



Revision of the national/regional funding requirements

If the Call text has been updated, the changes are tracked in the table below

Date	Update in funding requirement
14/01/2025	Version 1 published
30/01/2025	Version 2.0 of the funding requirements Update to STDF's national appendix page 6 on eligibility criteria for the PI The Principal Investigator (PI) must possess a doctoral degree (Ph.D.) and be an Egyptian national be an Egyptian Ph.D. holder , affiliated with an Egyptian research institution. Update of the national point of contact for FCT and addition of links to webinar presentation page 40-41 (Maria MAIA -> Stefano AMARAL)
03/03/2025	Version 2.1 of the funding requirements Update of MHESRS's national appendix page 23-24 Clarification of the eligible entities : Eligible entities: - Tunisian public research and higher education institutions. - Tunisian public research centers New additional eligibility criteria: Applicants are encouraged to submit proposals involving socio-economic partner such as SMEs, NGO, These organizations are not eligible to receive funding from MHESR.

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ALGERIA

MESRS



a) National eligibility criteria

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Total committed funding (local currency and Euro amounts)		300,000 €
Eligible entities		Specifications: Research entities (Research team, Research division, Research Centre, Research Unit, Research laboratory, Universities, socio-economic entities with R and D entities).
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		Contacting Algerian NCPs
Eligible costs (personnel cost, materials, travel cost, workshops, sub-contracting...)		Operating costs related to scientific research and technological development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reimbursement of costs, including those related to scientific events linked to research development (such as organization, accommodation, catering, and transport expenses), the costs for studies, work and services provided to the research entity, as well registration and participation fees for scientific events and conferences. • Furniture, equipment, tools, and scientific instruments. • Supplies, including electronic, mechanical, and audiovisual components, as well as consumables and laboratory materials. • Ancillary expenses, including database acquisition and subscription. • Vehicle fleet costs (vehicle and machine rental for field research). • Technological development expenses. • Acquisition of computer equipment, accessories, supplies, and software.





	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance of scientific and IT equipment, photocopiers, and printers. <p>For more informations on the budget criteria can be found at the following : https://www.dgrsdt.dz/storage/downloads/May2022/ikCbYikv32HIEwNQ7NPJ.xls</p>
Maximum funding per awarded project/per Partner (local currency and Euro amounts)	30 000 € / project
Additional eligibility criteria	Referring to Algerian Regulation

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%





EGYPT



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STDF

a) National eligibility criteria

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Total funding committed (local currency and Euro amounts)	Up to 1 M €
Eligible entities	Egyptian Research Institution (Universities, Research Centres)
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	- Applied Research, Experimental research - TRL: 2-6
Submission of proposal /documentation at national/regional level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Besides the original version of the pre-proposal/proposal submitted on the ANR platform, the Egyptian PI should submit another identical version of the pre-proposal/proposal on the STDF website (www.stdf.eg). It is a must in order to pass the eligibility stage. • Proposals must include the following documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project title - PI's name, position, and affiliation





	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 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, and prepared in accordance with the STDF template. The budget must be signed and stamped by the President of the university or research center.
Eligible costs (personnel cost, materials, travel cost, workshops, sub-contracting...)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 awarded project/per Partner (local currency and Euro amounts)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.





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	-	-	-	-
Industrial/Applied	-	-	-	100 %





MOROCCO



Royaume du Maroc
Ministère de l'Enseignement Supérieur,
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MESRSI

a) National eligibility criteria

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Total funding committed (local currency and Euro amounts)	500 000 €
Eligible entities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 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.
Eligible topics	MAR : 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
Eligible type of research and TRL	Type of research : Fundamental / Basic research, Industrial /Applied research, Experimental research. All TRL
Submission of proposal /documentation at national/regional level	/
Eligible costs (personnel cost, materials, travel cost, workshops, sub-contracting...)	(See below the eligible expenses table in French)





Maximum funding per 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 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. ✓ No levy by research institutions is allowed from the budget allocated to the research projects; ✓ Permanent staff can not 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 14 January 2016 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 can not exceed 60% of the total budget allocated to the Moroccan team; ✓ The budget requested for the first payment can not 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.

