourages Kenyan private company to participate on own funds/ in kind in consortia with Kenyan public research institutions/universities requesting funding from NRF in order to foster both multidisciplinary and transdisciplinary research								





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ALGERIA

MESRS



a) National eligibility criteria

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Total funding committed (local currency and Euro amounts)	300,000 €
Eligible entities	Research entities (Research team, Research division, Research Centre, Research Unit, Research laboratory, Universities).
Eligible topics	Projects concerning the following MARS: 1 to 7
Eligible type of research and TRL	Type of research (fundamental, basic research, industrial research/applied research, experimental development...) TRL- 2 to 8
Submission of proposal /documentation at national/regional level	• Submit the pre-proposal/proposal before the online submission to the DGRSDT email (sdpir@dgrsdt.dz), • Proposals must include the following documents: - Endorsement Letter: A scanned copy of the signed and stamped endorsement letter from the legal representative of the Principal Investigator's (PI) institution. The letter must include: Project title, PI's name, position, and affiliation, - A statement confirming that the project has not been funded or submitted to another agency (national or international), - CVs for the PI . - A LEAP-SE Excel sheet must be included, prepared according to the NR. • Contacting Algerian NCPs via the V-RELEX
Eligible costs (personnel cost, materials, travel cost, workshops, sub-contracting...)	The costs must directly support the objectives of the project and be incurred within the project timeline, within the limits of the allocated budget. The eligible expenses are as follows: • Small equipment, furniture, tools, scientific instruments and consumables. • Reimbursements include costs for scientific events and meetings (organization, accommodation, catering, transport), services provided to





	the research entity, and registration/participation fees for conferences. • Travel expenses (up to 20% of the total budget) • Essential services (e.g., sample manufacturing and analysis, intellectual property, access to databases, publication and patent filing fees) • Maintenance of scientific and IT equipment, • Personnel cost are NOT eligible. Further information on budget criteria can be obtained from the local administration.
Maximum funding per awarded project/per Partner (local currency and Euro amounts)	30,000 €/ project
Additional eligibility criteria	Referring to Algerian Regulation and the Funding Agency Regulation • Private sector is welcomed to participate with its own fund. • The PI should not participate in any other project in the same call. • An applicant, who is already participating as a principal investigator (PI) in two running DGRSDT projects, is not eligible for funding. • The PI or project coordinator must sign an agreement with the DGRSDT/MESRS after the project is selected. • The PI is required to submit annual and final reports without prior notification.

b) Funding rates

Maximum funding percentages:

Type of research	Large Enterprises	Medium Enterprises	Small Enterprises	Academia, associations without economic activities, public authorities *
Fundamental research	/	/	/	100%
Basic research	/	/	/	100%
Industrial/Applied Research	/	/	/	100%





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CAMEROON

MINRESI



b) National eligibility criteria

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Total funding committed (local currency and Euro amounts)	Seventy-Eight Million seven hundred and twenty thousand CFA Francs (78 720 000 CFA Francs) or one hundred and twenty thousand euros (120 000 euros). This amount represents the total funding for the whole 36 month period.
Eligible entities	MINRESI will fund primarily <i>public sector research bodies</i>. Eligible Cameroonian entities include: • Public research institutes under MINRESI (e.g. IRAD, IRGM, INC, CNE, CNDT, etc.). • Public universities (state-funded universities and their laboratories). • Non-profit research organizations or associations partnered with public research institutions. Private companies and NGOs may participate in consortia but are expected to contribute their own funds; they are not primary funding recipients.
Eligible topics	Projects concerning the following MARs: • MAR1: Assessment of Renewable Energy Sources and integration in sustainable energy scenarios. Cameroon aims for ≈25% renewables in its electricity mix by 2035, so research on solar, hydro and bioenergy integration is important. • MAR2: End-of-life and second-life management and environmental impact of RE components - Map the component value chain, identification of key stakeholders & successful business models promotes replicability scenarios of operational models and standard operating procedures in concerned regions. The rise of variable renewables in Cameroon's energy mix will automatically additional components whose impact on environment should be anticipated. • MAR3: Smart stand-alone systems (e.g. solar home systems, microgrids). Rural electrification in Cameroon relies on off-grid solutions. • MAR4: Smart grids (off-grid and mini-grid applications). Enhancing mini-grid reliability/management addresses rural access gaps. • MAR5: Processes and appliances for productive uses (agriculture, mobility, industry). Efficient low-cost technologies for agri-irrigation, solar pumps, cold storage etc. can boost the economy. • MAR6: Innovative solutions for priority domestic uses (clean cooking and cold chain). Clean cooking stoves and solar refrigeration have high social

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	impact in Cameroon.
Eligible type of research and TRL	MINRESI will fund fundamental, applied and experimental research , with emphasis on solutions-oriented projects. In line with Cameroon's development strategy (expanding renewables and modern energy), preference is given to applied/experimental work (e.g. pilot prototypes or field demonstrations). We propose support for projects up to TRL 3–7 (laboratory proof-of-concept through demonstrated prototype).
Submission of proposal /documentation at national/regional level	Proposals are submitted through the LEAP-SE portal. Additionally, Cameroonian partners must register proposals with MINRESI . In practice, we require Cameroonian coordinators to submit the same pre- and full-proposal documents to MINRESI by the national deadline.
Eligible costs (personnel cost, materials, travel cost, workshops, sub-contracting...)	Eligible costs include typical research expenses: • Personnel: allowances for research staff and hired personnel (including PhD/postdoc stipends). • Equipment and materials: purchase or rental of instruments, small equipment, consumables, software. • Travel and subsistence: trips for fieldwork, conferences, workshops, stakeholder meetings. • Subcontracting/services: outsourcing of technical tasks (e.g. manufacturing prototypes, specialized analyses) and costs for workshops or dissemination events. • Other costs: publication fees, data acquisition, computing (cloud) costs, and similar project-related expenses. Overhead/indirect costs should be kept modest, e.g. ≤10% of total direct costs. Costs in foreign currency may be covered (at actual exchange rate to CFA), but equipment must be used primarily in Cameroon.
Maximum funding per awarded project/per Partner (local currency and Euro amounts)	MINRESI suggests a funding cap to spread funds across projects. A plausible scheme is: up to 60 000 € per project, with 60 000 € maximum per Cameroonian partner.
Additional eligibility criteria	Cameroonian PI: The consortium must include a lead researcher from Cameroon. The PI should be a Cameroonian national (or permanent resident) with a PhD, affiliated to an eligible Cameroonian institution. Co-PIs are encouraged but not required to hold PhDs. Consortium composition: We strongly encourage multi-sector consortia. At least one public research institute or university must participate; involvement of the





	private sector (companies) is encouraged in consortia for impact, but private entities must co-finance their participation. (Without Cameroonian state funding.) Double funding: A project funded by MINRESI under this call can simultaneously receive support from another Cameroonian agency. But in this case, the tasks covered by these additional funds should be clearly specified. Workload limits: A Cameroonian PI cannot coordinate more than one LEAP-SE project; a researcher should not be PI or Co-PI on more than two ongoing projects. This avoids overcommitment. Ethics and quality: Standard checks for plagiarism and ethics will apply (proposals must be original, etc.). A consortium agreement is recommended but not mandatory. Local costs: Funds will be disbursed in CFA francs to Cameroonian partners.
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b) Funding rates

Maximum funding percentages:

Type of research	Large Enterprises	Medium Enterprises	Small Enterprises	Academia, associations without economic activities, public authorities *
Fundamental research	0%	0%	0%	100%
Basic research	0%	0%	0%	100%
Industrial/Applied Research	0%	0%	0%	100%

Cameroonian **public research organizations and universities receive 100%** of their eligible costs covered. **For-profit companies receive 0%** subsidy from MINRESI and must fund their share independently.





