



*CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2020 BY THE JPI MYBL*

***Equality And Wellbeing Across Generations  
(EWG)***

**GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS**

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## List of Acronyms

In the 2020 EWG call for research proposals and all its related documents, the following terminology and abbreviations apply:

<b>Funding Organisation (FO)</b>	Organisation from participating country represented on Call Steering Committee
<b>Funding Authority (FA)</b>	The body of a participating country awarding the funding for the call
<b>Joint Call Secretariat (JCS)</b>	Secretariat providing tasks outlined in this document to support the call
<b>Call Steering Committee (CSC)</b>	Board of mandated representatives from every FO
<b>Coordinator</b>	Main contact person of the project consortium with the JCS, also a Project Investigator
<b>Project Investigator</b>	Researcher in a project consortium who co-submits the proposal
<b>Consortium</b>	Group of Project Investigators engaged in a specific project proposal
<b>Remote Evaluator</b>	Evaluator assigned to perform an online evaluation of a specific proposal
<b>Scientific Expert Committee (SEC)</b>	Panel of scientific experts who will rank proposals
<b>Electronic Submission Platform (ESP)</b>	Online platform for receiving and reviewing project proposals

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## I. Introduction

The **Joint Programming Initiative "More Years Better Lives - The Potential and Challenges of Demographic Change"** (JPI MYBL) is a pan-European and Canadian intergovernmental initiative gathering European countries and Canada to jointly coordinate European and national research programmes related to demographic change and fund new transnational research initiatives. Areas affected by demographic change cover a wide range of research fields and policy topics ranging from health to social welfare, education and learning, work and productivity to housing, urban and rural development and mobility.

The JPI "More Years, Better Lives" therefore follows a transnational, multi-disciplinary approach bringing together different research programmes and researchers from various disciplines in order to provide solutions for the upcoming challenges and make use of the potential of societal change in Europe and Canada.

This funding opportunity serves to inform policymaking. It must therefore address questions which are important, or likely to be important in the future, to decision making by government (at national, regional and/or local level), employers, and civil society bodies, summarised as "societal actors" below. The objective should be not only to properly describe the demographic challenges, but also to contribute to addressing them. Achieving this relevance, without compromising research quality, calls for close cooperation between policymakers and researchers.

Before starting the submission process, please read carefully these Guidelines for Applicants, including the Call Text and the Research Topics, as well as the relevant transnational and national eligibility criteria and budgetary criteria (see Annex). Electronic proposal submission is mandatory.

## II. Content of the EWG call for proposals

### Background

Major demographic change is taking place across Europe and Canada. Rising life expectancy and falling fertility rates are changing family sizes and structures, and the length and nature of working life, while economic, political and environmental pressures are causing new patterns of migration into and within Canada and the European continent.

These changes can increase inequality, bringing greater opportunities for some people, but fewer for others. Since high levels of inequality are damaging to both individuals and society, the Joint Programming Initiative "More Years, Better Lives" seeks to identify who benefits and who loses from demographic change. We are interested in how these inequalities are changing, how they can be avoided, and solidarity sustainably supported, through both policy and practice.

For this Call on Equality and Wellbeing across Generations (EWG), one key change is in the relationship between generations. Historical assumptions about mutual responsibilities and benefits may no longer be valid as we move from a three generation society to a four or five generation one.

This Call therefore seeks proposals for research which will enhance our understanding of:

- How demographic change is altering the implicit contract between generations?



- How policy can ensure that change results in a reduction, rather than an increase, in inequality?

### *Research Topics*

More specifically, this call is interested in three aspects of inequality. Proposals may choose to focus on one, two or all three of these:

1. **Income and wealth:** extending working life changes the distribution of income and wealth between generations. Income in later life is very unevenly distributed on the basis of previous employment, earnings, and the structure of different pension systems. Patterns of intergenerational inheritance change as people spend longer in retirement, and as the costs of social care impact on savings. Different national patterns of housing tenure also have differing implications for wealth and inheritance.
2. **Caring responsibilities:** a high proportion of older people (especially, but not only women) undertake caring responsibilities, for parents, children, or partners. Caring can be emotionally rewarding, but when it makes heavy physical or emotional demands, it can have a seriously damaging effect on mental and physical health, and on employment opportunities of the carer, especially where they are caring simultaneously for children and elders. A particular feature of caring is that needs can arise, and end, unexpectedly, giving little time for carers to plan and manage other commitments.
3. **Social and political participation:** in many countries older people are more likely than young people to participate in formal political processes. However, many are disengaged, especially in later life, and some feel that their interests and concerns are underrepresented in political decision making. Older people are also more vulnerable to social isolation and loneliness, with less support from younger generations than in the past. The problem is exacerbated as friends and partners die, and mobility reduces. Sense of identity and security can also be challenged as neighbourhoods change, becoming younger, or possibly poorer. This is an issue both in urban environments and in rural areas, in declining communities (where the young have moved away), or without access to public or private transport.