Eligible expenses table

Rubriques	Budget demandé (DH)	Premier versement (DH)	Deuxième versement (DH)
<i>Dépenses du personnel</i>			
Indemnités liées aux travaux de recherche et de prestation de service (Bourses des doctorants, CDD, ...)			
Taxes postales et frais d'affranchissement			
Taxes et redevances pour l'utilisation des lignes de réseaux spécifiques			
Taxes et redevances de télécommunications			
<i>Matériel, Mobilier de bureau et fournitures</i>			
Achat de fournitures de bureau, de papeterie et d'imprimés			
Achat de fournitures informatiques			
Achat de matériels informatiques			
Achat de matériels scientifiques			





Achat de matériels et mobilier de bureau			
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			

b) Funding rates

Maximum funding percentages:

Type of research	Large Enterprises	Medium Enterprises	Small Enterprises	Academia, associations without economic activities, public authorities 1 *
Fundamental research				100%
Basic research				100%
Industrial/Applied Research				100%





¹ See list of eligible entities above





MOROCCO

IRESEN



a) National eligibility criteria

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Total committed (local currency and Euro amounts)	funding (local currency and Euro amounts)	(3MMAD) ≈ 276k€
Eligible entities		Moroccan Large Medium and Small companies, universities, resarch centers, research institutions....
Eligible topics		Projects concerning the following MARs: 1,2,3,4,5,6 and 7
Eligible type of research and TRL		Industrial/applied research/experimental research/ Innovative 3≤TRL≤7
Submission of proposal /documentation at national/regional level		
Eligible costs (personnel cost, materials, travel cost, workshops, sub-contracting...)	costs	personnel cost, materials/equipment costs, travel cost, workshops, sub-contracting...
Maximum funding per project/per Partner (local currency and Euro amounts)	awarded	1.5 MMAD/750 KMAD 139 k€/ 71 k€ (If more than academic partner)
Additional eligibility criteria		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Market-Driven project • Project consortium must include at least one Moroccan business partner (private company, national agency) and one Moroccan scientific partner (research institute, university...).

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				
Industrial/Applied Research	The financial contribution to the project by Moroccan LMS companies, representing at least 1/3 of the total eligible expenses, must be justified by beneficiaries and can be provided through own financial resources, in-kind contributions, or human resources			100%





SENEGAL



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

a) National eligibility criteria

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Total funding committed (local currency and Euro amounts)	150.000.000 CFA (cent cinquante millions francs CFA) ≈ 229.000 Euros
Eligible entities	All Senegalese's research institutions and industrial enterprises
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 National level : Fonds d'impulsion de la recherche scientifique et technique (FIRST)
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
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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	100%	100%		30%
Basic research	100%	100%		15%
Industrial/Applied Research	100%	100%	100%	55%





REPUBLIQUE DU SENEGAL



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MINISTERE DE L'ENSEIGNEMENT SUPERIEUR, DE LA RECHERCHE ET DE L'INNOVATION

DIRECTION GENERALE DE LA RECHERCHE ET DE L'INNOVATION

DIRECTION DU FINANCEMENT, DE LA RECHERCHE SCIENTIFIQUE ET DU DEVELOPPEMENT TECHNOLOGIQUE

Fonds d'Impulsion de la Recherche Scientifique et Technique (FIRST)

FIRST Eligibility criteria

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;
- 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.