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EGYPT



STDF

a) National eligibility criteria

National Contact Point	Name: Nourhan Adel E-mail: Nourhan.Adel@stdf.eg
Total funding committed (local currency and Euro amounts)	Up to 1 M €
Eligible entities	Egyptian Research Institution (Universities, Research Centers)
Eligible type of research and TRL	-Applied Research - Experimental Research -TRL: 2-6
Submission of proposal /documentation at national/regional level	- The original version of the pre-proposal/proposal should be submitted on the ANR platform. For the pre-proposal stage: The Egyptian PI should submit another identical version of the pre-proposal on the STDF website. For the full-proposal stage: The Egyptian PI should submit another identical version of the full-proposal accompanied by the supporting documents listed below as a single PDF file on the STDF website (www.stdf.eg). It is a must in order to pass the eligibility stage. - Supporting Documents required to be uploaded on the STDF website: - Endorsement Letter: A scanned copy of the signed and stamped endorsement letter from the legal representative (President) of the Principal Investigator's (PI) institution. The letter must include: - Project title - PI's name, position, and affiliation - A statement confirming that the project has not been funded or submitted to another agency (national or international), or an appropriate declaration if otherwise - Institutional approval of the project - CVs for all team members. - Budget Table: A detailed budget table in Euros must be included,

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	and prepared in accordance with the STDF template. The budget must be signed and stamped by the President of the university or research center. 4- Research Team Table
Eligible Costs	Research-related costs: Researchers may request funds for the following categories of expenditure: • Daily Subsistence Allowance for field activities for professional and non-professional personnel. • Research equipment. • Consumables. • Essential infrastructure/upgrading. • Costs of prototype production. • Project management costs must not exceed 7.5%. Project mobility costs must not exceed 25% of the total budget.
Submission of proposal /Documentation at national/regional level	• Incentives for the Project Team/Personnel Costs: Incentives are permitted for project team members, with a maximum limit of 25% of the total budget or 2,000,000 LE, whichever is lower. Please refer to the salary scale for STDF project team members available on the STDF website. • Travel expenses should not exceed 20% of the total budget or 1,000,000 LE, whichever is lower. The most cost-effective transportation options, consistent with the project's objectives, must be utilized. Any upgrades to business class will be at the individual's own expense. • Daily subsistence (per diem) allowance: This will be calculated based on the current regulations of the Cultural Affairs and Missions Sector, Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, and will vary depending on the country being visited. • Indirect Costs: Costs incurred by the Principal Investigator's institution to support project activities, financial administration, facility management, and other related functions (overheads). Indirect costs must not exceed 5% of the total direct costs, excluding equipment costs, or 150,000 LE, whichever is lower. • Services: Services essential for achieving the project's objectives are allowed. This includes activities such as the manufacturing of specimens and prototypes, intellectual property registration and protection, publication costs, access to specialized reference databases or software, and fees for using facilities at other national institutions. • Equipment: The cost of equipment should not exceed 30% of the total





	budget. Events: In general, all expenses directly associated with the preparation, execution, and/or participation in events such as workshops, conferences, and training courses are eligible, provided they receive prior approval from STDF.
Maximum funding per project/per Partner (local currency and Euro amounts)	- Each project can receive up to 300,000 Euro. - The Principal Investigator (PI) must be an Egyptian Ph.D. holder, affiliated with an Egyptian research institution. - Young researchers are strongly encouraged to apply for the role of Principal Investigator. When a young researcher serves as PI, the project team must include a senior scientist who will provide consulting and mentoring support throughout the project's duration. - The amount of funding is divided into instalments, to be disbursed upon the acceptance of periodic technical and financial progress reports and it will be disbursed in the local currency (Egyptian Pounds).
Additional eligibility criteria	- Private sector is welcomed to participate with its own fund. - The PI and the Co-PI should be affiliated to the same institution. - The PI should not participate in any other project in the same call. - An applicant, who is already participating as a principal investigator (PI) in two running STDF projects or participating as a team member in three running STDF projects, is not eligible for funding. - The PI & Co-PI can't contribute with a less than 40% of their time and the contribution of any team member can't exceed 80% (in all the submitted/running projects). - Conflict of interest should be avoided. - STDF take issues of Infringement of Academic Integrity, plagiarism, similarity or other breaches very seriously. To verify originality, your Proposal may be checked by the originality detection tools and Similarity Check. Accordingly, the proposal must be submitted in a readable PDF format (i.e., not scanned) to facilitate the plagiarism checks. By submitting your proposal to STDF you are agreeing to originality checks. - Consortium agreement: is not mandatory and not binding if it violates - STDF regulations.

Note:

Final approval of projects is subject to obtaining all necessary administrative approvals and permits from the relevant authorities.





a) Funding rates

Maximum funding percentages:

Type of Research	Large Enterprises	Medium Enterprises	Small Enterprises	Academia, associations without economic activities, public authorities *
Fundamental research	-	-	-	-
Basic research	-	-	-	-
Industrial/Applied /Experimental Research	-	-	-	100 %





KENYA



NRF-KENYA/MOEST

a) National eligibility criteria

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Total committed (local currency and Euro amounts)	funding	KES. 19,448,000 (EUR. 130,000)
Eligibility		- Kenyan public and private research centres and institutes, training institutions, departments of R&D, industrial establishments and relevant implementing bodies are eligible to apply. NRF Kenya <u>does not fund</u> private company but greatly encourages Kenyan private company to participate on own funds/ in kind in consortia with Kenyan public research institutions/universities requesting funding from NRF in order to foster both multidisciplinary and transdisciplinary research - Applicants must have wide knowledge and experience in the National Research Priority areas. - The applicants must have demonstrated competence and experience in their grant application areas. - Lead Applicants must be in possession of at least a PhD or equivalent experience in a relevant area or be innovators recognized by the Kenya National Innovation Agency. - The Principal Investigator must be a Kenyan citizen. - Non-Kenyans may apply under a Kenyan Principal Investigator. - All applicants must be affiliated to a recognized Kenyan research institution and in case of a university or research institution, they must not be on an extended unpaid leave. Partnering and collaborative institutional or corporate entities must formally indicate willingness to release staff involved in the project, have the facilities to implement the project or indicate how the facilities will be availed. For more additional: https://www.nrf.go.ke/ Only proposals submitted under the following MARs will be funded: MAR 1 - Assessment of Renewable Energy Sources and integration of RES in sustainable energy scenarios. MAR 3 - Smart stand-alone systems MAR 6 - Innovative solutions for priority domestic uses (clean cooking and cold chain)





Eligible Costs	Research-related costs: Researchers may request funds for the following categories of expenditure: • Daily Subsistence Allowance for field activities for professional and non-professional personnel. • Research equipment. • Consumables. • Essential infrastructure/upgrading. • Costs of prototype production. • Project management costs must not exceed 7.5%. Project mobility costs must not exceed 25% of the total budget.
Submission of proposal /Documentation at national/regional level	<u>Procedure for Submitting the Pre-Proposal:</u> Pre-proposals must be submitted exclusively via the LEAP-SE Electronic Submission Platform provided by the French National Research Agency (ANR). The Consortium Coordinator must ensure submission no later than February 5th, 2026, at 16:00 CET. Kenyan applicants requesting funding from the NRF Kenya <u>are not expected</u> to submit the pre-proposal to the NRF. The NRF online grants management system will only be open to submit full proposals. Refer to the following paragraph. <u>Procedure for Submitting a Full Proposal:</u> Full proposals will be accepted only from applicants explicitly invited after the pre-proposal assessment. Upon invitation, full proposals must be submitted exclusively via the LEAP-SE Electronic Submission Platform provided by the French National Research Agency (ANR). The Consortium Coordinator must ensure submission no later than June 24th, 2026 at 16:00 CET. Kenyan applicants requesting funding from the NRF- Kenya <u>are also expected and required</u> to submit their full proposals to the NRF online grants management system using the following link: grantsportal.nrf.go.ke.
Maximum funding per project/per Partner (local currency and Euro amounts)	KES. 6,482,000 (around 43,300 €)





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MOROCCO



Royaume du Maroc
Ministère de l'Enseignement Supérieur,
de la Recherche Scientifique et de l'Innovation