### *Contents & Methods*

In addressing these topics we expect proposals to pay particular attention to cross-cutting issues of **gender, cultural background\*** and **socio-economic background**, all of which have a major bearing on inequalities. Proposals should consider the inclusion of one, two or all of these issues in their research as an absolute requirement.

Where relevant, applicants are encouraged to consider other issues which may be of relevance: the impact of characteristics such as disability, changing health and welfare systems, retirement and housing policies, and the ways in which people's circumstances are affected by life events, like divorce, migration, unemployment and bereavement. This is not an exhaustive list and applicants are urged to think carefully about the most relevant issues to their chosen topic/s

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\* meaning factors that may shape an individual's upbringing including, but not limited to, national origin, nationality, race, ethnicity, religion and language



Interdisciplinary collaboration in unusual and innovative combinations is encouraged. This call gives special attention to practical applications of research to enable and accelerate policy development in the face of demographic change. In addition, we expect the European and Canadian transnational collaboration of researchers for this call to result in submissions with a comparative perspective.

The engagement of societal actors in co-design and/or co-production throughout the proposal is highly encouraged, as appropriate to the chosen subject of research. Engaging with relevant end-users, such as government agencies and service providers, as participants can add value to a proposal's potential to impact policy and attitudes at any level of society. This engagement is encouraged in all phases of the proposal, from the formulation of research questions to the production and dissemination of research outcomes.

### *Relevance of COVID-19*

The Funding Organisations acknowledge the relevance of the COVID-19 pandemic to the topic of this call. The pandemic has brought a refreshed focus on the relationship and inequalities between and within generations and on the responsibilities of generations to one another. The virus and the measures put in place to stop its spread are having differential impacts both between and within generations. This includes in key areas of daily life that are addressed as topics of this call - income and wealth, caring responsibilities, and social and political participation. The primary focus of proposals to this call should still be the research topics and cross-cutting issues set out in the call text above. However, proposals can, and where appropriate should, recognise the COVID-19 pandemic as an important contextual factor in the research that is proposed.

### **III. Participating Countries and Funding Scheme**

Below are the countries that are aiming to fund the EWG call, with their respective institution. They are planning to commit a total budget for this call of approximately 6.736.000€.

The funding of project consortia in successful applications will come through a coordinated scheme where each funding organisation will fund its own national researchers (called the "virtual common pot" system).

Country	Funding Organisation	FUNDING COMMITMENT (EUR)
Austria	The Austrian Research Promotion Agency (Österreichische Forschungsförderungsgesellschaft, FFG) on behalf of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research (Bundesministerium für Bildung, Wissenschaft und Forschung, BMBWF)	386000€
Belgium	Belgian Science Policy Office (BELSPO)	600000€
Canada	Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)	340000€



Finland	Academy of Finland (AKA)	500000€
France	French National Research Agency (ANR)	500000€
Germany	Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)	800000€
Latvia	Ministry of Education and Science (IZM)	300000€
Norway	Research Council of Norway (RCN)	ca. 10,000,000 NOK: ca. 2,500,000 NOK on <i>Caring responsibilities</i> and ca. 7,500,000 NOK <i>Income and wealth</i>
Spain	State Research Agency – Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI)	350000€
Sweden	Swedish Research Council for Health, Working Life and Welfare (FORTE)	840000€
UK	Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), part of UK Research and Innovation (UKRI)	1120000€

It is important to note that not all countries participating in this call are providing funding for all topics. A proposal can address multiple topics, but researchers can only receive funding for their activities related to a topic funded by their national funding organisation. If your proposal addresses multiple topics, your participation is only eligible for the topics that are selected by your national Funding Organisation. Therefore you should consult the following table to align your activities with the topics funded by your national Funding Organisation:

Funding Country	Funding Organisation	Income and Wealth	Caring Responsibilities	Social and Political Participation
Austria	Bundesministerium für Bildung, Wissenschaft und Forschung (BMBWF)/Österreichische Forschungsförderungsgesellschaft (FFG)	✓	✓	✓
Belgium	Belgian Science Policy Office (BELSPO)	✓	✗	✓
Canada	Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)	✗	✓	✗
Finland	Academy of Finland (AKA)	✓	✓	✓



France	French National Research Agency (ANR)	✓	✓	✓
Germany	Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)	✗	✓	✗
Latvia	Ministry of Education and Science (IZM)	✓	✓	✓
Norway	Research Council of Norway (RCN)	✓	✓	✗
Spain	State Research Agency – Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI)	✓	✓	✓
Sweden	Swedish Research Council for Health, Working Life and Welfare (FORTE)	✓	✓	✓
UK	Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), part of UK Research and Innovation (UKRI)	✓	✓	✓