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SOUTH AFRICA



DSTI - NRF

a) National eligibility criteria

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Total committed funding (local currency and Euro amounts)	R 10 500 000 (around 550 000 €)
Eligible entities	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 university funding: University of Limpopo (UL), University of Fort Hare (UFH), University of Venda (Univen), Walter Sisulu University (WSU), University of the Western Cape (UWC), University of Zululand (UniZulu), Mangosuthu University of Technology (MUT), and Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University (SMU).</p>





	In terms of human capital development, PIs must ensure the involvement of young scientists (i.e., doctoral and postdoctoral students) in their projects. Additionally, attention must be paid to gender equality, ensuring a balanced involvement of female and male researchers and the inclusion of previously disadvantaged individuals.
Eligible topics	<p>Only proposals submitted under the following MARs will be funded:</p> <p>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</p>
Eligible type of research and TRL	<p>Only proposals for the following TRLs will be funded:</p> <p>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).</p>
Submission of proposal /documentation at national/regional level	<p><u>Procedure for Submitting the Pre-Proposal:</u></p> <p>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 March 27, 2025, at 16:00:00 CET.</p> <p>South African applicants requesting funding from the NRF are not expected 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 next paragraph.</p> <p><u>Procedure for Submitting a Full Proposal:</u></p> <p>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 September 11, 2025, at 16:00:00 CEST.</p> <p>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 1 July 2025 for the submission of full proposals and close on Monday, 1 September 2025.</p>





<p>Eligible costs (personnel cost, materials, travel cost, workshops, sub-contracting...)</p>	<p>NRF funds can be used to cover the following costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Research and development-related activities - Knowledge sharing costs (science engagement) <p>NRF funds can only be used to support research activities executed by the South African members of the consortium.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Maximum funding per project/per Partner (local currency and Euro amounts)</p>	<p>R 1 500 000 (around 80 000 €)</p>
<p>Additional eligibility criteria</p>	<p><u>Science Engagement</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p><u>Intellectual Property</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p><u>Ethical Considerations</u></p>





	<p>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/.</p> <p><u>Protection of personal information</u></p> <p>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.</p>
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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%





TUNISIA

MHESR



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General Directorate for Scientific Research



a) National eligibility criteria

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Total committed (local currency and Euro amounts)	funding	400 000 €
Eligible entities		Tunisian public research and higher education institutions. Tunisian 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 (personnel costs cost,	costs	Eligible costs are those spent directly by the project partner during the duration of the project and used exclusively for achieving the objectives of the project. All





materials, travel cost, workshops, sub-contracting...)	expenses must be incurred between the start date and the end date of the project and must be limited to the allocated budget the following expenses would be eligible: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 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)	100 000 €
Additional eligibility criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- If several Tunisian partners are in the same project, the budget will be shared between them.- The coordinator/ Principal Investigator (PI) should be full professor or associate professor (maître de conférences) and must belong to a public research laboratory.- 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.- The duration of the project should not exceed 3 years.- The conditions for the execution and financing of the projects, upon completion of the selection process, will be defined in the grant award agreements. The coordinator or the PI of the selected project for financing will sign an agreement with the MHESR/General Directorate of Scientific Research.- The Tunisian coordinators or the PI(s) should send their annual and final reports to the MHESR without any prior notification.- Applicants are encouraged to submit proposals involving socio-economic partner such as SMEs, NGO, These organizations are not eligible to





	receive funding from MHESR.
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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				
Basic research				
Industrial/Applied Research				

*** The Tunisian Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research only funds research and innovation projects of public research institutions at a rate of 100%.**






FUNDING AFRICAN COUNTRIES NOT PARTICIPATING TO THE CALL



LGI Sustainable Innovation

a) National eligibility criteria

National Point	<p>Contact</p> <p>Name: LEVEQUE Léonard Tel : +33(0)744400768 E-mail: leonard.leveque(at)lgi.earth</p> <p>Name: VIDELO Mathilde Tel: E-mail: mathilde.videlo(at)lgi.earth</p> <p>Applicants should contact LGI before applying </p>
Total funding committed (local currency and Euro amounts)	600 000 euros
Eligible entities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • African public research organizations • African Universities • African private research institutes • African companies, see b) Funding rates • African local authorities (municipalities, metropolitan areas, regions) <p><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></p>
Eligible topics	<p>Projects concerning the following MARS:</p> <p>MARS Numbers : MAR 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7</p> <p># 1: Assessment of Renewable Energy Sources and integration of RES in sustainable energy scenarios</p> <p># 2: End-of-life and second-life management and environmental impact of RE components</p> <p># 3: Smart stand-alone systems and on-grid auto-consumption systems</p>