MESRSI

a) National eligibility criteria

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Total funding committed (local currency and Euro amounts)	500 000 euros
Eligible entities	✓ Public universities; ✓ Universities from the Public-private partnership in collaboration with public universities; ✓ Non-university institutions in partnership with public universities; ✓ Public research institutions in partnership with public universities. Private sector, NGOs and associations are NOT eligible for funding
Eligible topics	Projects concerning the following MARs: MAR 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 (all)
Eligible type of research and TRL	Type of research: Fundamental / Basic research, Industrial /Applied research, Experimental research. TRL-
Submission of proposal /documentation at national/regional level	No submission
Eligible costs (personnel cost, materials, travel cost, workshops, sub-contracting...)	(See below the eligible expenses table in French)
Maximum funding per awarded project/per Partner (local currency and Euro amounts)	The maximum budget granted for each Moroccan partner is 50.000 € with a ceiling of 100.000 € per project with an extension of 20.000 € for project coordination.
Additional eligibility criteria	✓ No levy by research institutions is allowed from the budget allocated to the research projects; ✓ Permanent staff cannot receive research allowances. The remuneration of the non-statutory staff (PhD students, post-docs and CDD) participating in the project can be financed (Comply with the joint decision of 18 August 2025 concerning the management of the own resources of public institutions of higher education and scientific research);





	✓ Costs requested for Research allowances, travel and mission expenses cannot exceed 60% of the total budget allocated to the Moroccan team; ✓ The budget requested for the first payment cannot exceed 60% of the total budget allocated to the Moroccan team; ✓ The second payment will be made only after validation of the mid-term report
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b) Funding rates

Maximum funding percentages:

Maximum funding percentages: (see eligible topics in the table above)

Type of research	Large Enterprises	Medium Enterprises	Small Enterprises	Academia, public authorities
Fundamental research	Not eligible	Not eligible	Not eligible	100 %
Basic research	Not eligible	Not eligible	Not eligible	100 %
Industrial/Applied Research	Not eligible	Not eligible	Not eligible	100 %

Eligible expenses table

Rubriques	Budget demandé (DH)	Premier versement (DH)	Deuxième versement (DH)
Dépenses du personnel			
Indemnités liées aux travaux de recherche et de prestation de service (Bourses des doctorants, CDD, ...)			
Matériel, Mobilier de bureau et fournitures			
Achat de matériels informatiques			
Achat de matériels scientifiques			
Achat de réactifs, kits et produits chimiques			
Entretien et réparation			
Entretien et réparation de matériels scientifiques et informatiques			
Transport et Déplacement			
Indemnités de déplacement à l'intérieur du Royaume			
Indemnités Kilométriques			
Frais de transport au Maroc et à l'étranger			
Frais de transport des missionnaires et chercheurs étrangers			
Frais de mission à l'étranger			
Frais de séjour des missionnaires étrangers au Maroc			
Autres Dépenses			





Frais de documentation, d'impression et de publication			
Achat de matières premières et de petit outillage			
Frais de réalisation de maquettes et de prototype			
Frais de démonstration et de publicité			
Frais d'étude, d'analyse et de sous-traitance			
Frais de participation aux séminaires			
Frais d'organisation de séminaires			
Frais de dépôt et de gestion des brevets, de licence et/ou de droit auteur			
Total			





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MOROCCO

IRESSEN (TBC)



TBC





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SENEGAL



MESRI - Direction du Financement de la Recherche scientifique et du Développement technologique (DFRSDT/MESRI)

a) National eligibility criteria

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Total committed funding (local currency and Euro amounts)		150.000.000 CFA (cent cinquante millions francs CFA) ≈ 229.000 Euros
Eligible entities		All Senegalese's research institutions
Eligible topics		Projects concerning the following MARs: All MARs
Eligible type of research and TRL		Fundamental/Basic research Industrial/Applied research Experimental research TRL 4-5
Submission of proposal /documentation at national/regional level		Submission needed at national level : Fonds d'impulsion de la recherche scientifique et technique (FIRST) Eligibility criteria for applicants and projects are required for the eligibility of applications for funding from FIRST. Applicant: Senegalese researchers working in the following structures are eligible: a) accredited public or private research institutions; b) accredited public or private higher education institutions. The applicant for the FIRST funding must be: • a Senegalese citizen;





	• an university lecturer and researcher or a high-level researcher attached to a university, a national research institute, a research group or an industrial sector oriented towards research and development. Project For the project to be eligible, it must be: • led in Sénégal; • a high scientific standard; • achievable and relevant to the country; • conducted in fields targeted by the call; • submitted with the formal approval of the Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation, by a letter of support issued at the request of the applicant; • funding requested from Senegal must not exceed 35,000 € per project • project duration must not exceed three years. Actions eligible for funding The following specific project activities will be funded: • research activities, including data collection through laboratory research, field research, stakeholder consultations and field visits, and any other activities necessary for the successful implementation of the proposed research project; • consumables and indirect costs of the project, which may include stationery, laboratory reagents and telecommunications; • a living allowance for up to three (3) project members per country, provided the cost does not exceed the percentage limit; • reciprocal research visits and exchanges of scientists and staff on joint projects; • a contingency reserve not exceeding 5% of all project costs may be included in the budget. Actions not eligible for funding The following costs are not eligible for this call: • Wages • purchase of fixed assets • foreign exchange losses • direct taxes • General expenses (structural expenses). Funding allocation The received funds will be used to: • 70% for direct costs of research activities;
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	- Up to 30% for travel, workshop or conference accommodation and consumables. Fund mobilization It will be done according to the terms of the FIRST. 50% of the budget will be paid at the start of the project; 30% of the funding will be disbursed in mid-term, following the submission of an activity and financial report; 20% of budget after project completion and approval of final report. Disbursement of funds Funds will be provided to the parent institution to which the principal investigator responding to the project belongs.
Eligible costs (personnel cost, materials, travel cost, workshops, sub-contracting...)	Personnel cost, materials, travel cost, workshops.
Maximum funding per project/per Partner (local currency and Euro amounts)	22.925.000 FCFA (vingt-deux millions neuf cent vingt-cinq mille francs CFA) ≈ 35.000 Euros per project
Additional eligibility criteria	See the FIRST eligibility criteria document on the next page

b) Funding rates

Maximum funding percentages:

Type of research	Large Enterprises	Medium Enterprises	Small Enterprises	Academia, associations without economic activities, public authorities
Fundamental research	0%	0%	0%	100%
Basic research	0%	0%	0%	100%
Industrial/Applied Research	0%	0%	0%	100%





LEAP-SE

SOUTH AFRICA



DSTI - NRF

a) National eligibility criteria

National Contact Point	Name: Nombuso Madonda Tel : +27 12 481 4285 E-mail: NP.Madonda@risa.nrf.ac.za
Total funding committed (local currency and Euro amounts)	R 10 500 000 (around 550 000 €)
Eligible entities	Only working researchers and scientists who are natural citizens or permanent residents of South Africa affiliated with a recognised South African public higher education or research institution such as a university, university of technology or science council are eligible to apply. Researchers based at private higher education institutions are not eligible to apply under this programme. We strongly encourage the active participation of researchers from SMMEs, private companies, and NGOs in our research consortia. While these participants cannot serve as Principal Investigators, their expertise and contributions are invaluable to the success of our projects. It is expected that NGO and industry/SME participants will cover their own participation costs, demonstrating their commitment and investment in the joint project. South African applicants and the HDI based co-PIs must be in possession of a PhD. It is “mandatory” for South African PIs based at historically advantaged institutions (and science councils) to include, as part of the consortium, a research partner from a historically disadvantaged institution. Proposals submitted by an applicant based at a historically advantaged institution without a research partner from a historically disadvantaged institution will be ineligible (and will not be submitted for review). In this case, the research collaborator from the historically disadvantaged institution will serve as a co-applicant in the proposal. Applicants based at historically disadvantaged institutions, including those based at the two new universities, i.e. the Sol Plaatje University (SPU) and the University of Mpumalanga (UMP), can act as PIs and submit proposals without the involvement of and/or partner with researchers based at historically advantaged institutions if they so wish. Please note that only the following eight universities are currently recognised as historically disadvantaged in line with the Department of Higher Education and Training November 2019 Ministerial Statement on