#### IV. Eligibility

In order to be eligible for evaluation, submitted research proposals shall comply with the following criteria at transnational level, that is at the level of the transnational call EWG:

- Each proposal must involve a minimum of *three eligible applicants* from at least *three different countries participating in the Call* (see list of participating countries and Funding Organisations above). These applicants, submitting collectively a proposal, form a *Project Consortium*;
- Members of the JPI MYBL Steering Committee, Scientific Advisory Board, Societal Advisory Board and General Assembly involved in the evaluation process are not allowed to apply. Neither are Joint Call Secretariat and Call Steering Committee members. Other individuals who have participated in the preparation of the call are also not allowed to apply, but the institutions they work for are eligible;
- Every *Project Consortium* is composed of research partners, called *Project Investigators* (PIs) amongst which one is appointed as coordinator, called the *Coordinator*. This Coordinator will coordinate the project, be responsible for its internal scientific management and will be the main contact person of the project consortium with the Call Secretariat;
- A given researcher is allowed to be involved *in up to two proposals as Project Investigator, but if they serve as Coordinator for one proposal they cannot be involved as PI in another*;
- Project Consortia can also include *non-eligible researchers as PIs*, i.e. belonging to a country that is not participating to this call or not eligible according to the national rules of participating countries. In this case, these non-eligible researchers or societal actors must secure their own funding and state its origin in advance of proposal submission on the Electronic Submission Platform. However, non-eligible Project Investigators are not counted





in the required minimum of Project Investigators in the consortium, nor can they serve as Coordinator;

- The duration of projects is *up to 36 months* with possible no-cost extensions only in exceptional cases and in agreement with the consortium and in accordance with regulations of the relevant Funding Organisations;
- The language of the Call and the applications is *English*;

Beyond these criteria at transnational level, PI's and Coordinators must also meet national regulations to be eligible to receive funds. These national rules are provided in the annex of these Guidelines.

### *Expression of Interest*

To help us find appropriate experts to evaluate your proposal, we will save the name and keywords of your proposal on August 14 as well as the topic(s) you are seeking to address. This is not a requirement to submit a proposal to EWG, but we encourage you to enter this information by the 14<sup>th</sup> of August so that we can find suitable remote evaluators for your proposal in a timely manner.

## **V. Evaluation Procedure**

Research proposals that conform to transnational and national eligibility requirements will be evaluated in two stages. Firstly, a remote evaluation by independent experts to which Coordinators will be allowed respond. Secondly, a Scientific Expert Committee (SEC) where evaluations will be finalised and a ranked list of proposals will be created.

### *Remote stage*

Each research proposal shall be assessed by three independent evaluators chosen for their expertise in the field of the proposal. They will work independently and will evaluate the following points:

- a) In/partially out/ out of scope
- **Relevance of the proposal to the scope of the call**
  - **Research incorporates role of gender, cultural background and/or socio-economic background (at least one)**

Experts who examine this point can choose between the following options:

- the proposal is *out of scope* (if the three experts reach a consensus that the proposal is out of scope, then this project is not further evaluated in the SEC and is discarded from the evaluation)
- the proposal is *partially out of scope* (the proposal can further be evaluated in the SEC)
- the proposal is *in scope*

- b) Scientific quality and excellence (0-5)



- Progress beyond the current state of the art
- Clarity and cohesion of research objectives
- Demonstration of the development of a novel approach to the topic or clear argumentation why an existing approach has been chosen
- Translation into an appropriate and well-described methodology mobilizing different disciplinary fields
- Coherence between stated objectives and expected outcomes (from the methodology and data to be used or collected)
- Consideration of role of gender, cultural background and socio-economic background in its research

c) Impact, dissemination and outreach (0-5)

- Scientific impact and dissemination: clear description of the potential of the expected scientific outcomes to plausibly impact on important present and/or future scientific challenges. Outline appropriate ways of disseminating the generated knowledge in appropriate scientific fora; extent of capacity building made possible by the international collaboration
- Societal impact and dissemination: clear description of the potential of the expected outcomes to address present and future societal challenges. This includes a plausible strategy for dissemination of the expected outcomes with a range of societal actors, including decision-makers, and ways to diffuse results (co-creating by-products and support of the research consortium to policy-development, economic benefits, change of practice, awareness of the general public, cooperation with NGOs or citizen initiatives, etc.)
- Outreach: involvement of societal actors (non-scientific stakeholders) early in the research project (co-design and/or co-creation of results)
- Open access: engagement of the research consortium in Open Access (green, gold etc.)

d) Quality and efficiency of the implementation (0-5)

- Quality of participants in the field(s) of the proposal (previous work in the field, expertise of the individual participants);
- Added value of the consortium, both in terms of the combination of disciplines of the participating researchers as well as the complementarity of their expertise.
- Gender balance in the consortium
- Balanced workload among the participants in the proposal, taking into consideration the different amounts of funding provided by the funding organisations
- Added value of transnational collaboration.
- Overall quality of the work plan
- Feasibility of the time schedule
- Project management: quality and efficiency of the management of the project, description of coordination among participants, assessment of potential risks in the proposal.
- Cost-efficiency of the project and its expected outcomes



- Data management plan: quality and availability of generated data after the research is finalised, resources allocated
- Ethics: awareness of ethical issues of the project and ways to deal with these using appropriate channels. In case data is collected from the population, the approval of the ethics committee of the university of the researchers responsible for this collection is requested. You can either have this in place already or clearly explain how you will secure this approval if their proposal receives funding.