	# 4: Smart grid (different scales) for off grid application # 5: Innovative solutions for priority domestic uses (clean cooking and cold chain) # 6: Processes and appliances for productive uses (agriculture and industry) # 7: Production and utilisation of Green Hydrogen
Eligible type of research and TRL	TRL- 3 to 8
Submission of proposal /documentation at national/regional level	Applicants should contact LGI before applying
Eligible costs (personnel cost, materials, travel cost, workshops, sub-contracting...)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personnel costs • Operational costs • Indirect costs (10% of personnel + operational costs)
Maximum funding per awarded project/per Partner (local currency and Euro amounts)	100 000 € 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%





AUSTRIA



FFG - Austrian Research Promotion Agency

a) National eligibility criteria

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Total funding committed (local currency and Euro amounts)	300.000 EUR
Eligible entities	<p><u>In general:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) <p><u>Specifications:</u> At least one 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.</p>
Eligible topics	Projects concerning MAR3 and MAR4
Eligible type of research and TRL	<p><u>Type of research:</u> Industrial research, applied research, experimental development TRL 2-8</p> <p><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).</p>
Submission of proposal / Documentation at national/regional level	Yes
Eligible costs (personnel cost, materials, travel cost, workshops, sub-contracting...)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personnel costs • Indirect costs (up to 25% as surcharge on all cost categories besides third-party costs) • Use of R&D infrastructure o Cost of materials • Travel Costs





	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Third Party Costs <p>The national rules on eligible costs for Austrian participants are available at the FFG website: www.ffg.at/kostenleitfaden</p>
Maximum funding per awarded project/per Partner (local currency and Euro amounts)	300.000 EUR
Additional eligibility criteria	<p>Further information on conditions and restrictions can be found in the documents at the national call website: www.ffg.at/leap-se</p> <p>Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact FFG before submitting a pre-proposal.</p> <p>In parallel to the submission of the joint proposal by the coordinator, a simplified national application is to be submitted via the FFG electronic submission system eCall by participants requesting funding by FFG (both in the pre-proposal and in the full proposal stage).</p> <p>National application via eCall in addition to the central submission is mandatory:</p> <p><u>National submission deadline pre-proposals:</u> 1 April 2025</p> <p><u>National submission deadline full proposals:</u> 16 September 2025</p> <p>Please consult the FFG Call Website for detailed information: www.ffg.at/leap-se</p>

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%





BELGIUM



F.R.S.-FNRS

a) National eligibility criteria

National Contact Point	Name: Mr. Joël GROENEVELD Tel : +32 2 504 9270 E-mail: joel.groeneveld@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	Projects concerning the following MARs: 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 <u>the general deadline of LEAP-SE call to be eligible</u> . 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 project/per awarded	The maximum amount of requested funding per project is 300.000 € for a total period of three years.





Partner (local currency and Euro amounts)	
Additional eligibility criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please note that personnel costs (Article III.6) have an annual average cap of 80 000 € for this call. • For “overhead” costs: Operating expenses: up to 1% within the granted budget. 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 and public research institutions, see Annex of PINT-MULTI regulations *
Fundamental research	/	/	/	100 %
Basic research	/	/	/	100 %
Industrial/Applied Research	/	/	/	/





FRANCE



ANR

a) National eligibility criteria

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Total funding committed (local currency and Euro amounts)		1 500 000 €
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. 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
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.
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/
Maximum funding per project/per awarded		500 000 € per project as a maximum in exceptional and highly justified cases. However, ANR expects typical funding requests per project to