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Eligible topics	Only proposals submitted under the following MARs will be funded: MAR 2 - End-of-life and second-life management and environmental impact of RE components MAR 3 - Smart stand-alone systems MAR 5 - Processes and appliances for productive uses (agriculture, mobility and industry) MAR 7 - Production and utilization of Green Hydrogen
Eligible type of research and TRL	Only proposals for the following TRLs will be funded: TRL 4 – Technology validated in lab TRL 5 – Technology validated in relevant environment (industrially relevant environment in the case of key enabling technologies) TRL 6 – Technology demonstrated in relevant environment (industrially relevant environment in the case of key enabling technologies).
Submission of proposal /documentation at national/regional level	<u>Procedure for Submitting the Pre-Proposal:</u> Pre-proposals must be submitted exclusively via the LEAP-SE Electronic Submission Platform provided by the French National Research Agency (ANR). The Consortium Coordinator must ensure submission no later than February 5th, 2026, at 16:00 CET. South African applicants requesting funding from the NRF <u>are not expected</u> to submit the pre-proposal to the NRF. The NRF online submission system (i.e. NRF-Connect) will only be open to submit full proposals. Refer to the following paragraph. <u>Procedure for Submitting a Full Proposal:</u> Full proposals will be accepted only from applicants explicitly invited after the pre-proposal assessment. Upon invitation, full proposals must be submitted exclusively via the LEAP-SE Electronic Submission Platform provided by the French





	National Research Agency (ANR). The Consortium Coordinator must ensure submission no later than June 24th 2026, at 16:00 CEST. South African applicants requesting funding from the NRF are also expected and required to submit their full proposals to the NRF online submission system using the following link: https://nrfconnect.nrf.ac.za. Please use the 'General Application Guide 2026' for assistance on the steps to follow when applying for international research grants. The NRF system will open on 04 May 2026 for the submission of full proposals and close on Tuesday, 09 June 2026.
Eligible costs (personnel cost, materials, travel cost, workshops, sub-contracting...)	NRF funds can be used to cover the following costs: - Research and development-related activities - Knowledge sharing costs (science engagement) NRF funds can only be used to support research activities executed by the South African members of the consortium. The NRF grant allocation will NOT fund the following: consultant fees, project management fees, and large equipment (costing more than R200 000). The research costs cannot cover educational expenses (scholarships/ bursaries/ student fees/ educational expenses, etc.). Doctoral students needing financial support are advised to apply for a scholarship through the NRF call for student support, which opens each year at the beginning of April.
Maximum funding per awarded project/per Partner (local currency and Euro amounts)	R 1 500 000 (around 80 000 €)
Additional eligibility criteria	Science Engagement Science engagement refers to scientific and initiative activities, events, interventions, or interactions characterised by mutual learning and dialogue among people of varied backgrounds, scientific expertise, and life experiences, who articulate and discuss their perspectives, ideas, knowledge, and values. It is an overarching term for all aspects of public engagement through suitable communication channels with science, science awareness, science education, science communication, and science outreach, aiming to develop and benefit individuals and society. The NRF supports science engagement by coordinating





	and implementing the Department of Science and Innovation's Engagement Strategy. The strategy embraces a broad understanding of science, encompassing systematic knowledge spanning (natural and physical sciences, engineering sciences, medical sciences, agricultural sciences, mathematics, social sciences and humanities, and technology) all aspects of the innovation chain and indigenous knowledge. Therefore, researchers funded through the NRF programmes must contribute to science engagement and report the related outputs in their project's progress report. <u>Intellectual Property</u> The researchers of each country, particularly the leaders, must take adequate steps to ensure protection and sharing of the intellectual property that could result from the joint projects. <u>Ethical Considerations</u> In conjunction with the institution, it is the responsibility of the grant-holder to ensure that all research activities carried out in or outside South Africa comply with the laws and regulations of South Africa and/or the foreign country in which the research activities are conducted. These include all human and animal subjects, copyright and intellectual property protection, and other regulations or laws, as appropriate. A research ethics committee must review and approve the ethical and academic rigor of all research prior to the commencement of the research and acceptance of the grant. The awarded amount will not be released for payment if a copy of the required ethical clearance certificate, as indicated in the application, is not attached to the Conditions of Grant. Please also refer to the "Statement on Ethical Research and Scholarly Publishing Practices" on the NRF website at https://www.nrf.ac.za/statement-on-ethical-research-and-scholarly-publishing-practices/. <u>Protection of personal information</u> The National Research Foundation ensures compliance with the Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA), Act 4 of 2013, committing to ensure the privacy of those submitting applications and proposals to the NRF on the NRF Connect (https://nrfconnect.nrf.ac.za/). The National Research Foundation will protect the personal information provided by applicants or the third party against misuse, loss, unauthorized access, modification, or disclosure. The Privacy Policy of the NRF outlines the practices relating to the protection of personal information and can be accessed on the NRF website at https://www.nrf.ac.za/privacy-policy.
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b) Funding rates

Maximum funding percentages:





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Type of research	Large Enterprises	Medium Enterprises	Small Enterprises	Academia, associations without economic activities, public authorities *
Fundamental research	0%	0%	0%	100%
Basic research	0%	0%	0%	100%
Industrial/Applied Research	0%	0%	0%	100%





TUNISIA

MHESR



**MINISTRY
OF HIGHER EDUCATION
AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH**
General Directorate for Scientific Research



a) National eligibility criteria

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Total funding committed (local currency and Euro amounts)	700.000 €
Eligible entities	- Tunisian public institutions of higher education and scientific research and public research centers.
Eligible topics	Projects concerning the following MARs: 1: Assessment of Renewable Energy Sources and integration of RES in sustainable energy scenarios; 2: End-of-life and second - life management and environmental impact of RE components; 3: Smart stand - alone systems; 4: Smart grid (different scales) for off grid application; 5: Processes and appliances for productive uses (agriculture, mobility and industry); 6: Innovative solutions for priority domestic uses (clean cooking and cold chain); 7: Production and utilization of Green Hydrogen.
Eligible type of research and TRL	TRL 2-8
Submission of proposal /documentation at national/regional level	NO
Eligible costs (personnel cost, materials, travel cost, workshops, sub-contracting...)	- Travel and daily allowances, - Small equipment, logistics, and consumables, - Service Contracts and research contracts (only for non-permanent staff),





	- Organization and participation in scientific events and meetings. - Publication and filing fees (required for scientific publications and patent filing), - Expenses for conducting analyses and processing samples.
Maximum funding per project/per Partner (local currency and Euro amounts)	The maximum amount of requested funding per project is 100.000 € for a total period of three years. If several Tunisian partners are in the same project, the budget will be shared between them.
Additional eligibility criteria	- The coordinator/ Principal Investigator (PI) should be full professor or associate professor (maître de conférences). - The coordinator or Principal Investigator (PI) must be affiliated with a public research laboratory that is part of the partner institution involved in the project. - The critical mass of each research team involved must be composed of a minimum of five (5) statutory researchers (corps A and B), including at least two members with the rank of professor, associate professor, or equivalent rank.

b) Funding rates

Maximum funding percentages:

Type of research	Large Enterprises	Medium Enterprises	Small Enterprises	Academia, associations without economic activities, public authorities *
Fundamental research	-	-	-	-
Basic research	-	-	-	100 %
Industrial/Applied Research	-	-	-	100 %





FUNDING AFRICAN COUNTRIES NOT PARTICIPATING TO THE CALL



LGI Sustainable Innovation

a) National eligibility criteria

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Total committed funding (local currency and Euro amounts)		600 000 euros
Eligible entities		• African* public research organizations • African* Universities • African* private research institutes • African* companies, see b) Funding rates • African* local authorities (municipalities, metropolitan areas, regions) <i>Note: Entities subject to EU restrictive measures under Article 29 of the Treaty on the European Union (TEU) and Article 215 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU (TFEU) are not eligible to participate as recipients of Financial Support to Third Parties and LEAP-SE will apply the Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/2506 of 15 December 2022 on measures for the protection of the Union budget against breaches of the principles of the rule of law in Hungary</i> <i>*Only African partners from a country NOT participating to the call in Africa are eligible to receive funding from LGI</i>
Eligible topics		Projects concerning the following MARs: All (MAR 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7)
Eligible type of research and TRL		TRL - 3 to 8
Submission of proposal /documentation at		The budget should be prepared by using the sheet call "LGI" on the Excel "LEAP-SE financial_sheet"





national/regional level	
Eligible costs (personnel cost, materials, travel cost, workshops, sub-contracting...)	• Personnel costs • Operational costs (R&D equipment, infra-structure use, Other goods and services and travel cost) • Indirect costs (10% of personnel + operational costs) ⚠ Sub-contracting, third-party costs are NOT eligible
Maximum funding per project/per Partner (local currency and Euro amounts)	40 000 € per partner / 80 000 € per project Payment will be made upon presentation of the work done and obtaining technical and financial reports
Additional eligibility criteria	If the project is selected for funding, the partners will have to complete the full due diligence process requested by LGI Sustainable Innovation

b) Funding rates

Maximum funding percentages:

	Large Enterprises	Medium Enterprises	Small Enterprises	African Public research organizations	African private organizations	African local authorities
TRL 3-8	50%	50%	50%	100%	50%	100%



**LEAP-SE****AUSTRIA**

FFG - Austrian Research Promotion Agency

a) National eligibility criteria

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Total funding committed (local currency and Euro amounts)	200.000 EUR
Eligible entities	<u>In general:</u> • Companies of any legal form (e.g. SMEs, large enterprises) • Institutions of research and knowledge dissemination, such as universities, universities of applied sciences, non-university research institutions, technology transfer institutions, innovation agents and other research oriented organisations, such as associations with a relevant purpose • Other non-profit legal entities (e.g. NGOs, stakeholder associations, societies) <u>Specifications:</u> At least one commercial enterprise that receives funding is mandatory as a partner in any transnational consortium involving Austrian partners. It is not mandatory for this enterprise to be located in Austria.
Eligible topics	Projects concerning the following MARs: MAR3 MAR4
Eligible type of research and TRL	<u>Type of research:</u> Industrial research/applied research, experimental development TRL 2-8 <u>Specifications:</u> All Austrian partners in one project must select the same research type (industrial research/applied research TRL 2-4 or experimental development TRL 5-8).
Submission of proposal /documentation at national/regional level	In parallel to the submission of the joint proposal by the Coordinator, a simplified national application is mandatory for Austrian applicants requesting funding by

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	FFG. The proposal must be submitted via the FFG electronic submission system eCall both in the pre-proposal and in the full proposal stage. Submission deadline pre-proposals: 09 February 2026 at 12:00 Submission deadline full proposals: 26 June 2026 at 12:00
Eligible costs (personnel cost, materials, travel cost, workshops, sub-contracting...)	Personnel costs, Overhead costs (flat rate), Use of R&D infrastructure, Costs of materials, Third-party costs, Travel costs. For detailed information, see the national cost guidelines. Costs must be allocated directly to the project, incurred during the funding period in addition to normal operating expenses, correspond to the funding contract and can be proven.
Maximum funding per project/per Partner (local currency and Euro amounts)	Maximum funding per project: 200.000 EUR Minimum funding per project: 100.000 EUR
Additional eligibility criteria	Further information on conditions and restrictions can be found in the documents (national guidelines, national cost guidelines, instrument guidelines,..) at the national call website. Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact FFG before submitting a pre-proposal. For projects awarded funding scientific and financial reporting via eCall on an annual basis is mandatory.

b) Funding rates

Maximum funding percentages:

Type of research	Large Enterprises	Medium Enterprises	Small Enterprises	Research institutions (non-commercial activities)	Other non-profit legal entities (non-commercial activities)
Fundamental research	not eligible	not eligible	not eligible	not eligible	not eligible
Basic research	not eligible	not eligible	not eligible	not eligible	not eligible
Industrial/Applied Research	55%	70%	80%	85%	80%
Experimental development	35%	50%	60%	60%	60%





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BELGIUM



F.R.S.-FNRS

a) National eligibility criteria

National Point	Contact	Name: Mr. Joël GROENEVELD Tel : +32 2 504 9270 E-mail: joel.groeneveld@frs-fnrs.be / international@frs-fnrs.be
Total funding committed (local currency and Euro amounts)		300.000 €
Eligible entities		All eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the PINT-MULTI regulations .
Eligible topics		The F.R.S.-FNRS will only finance basic (fundamental) research performed in MAR's 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7
Eligible type of research and TRL		F.R.S.-FNRS only funds Basic research (low Technology Readiness Level) carried out in a research institution from the "Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles". The F.R.S.-FNRS will not fund industrial partners or any activity related to the private sector. Nevertheless, partners funded by the F.R.S.-FNRS can be in a consortium where there are also partners from the private sector.
Submission of proposal /documentation at national/regional level		Applicants to F.R.S.-FNRS funding must provide basic administrative data by submitting an administrative application on e-space within 5 working days after the general deadline of LEAP-SE call to be eligible. 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.
Eligible costs (personnel cost, materials, travel cost, workshops, sub-contracting...)		All eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the PINT-MULTI regulations .
Maximum funding per awarded project/per		The maximum amount of requested funding per project is 300.000 € for a total period of three 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. Since

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Partner (local currency and Euro amounts)	this is a co-financed call, this extra year should not be included in the proposal (see article III-B.18 of the PINT-MULTI regulations).
Additional eligibility criteria	• Please note that personnel costs (Article III-B.18) have an annual average cap of 80 000 € for this call. • For “overhead” costs: Operating expenses: up to 1% within the budget granted. This percentage should be included in the requested operating budget. Personnel: up to 2% outside of the granted budget. This percentage will be paid upon reimbursement of expenses to institutions by the F.R.S.-FNRS. Please check the Practical guide on costs for any other questions.

b) Funding rates

Maximum funding percentages:

Type of research	Large Enterprises	Medium Enterprises	Small Enterprises	Academia, associations without economic activities, public authorities *
Fundamental research	/	/	/	100 %
Basic research	/	/	/	100 %
Industrial/Applied Research	/	/	/	/





LEAP-SE

FRANCE

ANR



a) National eligibility criteria

National Point	Contact	Justine PALLU Scientific Project Officer Justine.PALLU@agencerecherche.fr Marie-Laure TAROT Scientific Project Officer Marie-Laure.TAROT@agencerecherche.fr
Total committed (local currency and Euro amounts)	funding	1 000 000 €
Eligible entities		French entities as following, are eligible: -French Public research organization; -French commercial companies; -NGO* and French private entities (except French commercial companies) only if they collaborate with a French public research organization. French entities as following, are ineligible: - territorial collectivities. * ANR may fund those that have their real head office in an EU member State and an establishment (primary or secondary) in France
Eligible topics		Projects concerning the following MARS: MAR 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 (all)
Eligible type of research and TRL		Fundamental/Basic Research, Industrial/Applied Research/experimental development TRL 2-6
Submission of proposal /documentation at national/regional level		Please consult the ANR Funding regulations for detailed information ("Règlement relatif aux attributions des aides de l'ANR" https://anr.fr/fr/rf/) and the document entitled "Modalités de participation pour les partenaires sollicitant une aide de l'ANR" available on the webpage of the call on the ANR website. Detailed information on the administrative and financial data will be asked on the submission platform at the full-proposal stage if the pre-proposal is selected.





	Full proposal : At the full proposal French partner requiring funding must fill out the detailed administrative data and detailed budget according to the ANR cost categories (see https://anr.fr/fr/rf/)
Eligible costs (personnel cost, materials, travel cost, workshops, sub-contracting...)	ANR funds basic research, industrial research and experimental development. The eligibility of costs and rates of funding depend on types of partners, consortia composition and types of research. See ANR funding regulations for more details: https://anr.fr/fr/rf/ and consult “le règlement financier relatif aux modalités d’attribution des aides à coûts réels de l’ANR »
Maximum funding per project/per Partner (local currency and Euro amounts)	The funding requested from ANR for a project must be between €15,000 and €300,000. If there are several partners requesting funding from ANR, the €300,000 must be split. If a partner requesting funding from ANR is Coordinator of a proposal, the maximum amount of funding requested can reach €350,000.
Additional eligibility criteria	A project proposal cannot be similar, in whole or in part, to another proposal submitted for a call currently being evaluated by ANR (all calls for proposals and evaluation stages considered) or already funded by ANR. Similarity between two projects is established when these projects (in whole or in part) describe identical main objectives or are the result of a simple adaptation. Companies in difficulty are excluded from ANR subventions (see https://anr.fr/fr/rf/ - Fiche n°1 “Modalités de participation des entreprises aux projets” »). Partners from countries subject to sanctions applicable to the research field by the European Union authorities are excluded from this call for ANR. ANR will declare Partners requesting its support ineligible if they apply with Partners established in these countries. At the date of publication, these exclusions concern Partners from the following countries and territories: Russia, Belarus, territories of Ukraine non-controlled by the Ukrainian government. This list may evolve in case of new sanctions decided by the European Union. It is highly recommended to contact the national contacts during the preparation of the project. A DMP (Data management plan) must be transmitted to ANR and updated during the course of the project.