The scoring system used for criteria b) to d) is the following:

0. The proposal fails to address the criterion under examination or cannot be judged due to missing or incomplete information
1. Poor. The criterion is addressed in an inadequate manner, or there are serious inherent weaknesses.
2. Fair. While the proposal broadly addresses the criterion, there are significant weaknesses.
3. Good. The proposal addresses the criterion well, although improvements would be necessary.
4. Very good. The proposal addresses the criterion very well, although certain improvements are still possible.
5. Excellent. The proposal successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion in question. Any shortcomings are minor.

### *Rebuttal stage*

Before the SEC meeting, each Coordinator will have the opportunity to study and respond to the remote evaluations of their proposal, which remain anonymous. Coordinators can use this stage to highlight any areas of agreement or disagreement with remote evaluators and address factual errors or misunderstandings about the proposal. Coordinators can also clarify any issues raised by evaluators and answer any potential questions posed by evaluators. This rebuttal is not an opportunity for the Coordinator to change their proposal. Issues which are not related to the evaluators' comments or questions should not be addressed. Coordinators will have up to five working days for their response to the evaluators' comments.

### *Meeting of the Scientific Expert Committee*

The SEC is composed of prominent researchers in the field of the call, with the addition of a representative from both the JPI MYBL's Societal Advisory Board and its Scientific Advisory Board.

The mandate of the SEC is to finalise the evaluation of each proposal, using the three independent reviews and the Coordinator's rebuttal. The SEC will provide a ranked list of proposals guided by the following points of consideration: the coverage of the call, examining duplications between proposals, critical mass of complementary proposals in a given topic and interdisciplinarity. These do not constitute knock-out criteria.



The SEC will only discuss and rank the highest-scoring projects who collectively request a maximum of three times the total budget committed to this call i.e. approximately 20.208.000.€. Projects below this variable threshold will be considered as "not recommended for funding". Before the SEC takes place, the Chair of the SEC may decide on whether borderline projects that have scored just below the aforementioned threshold will be considered.

## ***VI. Funding Procedure***

The ranked list from the SEC will then be communicated by the Call Secretariat to the Funding Organisations who are financially participating to this call. The representatives of these Organisations (the Call Steering Committee) will meet and allocate their funding by following the ranked list in descending order (from "most recommended for funding" to "recommended for funding"). In accordance with the virtual common pot system, funds of a given Funding Organisation are only allocated to their national researchers in the proposals of the ranked list. Therefore, a given proposal is considered fundable when all PIs and the Coordinator that compose the Project Consortium can be funded on national resources. The process ends at the moment no further proposal in the ranked list can be funded.

The result of this meeting is a list of fundable projects. After confirmation by the Funding Organisations, in accordance with the Funding Authorities where applicable, the definitive list of funded projects is approved.

## ***VII. Feedback to Applicants***

Coordinators of successful and unsuccessful proposals will be informed by the Call Secretariat of the outcome of the evaluation and funding process. Coordinators of proposals discussed in the SEC will receive the consensus evaluation report of their proposal from the SEC as well as the part of the ranked list related to their project. The list of SEC members will also be made public.

## ***VIII. Consortium Agreement and Reporting Requirements***

The successful Project Consortia will compose a Consortium Agreement in which their project will be described. Intellectual Property Rights and Open Access issues as well as the reporting requirements will be included.

With respect to Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) issues, results and new IPR resulting from projects funded through the Joint Call will be owned by the PIs and Coordinator according to the conditions stated in their Consortium Agreement, in full respect of national Funding Organisation rules applying to PIs and Coordinator. Applicants should consult their respective Funding Organisation contact point, should any queries arise.