Partner (local currency and Euro amounts)	range between 200 000 and 350 000 €, depending on the number of ANR-funded partners involved and whether the coordinator of the project is funded by ANR or not. The minimum funding is 15 000 €.
Additional eligibility criteria and requirements	<p>See: https://anr.fr/fr/rf/</p> <p>ACCESS TO GENETIC RESOURCES AND BENEFIT-SHARING: Funded teams participating in projects falling within the scope of the regulations on access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing will be required to provide evidence to demonstrate compliance with these obligations and must ensure that all data relating to such genetic resources or associated traditional knowledge are kept in order to demonstrate that the necessary due diligence has been exercised.</p> <p>Countries subject to sanction(s) by the European Union authorities are excluded from this call. At the time of publication, these countries include the following: Belarus, Russia. If entities from these countries are Partners in an application in which one or several Partners request ANR support, ANR will deem the latter ineligible. The list might evolve and application measures be taken accordingly.</p> <p>Financial reports must be communicated to ANR according to the provisions of the ANR Funding regulations.</p> <p>The DMP (Data management plan) must be transmitted to ANR and updated during the course of the project according to the provisions of the ANR Funding regulations.</p>

b) Funding rates

Maximum funding percentages:

Type of research	Large Enterprises	Medium Enterprises	Small Enterprises	Academia, associations without economic activities, public authorities *
Fundamental research	30%	45%	45%	See ANR funding regulations
Basic research	30%	45%	45%	See ANR funding regulations
Industrial/Applied Research	30%	35-45%	35-45%	See ANR funding regulations

Please note that the above information are summarized and translated from official relevant documents and regulations (“*Modalités de participation pour les partenaires sollicitant une aide de l’ANR*” and the ANR Funding regulations). In case of inconsistencies, the terms of the latter shall prevail.





FRANCE



ARI - Agence Régionale d'innovation de la Reunion

a) National eligibility criteria

National Point	Contact	Jerome NASSIBOU +262 692 49 86 42 Jerome.n(at)lareunioninnovation.re
Total committed funding (local currency and Euro amounts)		100 000 €
Eligible entities		Reunion Island entities as following, are eligible: - 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: MAR 1,3,4,6,
Eligible type of research and TRL		Fundamental/Basic Research, Industrial/Applied, Research/experimental development TRL 2-8
Submission of proposal /documentation at national/regional level		ARI's Funding regulations aligns with ANR's. For detailed informations, please consult : "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.
Eligible costs (personnel cost, materials, travel cost, workshops, sub-contracting...)		ARI 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. ARI's Funding regulations aligns with ANR's. for more details see: https://anr.fr/fr/rf/





Maximum funding per project/per Partner (local currency and Euro amounts)	100 000 € per project as a maximum in exceptional and highly justified cases. However, ARI expects typical funding requests per project to range between 20 000 and 50 000 €, depending on the number of ARI-funded partners involved and whether the coordinator of the project is funded by ARI or not. The minimum funding is 15 000 €.
Additional eligibility criteria	Eligibility criteria for ARI follows ANR's. See https://anr.fr/fr/rf/

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%	See ANR funding regulations
Basic research	40%	50%	60%	See ANR funding regulations
Industrial/Applied Research	60%	70%	80%	See ANR funding regulations

Please note that the above information are summarized and translated from official relevant documents and regulations (“*Modalités de participation pour les partenaires sollicitant une aide de l’ANR*” and the ANR Funding regulations). In case of inconsistencies, the terms of the latter shall prevail.