	PPST (National policy for the protection of the scientific and technologic potential of France): where available, applicants to ANR should consult their local “FSD” (security and defence officer) on their project before applying. Applications to ANR may be forwarded to the HFSD of the French Ministry of research and higher education for screening. A negative appraisal by the HFSD may cause ANR to reject the proposal. The above-mentioned terms and conditions are only summarized translations of those entailed in the ANR Funding regulations and in the Appendix “Modalités pour les Partenaires sollicitant une aide de l’ANR”. In case of inconsistencies, the terms of the ANR Funding Regulations and the Appendix shall prevail. Please refer to these documents for more details.
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b) Funding rates

Maximum funding percentages:

Type of research	Large Enterprises	Medium Enterprises	Small Enterprises	Academia, associations without economic activities, public authorities *
Fundamental research	See ANR funding regulations for more details: https://anr.fr/fr/rf/ and consult “le règlement financier relatif aux modalités d’attribution des aides à coûts réels de l’ANR »			
Basic research				
Industrial/Applied Research				



**LEAP-SE**

FRANCE



LARI – La Réunion Innovation

a) National eligibility criteria

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Total committed (local currency and Euro amounts)	funding	50 000€ LARI will cofund ANR in case of partners from La Réunion” are selected. Applicants from “La Réunion” must select ARI as cofunder and comply with ANR eligibility rules.
Eligible entities		Reunion Island entities as following, are eligible of the co-funding: - Reunion Island research organization; - Reunion Island commercial companies; - NGO and Reunion Island entities (except Reunion Island commercial companies) only if they collaborate with a French public research organization*. Ineligible: - territorial collectivities. *Whose real registered office is in France
Eligible topics		Projects concerning the following MARS: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
Eligible type of research and TRL		Fundamental/Basic Research, Industrial/Applied, Research/experimental development TRL 2-6
Submission of proposal /documentation at national/regional level		Indicate LARI as cofunder in the section “Comment (regarding the chosen funder)”





Eligible costs (personnel cost, materials, travel cost, workshops, sub-contracting...)	See ANR funding regulations for more details: https://anr.fr/fr/rf/ and consult “le règlement financier relatif aux modalités d’attribution des aides à coûts réels de l’ANR »
Maximum funding per project/per Partner (local currency and Euro amounts)	See ANR funding regulations
Additional eligibility criteria	See ANR funding regulations

b) Funding rates

Maximum funding percentages:

Type of research	Large Enterprises	Medium Enterprises	Small Enterprises	Academia, associations without economic activities, public authorities *
Fundamental research	See ANR funding regulations for more details: https://anr.fr/fr/rf/ and consult “le règlement financier relatif aux modalités d’attribution des aides à coûts réels de l’ANR »			
Basic research				
Industrial/Applied Research				





LEAP-SE

GERMANY



JUELICH-PtJ

a) National eligibility criteria

b) National Contact Point	Name: Thomas Brenner Tel : +49 2461/61-85987 E-mail: t.brenner(at)ptj.de	Name: Martin Wiesenmayer Tel : +49 2461/61-1663 E-mail: m.wiesenmayer(at)ptj.de
Total funding committed (local currency and Euro amounts)	1.500.000,00 €	
Eligible entities	Universities, research institutes, SME's and Large companies as well as NGOs. Specifications: none	
Eligible topics	Projects concerning the following MARs: We support MARs number 1 to 7.	
Eligible type of research and TRL	Types of research: basic research and applied research TRL: 1 to 3	
Submission of proposal /documentation at national/regional level	After successfully completing the full proposal phase, the German applicants will be asked to submit their proposals to Project Management Jülich. Information on this submission will be made available on this website and also communicated by email to the selected applicants. During the project period, annual reports on the processing status of individual proposals from German applicants will be required.	
Eligible costs (personnel cost, materials, travel cost, workshops, sub-contracting...)	- o Personnel costs - o Operational costs - o Investment costs - o Indirect costs - o Subcontracting - o Travel costs	





Maximum funding per project/per Partner (local currency and Euro amounts)	Maximum of 300.000 € per German consortium. (Included within the funding amount is an overhead of 20% for universities. German participants must include these overhead costs in their proposed budget, otherwise they can only be taken into account to a limited extent afterwards.)
Additional eligibility criteria	7. Energieforschungsprogramm der Bundesregierung (7. EFP) The regulations of the BMFTR Call within the 7.EFP apply: Homepage - Bekanntmachung - BMFTR. The JUELICH-PtJ is committed to avoid double funding. We take into account all projects (finished and running) funded by German Ministries. The German partners of the emerging consortia are encouraged to obtain information from the funding institution before any submission (pre-proposal/full-proposal) to abide to specific funding regulations.

b) Funding rates

Maximum funding percentages:

Type of research	Large Enterprises	Medium Enterprises	Small Enterprises	Academia, associations without economic activities, public authorities *
Fundamental research	100	100	100	100
Basic research	50	60	70	100
Industrial/Applied Research	no	no	no	no





LEAP-SE

ITALY



MUR – Ministero dell'università e della Ricerca

a) National eligibility criteria (as of 24/11/2025)

National Contact Point	Name: Laura Pecetta E-mail: laura.pecetta@est.mur.gov.it Name: Rachele Nocera E-mail: rachele.nocera@mur.gov.it
Total funding committed (local currency and Euro amounts)	€ 1.000.000,00
Eligible entities	The following legal entities having stable organization in Italy are eligible: • Enterprises (legally registered in the Register of Companies). • Higher education institutions (State universities and legally recognized universities as defined in L. 29 July 1991, n. 243) and their consortia. • Public research institutions (as listed in D.Lgs. n. 218/2016 Art 1). • Public and private research organisations ('organismo di ricerca') including research foundations in accordance with EU Reg. n. 651/2014 of the European Commission - June 17, 2014. • Other not-for-profit registered legal entities (foundations and associations provided they are registered legal entities) are eligible if participating in cooperation with one (or more) Italian Higher Education Institution(s) or public or private Research Organisation(s)/Institution(s).
Eligible topics	Projects concerning the following MARs: # 1: Assessment of Renewable Energy Sources and integration of RES in sustainable energy scenarios # 2: End-of-life and second-life management and environmental impact of RE components # 3: Smart stand-alone systems # 4: Smart grid (different scales) for off grid application # 5: Processes and appliances for productive uses (agriculture, mobility and industry) # 6: Innovative solutions for priority domestic uses (clean cooking and cold chain) # 7: Production and utilization of Green Hydrogen.
Eligible type of research and TRL	Basic research, Industrial/Applied research and Experimental development are eligible for funding.

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	However, Basic Research and/or Industrial/Applied research activities must be predominant with respect to Experimental development activities (in terms of budget share). TRL: 3 - 6 indicatively.
Submission of proposal /documentation at national/regional level	Additional National application: In addition to the project proposal which shall be submitted at European level, Italian participants are requested to submit a national additional application to MUR, through the national web platform, at the following link: https://banditransnazionali.mur.gov.it/ [ACCESS WITH 'SPID' REQUIRED] The national additional application must be submitted by the same deadline established in the international joint call. Participant who does not submit national documentation by the deadline are considered not eligible for funding. More information on the national documentation to be submitted to MUR is available at the web page dedicated to the LEAP-SE JC2026: [http://www.ricercainternazionale.mur.gov.it/era/european-partnership-2021-27/leap-se.aspx] It is recommended to contact the National Contact Persons already in early stage of project preparation. The admission to funding is subject to the adoption of the necessary accounting and administrative measures for the allocation of the resources.
Eligible costs (personnel cost, materials, travel cost, workshops, sub-contracting...)	All costs incurred during the lifetime of the project under the following categories are eligible: • A) Personnel; • B) Consulting and equivalent services (subcontracting); • C.1) Travel and subsistence; • C.2) Equipment; • C.3) Other goods and Services; • E) Indirect Costs/Overheads ("<i>Spese generali</i>") calculated at 25% flat rate of all direct costs excluding cost category B) Consulting and equivalent services [$E = 25\% \text{ of } (A) + C.1) + C.2) + C.3)$].
Maximum funding per project/per Partner (local currency and Euro amounts)	• MINIMUM funding request: € 100.000,00 per project. • MAXIMUM funding request: € 150.000,00 per project.