With respect to open Access, The following policy must be observed by all funded projects:

In compliance with the Commission Recommendation (EU) 2018/790 of 25 April 2018 on "access to and preservation of scientific information"<sup>†</sup>, the funded projects will have to:

1. Support either

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<sup>†</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32018H0790>



- a. Green Open Access (self-archiving) - immediate or delayed - by authors is permitted under green OA. After peer review by a journal, the author posts the same content the journal will be publishing to a website controlled by the author, the research institution that funded or hosted the work, or which has been set up as a central open access repository.
  - b. Gold Open Access (immediate open access provided by a publisher for the most important outputs). In the case of Gold Open Access, Project Investigators will (as soon as possible and at the latest on publication) deposit a machine-readable electronic copy of the published version or final peer-reviewed manuscript accepted for publication in a repository for scientific publications. In addition, Project Investigators will ensure open access to the deposited publication and bibliographic metadata.
2. Provide in their application a data management plan (DMP). This plan should detail how the PIs and Coordinator will manage the research data generated and/or collected during the project, in particular addressing the following issues:
- a. What types of data will the project generate/collect?
  - b. What standards will be used?
  - c. How will this data be exploited and/or shared/made accessible for verification and re-use? If data cannot be made available, explain why.
  - d. How will this data be curated and preserved?
  - e. How will the costs for data curation and preservation be covered?
  - f. Will the data be stored in a national data centre for example one of those participating in Consortium of European Social Science Data Archives, see: <https://www.cessda.eu/About/Consortium>

In terms of reporting, funded projects will be asked to provide an initial, mid-term and final report. Funded projects are required to report on research progress and financial aspects at transnational level as well as to their Funding Organisations if required to do so per the respective national regulations. For this reason, the Coordinator will be responsible for organising a kick-off meeting at the start of the project and for submitting a mid-term and a final report to JPI MYBL within two months of the mid-term and the end of the project respectively. Any additional reporting requirements from relevant Funding Organisations apply as per national regulations.

The reports should cover the research progress and the financial aspects of all consortium Project Investigators. They must include a public summary of the research progress to be published on the JPI MYBL website. Funded projects are required to participate in activities that allow networking between the projects and the dissemination of the projects' results. This includes contributing to a collaborative policy paper drawing on all the projects in the call. It also includes 3 meetings: a kick-off meeting, a mid-term 'progress dialogue' and a final meeting at the end of the funding period, organised by the JPI MYBL Central Secretariat. The costs for participating in these meetings must be included in the proposal, included either in the funding requested by the Project Investigators or in the Project Investigators' own contributions. This means each proposal should at least incorporate



the estimated travel costs necessary for the Coordinator to travel to JPI MYBL offices in The Hague on three separate occasions with overnight stay.

To assist funded projects in achieving as much impact as possible with regards to application to policy and practice, each funded project will be assigned a liaison member of JPI MYBL's Scientific Advisory Board. The object is to provide funded projects with a scientific point of contact within the JPI MYBL, who can provide guidance to the Coordinator and PIs and support the impact of the project in this manner.

Besides the general reporting requirements standardised across countries in the Consortium Agreements, the administrative rules of the relevant Funding Organisation apply, i.e. Funding Organisations may request additional reporting from their respective PI(s) according to their specific regulations.

### **IX. Electronic Submission Platform**

Proposals can only be submitted via an Electronic Submission Platform in which all details of the proposals and guidelines for providing the information requested are described. Proposals submitted after the deadline or by any other means will be discarded from the evaluation procedure and shall not be considered further. Project participants may be required to supply additional documents to national platforms, depending on the requirements of their respective Funding Organisation. The Electronic Submission Platform will provide the national contact points to whom applicants can refer. The Call Secretariat and national contact points listed on the Electronic Submission Platform will help you in case of questions or problems.

### **X. Schedule Outline**

The transnational call for proposals launched on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May and it will remain open until the 14<sup>th</sup> of September, as per the timeline below:

<b>Provisional Timeline</b>	
<b>18<sup>th</sup> of May</b>	Opening of the Electronic Submission Platform
<b>14<sup>th</sup> of August</b>	Expression of Interest
<b>14<sup>th</sup> of September</b>	Closing of the call.
<b>15<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> of September</b>	National eligibility check by Funding Organisations
<b>30<sup>th</sup> of September - 3<sup>rd</sup> of November</b>	Evaluations performed by remote evaluators



<b>4<sup>th</sup> of November - 12<sup>th</sup> of November</b>	Rebuttal stage for Coordinators
<b>last week of November</b>	SEC meeting Call Steering Committee Meeting
<b>January 2021</b>	Announcement of selection results to Coordinators

### ***XI. General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR):***

Applicants, evaluators and Scientific Expert Committee (SEC) members will be made aware that by submitting an application to or participating in the evaluation of the JPI MYBL Joint Call, they consent to the use, processing and retention of their personal data within this call, in line with GDPR. The provisions of Data Protection Legislation shall be complied to by the signatories of this memorandum with respect to the processing of personal data. Data Protection Legislation shall mean the Directive 95/46/EC, any other applicable law or regulation relating to the processing of personal data and privacy, including the E-Privacy Directive and the European Communities' Regulations 2011 on Electronic Communications Networks and Services and Privacy and Electronic Communications. Such legislation shall be amended, revised or replaced from time to time, including by operation of the EU General Data Protection Regulation (2016/679) (and laws implementing or supplementing the GDPR and/or the E-Privacy Regulations).