GERMANY



JUELICH-PtJ

a) National eligibility criteria

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Total committed funding (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: 2 to 6	
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...)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Personnel costs o Operational costs o Investment costs o Indirect costs (10% of personnel + operational 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	<p>7. Energieforschungsprogramm der Bundesregierung (7. EFP) The regulations of the BMBF Call within the 7.EFP apply: https://www.bmbf.de/foerderungen/bekanntmachung-2337.html .</p> <p>The JUELICH-PtJ is committed to avoid double funding. We take into account all projects (finished and running) funded by German Ministries.</p> <p><u>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.</u></p>
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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	No	No	No	No
Basic research	50	60	70	100
Industrial/Applied Research	50	60	70	100





ITALY



MUR – Ministero dell'università e della Ricerca

a) National eligibility criteria

National Contact Point	Name: Rachele Nocera E-mail: rachele.nocera(at)mur.gov.it
Total funding committed (local currency and Euro amounts)	€ 600.000,00
Eligible entities	The following legal entities having stable organization in Italy are eligible: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: MAR#1. Assessment of Renewable Energy Sources and integration of RES in sustainable energy scenarios MAR#3. Smart stand-alone systems (SAS) MAR#4. Smart grid (different scale) for off grid application MAR#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. However, Basic Research and 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/ [NEW PLATFORM – ACCESS WITH 'SPID' REQUIRED]





	<p>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.</p> <p>More information on the national documentation to be submitted to MUR is available at the web page dedicated to the LEAP-SE JC2025: [TBD]</p> <p>It is recommended to contact the National Contact Persons already in early stage of project preparation.</p> <p>The admission to funding is subject to the adoption of the necessary accounting and administrative measures for the allocation of the resources.</p>
<p>Eligible costs (personnel cost, materials, travel cost, workshops, sub-contracting...)</p>	<p>All costs incurred during the lifetime of the project under the following categories are eligible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 (“Spese generali”) calculated at 25% flat rate of all direct costs excluding cost category B) Consulting and equivalent services [E) = 25% of (A) + C.1) + C.2) + C.3]]
<p>Maximum funding per project/per Partner (local currency and Euro amounts)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MINIMUM funding request: € 100.000,00 per project • MAXIMUM funding request: € 150.000,00 per project
<p>Additional eligibility criteria</p>	<p>Applicants shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 "D.Lgs. n 159 del 6/09/2011 e successive modificazioni ed integrazioni" • 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) <p>Applicants shall demonstrate their viability and financial soundness regarding their own contribution to the project.</p> <p>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</p>





	<p>not fulfilled, the applicant can be funded only if a bank guarantee is provided:</p> <p>a) $CN > (CP - I)/2$</p> <p>Where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CN = net assets (Capitale netto) • 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 <p>b) $OF/F < 8\%$</p> <p>Where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OF = financial charges (Oneri finanziari) • F = turnover (Fatturato)
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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	NOT FUNDED	NOT FUNDED	NOT FUNDED	NOT FUNDED
Basic research	70%			
Industrial/Applied Research	70%			
Experimental Development	25%			





PORTUGAL



FCT

Information type	Details
National Contact Point	Name: Stefano Amaral Phone: +351 213524345 e-mail: Stefano.Amaral(at)fct.pt
Applicable regulation	Applications requesting funding from FCT under this call will be subject to Regulation on projects funded solely by national funds as amended by the Regulation no. 5/2024, of 3 January, hereinafter referred to as FCT Regulation, which amends and republishes Regulation no. 999/2016, of 31 October, and to other applicable national and EU legislation.
Eligible topics	All
Eligible type of research and TRL	1-8
Type of beneficiaries	For information on the type of beneficiaries eligible for FCT funding under this call, see article 3 of FCT Regulation .
Criteria of beneficiaries' eligibility	For information on the criteria of beneficiaries' eligibility, see article 5 of FCT Regulation .
Criteria of projects' eligibility	For information on the criteria of projects' eligibility, see article 6 of FCT Regulation .
Funding allocation to be granted and conditions	FCT budget allocation for this call is 300 000,00€. The maximum amount of funding to be requested to FCT by a consortium with a Portuguese Main Applicant is 250 000,00€ . The maximum amount of funding to be requested to FCT by a consortium with a Portuguese Project Applicant is 150 000,00€ . If more than one Portuguese applicant participating in the same international consortium applies for funding by FCT, the combined funding demanded by all the Portuguese applicants may not exceed the maximum financial threshold for proposals with a Portuguese Coordinator (250 000,00€) or with a Portuguese Partner (150 000,00€). Portuguese Coordinator and/or Partners in the same international consortium will therefore have to share the funding that will be granted by FCT. For information on funding rates, see no. 2 of article 7 of FCT Regulation .
Limits to the number of applications to be submitted by the RC and the beneficiary	The maximum number of applications submitted by the same investigator is one as coordinator and one as partner, as indicated in the call text. There is no limit for participation as partner.