Additional eligibility criteria	Applicants shall: • not be defaulting with regard to other funding received by the Ministry of University and Research. • not have requested/got any other funding for the same project. • be compliant to the Italian law "<i>D.Lgs. n 159 del 6/09/2011 e successive modificazioni ed integrazioni</i>". • not be subject to bankruptcy proceedings as of art. 5, comma 4, letter b) of DM 1314/2021 or must not be a company in difficulty according to the definition under number 18) of article 2 "Definitions" of Regulation (EU) no. 651/2014. • be in compliance with the obligations laid down in the contributory and social security regulations (DURC). Applicants shall demonstrate their viability and financial soundness regarding their own contribution to the project. For any private entity, if the following financial criteria listed under a) and b), calculated using the data reported in the last approved balance sheet, are not fulfilled, the applicant can be funded only if a bank guarantee is provided: a) $CN > (CP - I)/2$ Where: • CN = net assets (<i>Capitale netto</i>); • 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; b) $OF/F < 8\%$ Where: • OF = financial charges (<i>Oneri finanziari</i>); • F = turnover (<i>Fatturato</i>);
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b) Funding rates

Maximum funding percentages:



Type of research	Large Enterprises	Type of research	Large Enterprises	Type of research	Large Enterprises
Fundamental/basic research	70%				
Industrial/Applied Research	70%				
Experimental development	25%				





POLAND

NCN



a) National eligibility criteria

National Point	Contact	Name: Alicja Dyląg Tel: 0048 532 086 494 E-mail: alicja.dylag@ncn.gov.pl
Total committed (local currency and Euro amounts)	funding	750 000 EUR (3 209 325 PLN)
Eligible entities		Proposals may be submitted by the entities specified in Article 27 (1) of the Act on the National Science Centre (NCN Act), e.g. universities, research institutes, scientific and industrial centres, companies, other legal entities with registered office in Poland. Full list of eligible entities is available in the Call Announcement published on the NCN website .
Eligible topics		Projects concerning the following MARs: #1: Assessment of Renewable Energy Sources and integration of RES in sustainable energy scenarios. #2: End-of-life and second-life management and environmental impact of RE components. #3: Smart stand-alone systems. #4: Smart grid (different scales) for off grid application. #5: Processes and appliances for productive uses (agriculture, mobility and industry). #6: Innovative solutions for priority domestic uses (clean cooking and cold chain). #7: Production and utilisation of Green Hydrogen.
Eligible type of research and TRL		Type of research: fundamental and basic research TRL: 1 to 4
Submission of proposal /documentation at national/regional level		<u>At the pre-proposal stage</u> applicants may consult the Polish team's budget table with NCN project officers no later than January 22, 2026. <u>At the full proposal stage</u> , applicants must submit their national proposals in the Polish submission system (OSF).





Eligible costs (personnel cost, materials, travel cost, workshops, sub-contracting...)	Applicants may apply for funding of costs relevant, necessary, and directly connected to the proposed research project, including: • Salaries and scholarships (including post-doc positions and scholarships/salaries for students and PhD students). <u>Centernote:</u> Limits apply depending on the size of the research team - please refer to the UNISONO Resolution (no. 74/2025 of the Council of National Science Centre, dated September 11, 2025). If the principal investigator is also the coordinator of an international consortium submitting a joint proposal the budget of salaries and scholarships may be increased. • Research equipment, devices and software: applicants may seek funding for research equipment up to PLN 500 000 per unit. • Other direct costs: materials and consumables, outsourcing and subcontracting, business trips, visits and consultations, collective investigators, other costs; • Overheads: Indirect costs of open access of up to 2% of direct costs that may be spent on open access to publications and research data; other indirect costs of up to 20% of direct costs that may be spent on costs that are related indirectly to the research project, including the cost of open access to publications and research data.
Maximum funding per project/per Partner (local currency and Euro amounts)	n/a
Additional eligibility criteria	The Principal Investigator of the Polish research team shall hold at least a PhD degree when submitting the national proposal to NCN. Other eligibility criteria regarding the Polish PI are described in Chapter IV of the UNISONO Resolution (no. 74/2025 of the Council of National Science Centre, dated September 11, 2025). In case the enterprise/company applies for funding, the state aid rules apply. Please check the state aid rules. For full details of NCN requirements, please refer to the Call Announcement published on the NCN website.

b) Funding rates

Maximum funding percentages:





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Type of research	Large Enterprises	Medium Enterprises	Small Enterprises	Academia, associations without economic activities, public authorities *
Fundamental research	100%	100%	100%	100%
Basic research	100%	100%	100%	100%
Industrial/Applied Research	No	No	No	No



**LEAP-SE****ROMANIA**

UEFISCDI



a) National eligibility criteria

National Contact Point	Name: Elena Simion Tel : +40 21 307 19 93 E-mail: elena.simion(at)uefiscdi.ro
Total funding committed (local currency and Euro amounts)	1.000.000 EUR (5.000.000 RON equivalent)
Eligible entities	Legal entities established in Romania are eligible to get funding - public and private accredited universities, national R&D institutes, other research organisations, SMEs, large industrial enterprises, according to the national requirements.
Eligible topics	All
Eligible type of research and TRL	UEFISCDI will fund strategic (basic) research, applied/industrial research, experimental development implemented by research organisations and/or SMEs, according to the national rules and to the State Aid legislation.
Submission of proposal /documentation at national/regional level	Not required
Eligible costs (personnel cost, materials, travel cost, workshops, sub-contracting...)	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. Equipment (in full compliance with state aid regulations), no more than 30% of the total funding from the public budget; D. Subcontracting (max. 25% of the total funding from the public budget); 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 max. 25% of direct costs, excluding subcontracting. Expenses are eligible if incurred after signature of the contract.





	To EU countries: no To Non-EU countries: no Subcontracting special tasks (i.e. IT services, etc): Yes, 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.
Maximum funding per project/per Partner (local currency and Euro amounts)	200.000 EUR (1.000.000 RON) for Romanian participant(s) as partner(s) in a consortium; 250.000 EUR (1.250.000 RON) for the Romanian participant(s) – if the project is coordinated by a Romanian entity.
Additional eligibility criteria	N/A

b) Funding rates

Maximum funding percentages:

Type of research	Large Enterprises	Medium Enterprises	Small Enterprises	Academia, associations without economic activities, public authorities *
Fundamental research	100%	100%	100%	100%
Basic research	100%	100%	100%	100%
Industrial/Applied Research	up to 65%	up to 75%	up to 80%	100%