## Annex: National Regulations of Participating Countries

### AUSTRIA

<b>Country/Region</b>	Austria
<b>Funding Organisation</b>	FFG (Austrian Research Promotion Agency – Österreichische Forschungsförderungsgesellschaft mbH) on behalf of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research (BMBWF)
<b>National contact person</b>	Susanne Meissner-Dragosits <a href="mailto:susanne.dragosits@ffg.at">susanne.dragosits@ffg.at</a> +43 57755 4406 +43 664 88 64 1809 FFG- Österreichische Forschungsförderungsgesellschaft mbH
<b>Maximum Funding per awarded project</b>	FFG will fund up to EUR 193.000,- per project
<b>Eligible Institutions</b>	<p>Research organisations from Austria, e.g.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- universities</li> <li>- universities for applied sciences (Fachhochschulen)</li> <li>- non-university research institutes/organisations</li> </ul> <p>In Austria the research organisation where the “project investigator” is situated will be funded and contracted!</p> <p>All other organisations from Austria (e.g. SMEs) may participate but do not receive funding.</p> <p>All details like organisations being eligible for funding or funding rates are listed in the FFG Funding Instrument Guidelines available on the FFG Call website: <a href="https://www.ffg.at/europa/ausschreibungen/jpimybl_call2020_ewg">https://www.ffg.at/europa/ausschreibungen/jpimybl_call2020_ewg</a></p>
<b>Additional requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The following FFG Funding Instrument is available for applicants from Austria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Transnational Projects of Oriented Basic Research (Projekte der orientierten Grundlagenforschung -Transnationale Ausschreibungen)</li> </ul> </li> <li>- In addition to the submission of the transnational proposal by the coordinator via the official transnational Electronic Submission Platform (ESP), <b>all Austrian applicants are obligated to submit a national proposal via the FFG eCall</b> (<a href="http://ecall.ffg.at">http://ecall.ffg.at</a>).</li> </ul> <p>For detailed information please consult the FFG Call website: <a href="https://www.ffg.at/europa/ausschreibungen/jpimybl_call2020_ewg">https://www.ffg.at/europa/ausschreibungen/jpimybl_call2020_ewg</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o The national call closes on <b>16.09.2020, 16:00 CEST</b> (2 days after closure of the transnational call).</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- After the deadline, FFG will conduct a formal eligibility check of all Austrian project proposals.</li> </ul>





	<p>The “Checklist for the national eligibility check“ can be found here:  <a href="https://www.ffg.at/europa/ausschreibungen/jpimybl_call2020_ewg">https://www.ffg.at/europa/ausschreibungen/jpimybl_call2020_ewg</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Failing to comply with the detailed requirements of the eCall application procedure, the abovementioned deadline and/or the eligibility criteria will result in the formal rejection of the national proposal!</li> <li>– The national proposals will not be scientifically evaluated separately.</li> <li>– <b>Applicants from Austria are strongly advised</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ to contact their National Contact Point (Susanne Meissner-Dragosits)</li> <li>○ to consult the FFG Call website:  <a href="https://www.ffg.at/europa/ausschreibungen/jpimybl_call2020_ewg">https://www.ffg.at/europa/ausschreibungen/jpimybl_call2020_ewg</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>before starting to prepare proposals for application.</b></p>
<p><b>Eligible costs</b></p>	<p>Eligible costs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Personnel costs</li> <li>– Use of R&amp;D infrastructure</li> <li>– Costs of materials and supplies</li> <li>– Travel costs</li> <li>– Subcontracting</li> </ul> <p>Overheads are 25% of eligible costs (except subcontracting costs).</p> <p>The national rules on eligible costs for Austrian applicants can be found here:  <a href="https://www.ffg.at/recht-finanzen/kostenleitfaden/version-21">https://www.ffg.at/recht-finanzen/kostenleitfaden/version-21</a></p>

## BELGIUM

<p><b>Country/Region</b></p>	<p>Belgium</p>
<p><b>Funding Organisation</b></p>	<p>BELSPO (Belgian Science Policy Office)</p>
<p><b>National contact person</b></p>	<p>For general enquiries: Aziz Naji, programme manager, Aziz.naji@belspo.be  00.32.2.238.36.46</p>
<p><b>Maximum Funding per awarded project</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Belgian eligible applicants, or groups of applicants within the same proposal, can apply for a maximum of 300.000€. In no case can this amount be exceeded. BELSPO thereby wishes to fund two projects from this EWG Call.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Eligible Project Investigators</b></p>	<p>Belgian applicants must be eligible to funding from BELSPO. Eligible Belgian researchers must belong to a non-profit organisation who has the pursuit of scientific research clearly stated in its statutes. This includes Universities, higher education colleges, public research centers etc.</p> <p>According to its statutes, BELSPO can only fund scientific research in support of federal competences. Therefore, Belgian applicants who wish to receive funds from BELSPO must comply with this rule. The core of their contribution must be within the remits of the competences of the Federal state of Belgium. In case of doubt, please take contact</p>