Rules and limits to the expense eligibility	<p>For the purposes of defining the budget, the terms defined in article 8 of FCT Regulation apply to eligible expenses and in article 9 to non-eligible expenses.</p> <p>Excluded from the range of eligible expenses are the salaries and other remuneration supplements of teachers, researchers and other staff with a previously established indefinite contract with the Public Administration.</p> <p>Expenditure on adapting buildings and facilities is limited to a maximum of 10% of the project's total eligible expenses.</p> <p>The project's indirect costs are based on the application of a flat rate of 25% of the direct eligible costs.</p>
Rules and limits to the expense eligibility	<p>For the purposes of defining the budget, the terms defined in article 8 of FCT Regulation apply to eligible expenses and in article 9 to non-eligible expenses.</p> <p>Excluded from the range of eligible expenses are the salaries and other remuneration supplements of teachers, researchers and other staff with a previously established indefinite contract with the Public Administration.</p> <p>Expenditure on adapting buildings and facilities is limited to a maximum of 10% of the project's total eligible expenses.</p> <p>The project's indirect costs are based on the application of a flat rate of 25% of the direct eligible costs.</p>
Applicable forms of payment	<p>In accordance with no. 1 of article 7 of the FCT Regulation, the funding to be granted to proposals requesting funding from FCT under this call is non-reimbursable and is based on real costs. As such it must be justified through invoices paid or other accounting documents of similar probatory value, under the terms of no. 5 of article 8 of FCT Regulation.</p>
Additional eligibility criteria	<p>Statement of Commitment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within 10 working days after the deadline for submitting the pre-proposal, a Statement of Commitment duly signed by the Researcher in Charge (partner and/or coordinators) and by the legal representant of the Portuguese Proposing Institution must be sent to Maria.Maia@fct.pt. • The stamp or white seal of the Portuguese Proposing Institution will not be required on a digitally signed Statement of Commitment, as long as it is signed, in the Autenticação.gov application, with professional attributes that identify the functions performed by the signatory. <p>Portuguese applicants of transnational consortia that <u>do not apply for funding from FCT</u> do not need to submit the Statement of Commitment to FCT.</p> <p>The percentage of time dedicated to transnational projects will not be added to the percentage of time dedicated to existing national projects.</p>

The webinar presentation in Portuguese is on FCT page dedicated to LEAP-SE call

In Portuguese: <https://www.fct.pt/concursos/concurso-2025-leap-se-cooperacao-europa-africa-em-energia-sustentavel>

In English <https://www.fct.pt/en/concursos/concurso-2025-leap-se-cooperacao-europa-africa-em-energia-sustentavel>





ROMANIA



UEFISCDI



a) National eligibility criteria

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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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a) National eligibility criteria

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Total committed (local currency and Euro amounts)	funding	1.000.000 €
Eligible entities		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 payment and overhead costs: 250.000 EUR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Per organization: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For higher education institutions, training and research hospitals and public institutions and organisations (including city, metropolitan and district municipalities): 125.000 EUR - For Private entities: 250.000 EUR





	Detailed information can be found in the “ LEAP-SE 2025 YILI ORTAK ÇAĞRISI ULUSAL BAŞVURU KURALLARI (in Turkish) ” document.
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

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.**