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SLOVENIA



ARIS



b) National eligibility criteria

National Point	Contact	Name: Dr. Suzana Seaptefrati Tel: +386 1 400 59 11 E-mail: suzana.seaptefrati@aris-rs.si
Total committed funding (local currency and Euro amounts)		400.000 EUR
Eligible entities		Eligible beneficiary institutions (higher education institutions and research institutes) need to be registered at the ARIS register of research organizations and shall not be business sector entities. Business sector entities may apply; however, they need to ensure their own funding for participation. Eligible beneficiary institutions may participate in the consortium as Main Applicant or Co-Applicant. The Principal Investigator (i.e. project leader of the Slovenian team) shall be a researcher holding a PhD degree who: - meets the ARIS requirements for a project leader of a basic or applied research project; - is registered at the ARIS register of researchers; - is employed at the Slovenian research organization (applicant) or will be employed when signing the grant contract at the latest. All participating researchers have to be registered at the ARIS register of researchers and must have available research hours according to the applicable ARIS rules.
Eligible topics		Projects concerning the following MARS: MAR 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
Eligible type of research and TRL		ARIS will only fund strategic (basic/ fundamental) research.
Submission of proposal /documentation at		All Slovenian applicants at the pre-proposal and full proposal stage are invited to contact ARIS as the applicant eligibility and proposed budget should be examined





national/regional level	by ARIS prior to official submission.
Eligible costs (personnel cost, materials, travel cost, workshops, sub-contracting...)	Eligible costs for Slovenian partners are: – personnel costs (including social security, health, pension and other contributions according to national legislation); – material costs (travel and meeting costs, consumables, dissemination and knowledge exchange costs, other costs); – depreciation costs. Slovenian teams will be financed as price category A, B, C or D projects. The total sum of research hours is calculated by dividing the total grant sum by the value of research full time equivalent for the chosen price category of the project (A, B, C or D) in accordance with the national regulation concerning the funding of research activities from the budget of the Republic of Slovenia. Overhead is calculated up to 25% of all eligible costs calculated at the level of the chosen project category (without subcontracting costs) being a consistent part of the total grant sum. The calculation of overhead thus lowers individual category of eligible costs in a proportional manner. Overhead costs are used for covering the running costs of the research organization related to the implementation of the project. http://www.aris-rs.si/sl/medn/ http://www.aris-rs.si/sl/akti/
Maximum funding per project/per Partner (local currency and Euro amounts)	200.000 EUR per project.
Additional eligibility criteria	The earliest start of the project should be after 31 December 2026.

b) Funding rates

Maximum funding percentages:





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Type of research	Large Enterprises	Medium Enterprises	Small Enterprises	Academia, associations without economic activities
Fundamental research	-	-	-	100%
Basic research	-	-	-	100%
Industrial/Applied Research	-	-	-	-



**LEAP-SE****TÜRKİYE****TUBITAK**

a) National eligibility criteria

National Contact Point	Name: Dr. Hanife TUZCUOĞLU E-mail: leap-se@tubitak.gov.tr
Total funding committed (local currency and Euro amounts)	800.000 Euros
Eligible entities	- Higher education institutions, - Training and research hospitals, - Public institutions and organisations (including city, metropolitan and district municipalities) - SMEs and large companies established in Türkiye
Eligible topics	All MARs
Eligible type of research and TRL	Type of research: strategic (basic) research, applied research, experimental development TRL: 2-8
Submission of proposal /documentation at national/regional level	https://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr/
Eligible costs (personnel cost, materials, travel cost, workshops, sub-contracting...)	Personnel, travel, equipment/tool/software, consultancy and service procurement, consumables are eligible for funding.
Maximum funding per project/per Partner (local currency and Euro amounts)	Funding amount per project excluding Project Incentive Premium and overhead costs: 200.000 EUR • Per organization: For higher education institutions, training and research hospitals and public institutions and organisations (including city, metropolitan and district municipalities): - In case of being a “coordinator” in an international consortium: 125.000 EUR - In case of being a “partner” in an international consortium: 100.000 EUR





	For Private entities: 200.000 EUR Turkish small and medium sized enterprises can receive 75% of the approved budget; Turkish large-scale enterprises can receive 60% of the approved budget. Higher education institutions, training and research hospitals and public institutions and organisations can receive 100% of the approved budget. Requested funding from TÜBİTAK is obtained by multiplying the project budget with the support rate. In the budget section of the international application, for institutions eligible to receive “Proje Teşvik İkramiyesi (Project Incentive Premium – PIP)” and “Kurum Hissesi (overhead)”: - The PIP amount shall be included under the “personnel cost” section of the budget. Expenses such as scholarships and temporary staff wages shall also be entered under the “personnel cost” section. - The Kurum Hissesi shall be recorded under the “overhead” category.
Additional eligibility criteria	National “1071 Programme - Support Programme for Increasing Capacity to Benefit from International Research Funds and Participation in International R&D Cooperation” Programme will be implemented. Further information will be announced on http://www.ufukavrupa.org.tr and www.tubitak.gov.tr Form B, included in the international application, is not required for Turkish stakeholders

b) Funding rates

Maximum funding percentages:

Type of research	Large Enterprises	Medium Enterprises	Small Enterprises	Academia, associations without economic activities, public authorities *
Fundamental research	60%	75%	75%	100%*
Basic research	60%	75%	75%	100%*
Industrial/Applied Research	60%	75%	75%	100%*

* Associations without economic activities, NGOs are not funded by TÜBİTAK.





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UNITED KINGDOM

UKRI

UK Research
and Innovation

a) National eligibility criteria

National Point	Contact	Name: Georgina Tyson & Caroline Ward Tel: N/A E-mail: internationalfunds enquiries@ukri.org
Total funding committed (local currency and Euro amounts)		£3m (≈ 3,4M €)
Eligible entities		Research organisations eligible for UKRI funding – UKRI
Eligible topics		Projects concerning the following MARS: (all) • Assessment of Renewable Energy Sources and integration of RES in sustainable energy scenarios • End-of-life and second-life management and environmental impact of RE components • Smart stand-alone systems • Smart grid (different scales) for off grid application • Processes and appliances for productive uses (agriculture, mobility and industry) • Innovative solutions for priority domestic uses (clean cooking and cold chain) • Production and utilization of Green Hydrogen.
Eligible type of research and TRL		Fundamental Research Basic Research TRL 2-6 Terms and conditions for research grants – UKRI UKRI ISPF Grant Additional Conditions – ISPF Terms and Conditions UKRI Trusted Research and Innovation information: UKRI is committed in ensuring that effective international collaboration in research and innovation takes place with integrity and within strong ethical frameworks. Trusted Research and Innovation (TR&I) is a UKRI work programme designed to help protect all those working in our thriving and collaborative international sector by enabling partnerships to be as open as possible, and as secure as necessary. Our TR&I Principles set out UKRI's expectations of organisations funded by UKRI in relation to due diligence for international collaboration.





	As such, applicants for UKRI funding may be asked to demonstrate how their proposed projects will comply with our approach and expectation towards TR&I, identifying potential risks and the relevant controls you will put in place to help proportionately reduce these risks. Further guidance and information about TR&I – including where applicants can find additional support – can be found on UKRI’s website. Enhanced Due Diligence information: Under the UK’s anti-money laundering (AML) regime (regulation 33(1)(b)), any business relationship established with a person in a high-risk third country must be subject to enhanced due diligence (EDD). High-risk third countries for AML purposes The Law Society. Notwithstanding RGC 2.6.2 of the Terms and conditions for research grants – UKRI, such enhanced due diligence checks must be carried out if your consortium partners include, or you are entering into a partnership with any organisation based in, a high-risk country for AML purposes. Awards may be withdrawn if concerns come to light due to the enhanced due diligence checks. In the event that this support is withdrawn, we reserve the right to terminate awards at any time, having provided 3 months written notice.
Submission of proposal /documentation at national/regional level	The UK will not require applicants to submit to UKRI during application stage. The successful applications post-panel will need to submit to the UKRI Funding Service. UKRI will be in touch with successful applicants at the appropriate time to provide instructions.
Eligible costs (personnel cost, materials, travel cost, workshops, sub-contracting...)	Find out what costs are eligible for UKRI funding – UKRI Equipment costs will not be eligible for this call. Equipment refers to any item with a value exceeding £25,000. An “item of equipment” refers to a complete unit comprising all interconnected parts designed to operate together. Equipment must be purchased as a whole; it cannot be disaggregated to fall under the value threshold.
Maximum funding per project/per Partner (local currency and Euro amounts)	€400k (£352K) max 3 years. Start date must be 1st April 2027 only.
Additional eligibility criteria	This programme will form part of the UK’s ODA, as defined by the Development Assistance Committee of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. When applying to this funding opportunity it is important that you ensure your application is ODA compliant. It must be clear how the application is ODA eligible





	as defined by “administered with the promotion of the economic development and welfare of developing countries as its main objective”. https://www.ukri.org/what-we-do/international-funding/applying-for-official-development-assistance-oda-funding/
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b) Funding rates

Maximum funding percentages:

Type of research	Large Enterprises	Medium Enterprises	Small Enterprises	Academia, associations without economic activities, public authorities *
Fundamental research				80% fEC Principles of full economic costing (fEC)
Basic research				80% fEC Principles of full economic costing (fEC)
Industrial/Applied Research				