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## CANADA

<b>Country/Region</b>	Canada
<b>Funding Organisation</b>	The Canadian Institutes of Health Research
<b>National contact person</b>	For general enquiries: David Coffey Telephone: 343-552-2712 e-mail: david.coffey@cihr-irsc.gc.ca
<b>General information</b>	CIHR Contact Centre Telephone: 613-954-1968 Toll Free: 1-888-603-4178 Email: <a href="mailto:support-soutien@cihr-irsc.gc.ca">support-soutien@cihr-irsc.gc.ca</a>
<b>Maximum Funding per awarded project</b>	The total amount available from CIHR is \$500,000 CAD, enough to fund the Canadian component of two (2) teams.  The maximum amount available per grant to Canadian NPA is \$83,333 CAD per year for up to three (3) years.
<b>Eligible Project Investigators</b>	
<b>Eligibility of Costs</b>	Applicants should review the <a href="#">Use of Grant Funds</a> section of the Tri-Agency (CIHR, NSERC and SSHRC) Financial Administration Guide for requirements regarding allowable costs and activities.
<b>Additional Information - Guidance for Canadian applicants</b>	The Nominated Principal Applicant must have an academic or research appointment at an eligible institution (See <a href="#">Institutional Eligibility Requirements</a> for eligibility process and associated timelines).  In addition to the application submission to the More Years Better Lives Funding Opportunity (MYBL), Canadian consortium members applying for CIHR funding must complete an abbreviated CIHR application (in either of Canada's official languages) and submit it using <a href="#">ResearchNet</a>
<b>Submission of Proposal at National Level (if applicable)</b>	September 15, 2020



<b>Link for additional information</b>	Insert ResearchNet link when posted
<b>Other</b>	

## FINLAND

<b>Country/Region</b>	Finland
<b>Funding Organisation</b>	Academy of Finland (Suomen Akatemia)
<b>National contact person</b>	For general enquiries: Katja Marjanen Telephone: +358 295 33 5079 e-mail: katja.marjanen@aka.fi
<b>General information</b>	The Academy of Finland has decided to provide funding for applications addressing one, two or all three aspects mentioned in the call text (income and wealth, caring responsibilities, as well as social and political participation).
<b>Maximum Funding per awarded project</b>	The Academy of Finland's research council Culture and Society has decided to fund this call with ca. 500 000 euro. This amount is expected to cover funding for max. 2-3 projects.
<b>Eligibility</b>	The leader of the Finnish sub-project (the Lead Project Investigator, LPI or Project Investigator, PI) must in addition to their doctorate have other significant scientific merits. Usually they are a professor or docent-level researcher.  The Academy will fund a research project only if the application includes a commitment by the site of research. You must agree on this commitment before submitting your application with a representative of the site of research.  The Academy will request the commitment by the site of research from the successful applicants before making the funding decision.
<b>Eligibility of Costs</b>	Funding is primarily intended towards the salaries of researchers who work full-time on the project and for other project costs. Funding can be used to cover both direct and indirect research costs of the research team arising from, for example, the following: working hours (salary), research, travel, national and international collaboration and mobility, work and researcher training abroad, preparation of international projects, and publishing (e.g. open access publishing).  Academy funding cannot be used for economic activity, which is defined as all activity where goods or services are offered on an open market regardless of whether profits are pursued or generated. When an organisation is also engaged in economic activities, separate accounts must be kept of the funding and costs of and the revenue generated



	<p>by such activities.</p> <p>The salary costs of the LPI/PI may be incorporated into the total project costs. However, the salary costs must not be significant in relation to the project's total costs. For example, a four-year research project must not include more than six months of the LPI's/PI's effective working hours. This is equivalent to approximately 1.5 months a year.</p>
<b>Additional Information - Guidance for Finnish applicants</b>	<p>The Academy of Finland funding is granted under the full cost model where Academy's funding can be up to 70 % of the total costs of a project. If there are no other funding sources, the site of research must cover at least 30% of the costs of a project under full costing.</p> <p>If there are other sources, their contributions must also pass through the books of the site of research.</p> <p>The Academy of Finland requires that the site of research (e.g. university department) provides the research project with all necessary basic facilities. These are determined based on the nature of the research and are the same as those available to other research staff at the site: office and laboratory premises, equipment (incl. computer equipment), and telecommunications, telephone, mailing, copying and library services, etc.</p> <p>In the application, give a cost estimate including an estimate of the annual amount of funding needed, itemised by type of expenditure.</p> <p>The cost estimate must be realistic and justified by type of expenditure in the research plan. The Academy allocates the funding to the researcher's host organization (site of research).</p>
<b>Submission of Proposal at National Level (if applicable)</b>	
<b>Link for additional information</b>	<p>More information on Academy of Finland's funding terms:  <a href="https://www.aka.fi/en/funding/use-funding/">https://www.aka.fi/en/funding/use-funding/</a></p>
<b>Other</b>	

## FRANCE

<b>Country/Region</b>	FRANCE
<b>Funding Organisation</b>	French National Research Agency (ANR)
<b>National contact</b>	For general enquiries:



<b>person</b>	<p>Tristan Lescure</p> <p>Telephone: 0033 1 73 54 82 20</p> <p>e-mail: <a href="mailto:tristan.lescure@agencerecherche.fr">tristan.lescure@agencerecherche.fr</a></p>
<b>Maximum Funding per awarded project</b>	The total amount available from ANR is 500,000 Euros.
<b>Eligible Project Investigators</b>	
<b>Eligibility of Costs</b>	<p>All costs (i.e. eligible personnel costs, subcontracting costs, etc.) must be eligible according to the ANR Financial regulations document, cf. <a href="https://anr.fr/fileadmin/aap/2019/ANR-RF-2019-1.pdf">https://anr.fr/fileadmin/aap/2019/ANR-RF-2019-1.pdf</a></p> <p>Eligible personnel costs: for French public research organizations, this may for example include Post-docs, PhD students, research assistants, technical staff, etc.</p> <p>Subcontracting costs are allowed under the provisions of the ANR Financial regulations.</p> <p>Potentially eligible costs include direct costs such as equipment, travel and meeting costs, consumables, dissemination and knowledge transfer costs as well as overheads.</p>
<b>Additional Information - Guidance for French applicants</b>	<p>The eligibility of partners is subject to compliance with the standard eligibility rules of ANR, as defined in the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the ANR Financial regulations document <a href="https://anr.fr/fileadmin/aap/2019/ANR-RF-2019-1.pdf">https://anr.fr/fileadmin/aap/2019/ANR-RF-2019-1.pdf</a>;</li> <li>- the ANR 2020 Action plan <a href="https://anr.fr/fileadmin/documents/2019/Plan-d-action-ANR-2020.pdf">https://anr.fr/fileadmin/documents/2019/Plan-d-action-ANR-2020.pdf</a>.</li> </ul> <p>All call topic are supported by the Agency</p>
<b>Submission of Proposal at National Level (if applicable)</b>	<p>Applications must comply with standard ANR eligibility rules as defined in the following documents: <a href="https://anr.fr/fileadmin/documents/2019/Plan-d-action-ANR-2020.pdf">https://anr.fr/fileadmin/documents/2019/Plan-d-action-ANR-2020.pdf</a>, <a href="https://anr.fr/fileadmin/aap/2019/ANR-RF-2019-1.pdf">https://anr.fr/fileadmin/aap/2019/ANR-RF-2019-1.pdf</a>, as well as all requirements set in the "Modalités spécifiques pour les partenaires français" document, which is available on the call's webpage on the ANR website.</p> <p>Applicants to ANR funding will be required to complete and submit the ANR budgetary document (Document budgétaire ANR). The template is also available from the call's webpage on the ANR website</p>
<b>Link for additional information</b>	Link provided when posted on national website



<b>Other</b>	Projects must be between 24 and 36 months in duration.
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## GERMANY

<b>Country/Region</b>	Germany
<b>Funding Organisation</b>	Federal Ministry for Education and Research via VDI/VDE Innovation + Technik GmbH
<b>National contact person</b>	For general enquiries: Angelika Frederking Telephone: 030-310078233 e-mail: angelika.frederking@vdivde-it.de
<b>General information</b>	We have allocated 800.000 Euro for this call
<b>Maximum Funding per awarded project</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- no maximum sum per partner</li> <li>- The overall budget shall be spent for German partners</li> <li>- Depending on the number and quality of applications we expect a funding range of 3-4 German partners</li> </ul>
<b>Eligible Project Investigators</b>	application-oriented joint projects with partners such as: research institutes, universities, applied universities, private universities, companies, clinics or care institutions, user-representations, associations, start-ups
<b>Eligibility of Costs</b>	personnel, travel, devices and equipment, sub-contractors for R&I or services
<b>Additional Information - Guidance for German applicants</b>	All forms for selected candidates to be found here: <a href="https://vdivde-it.de/de/formulare-fuer-foerderprojekte">https://vdivde-it.de/de/formulare-fuer-foerderprojekte</a>
<b>Submission of Proposal at National Level (if applicable)</b>	not necessary
<b>Link for additional information</b>	<a href="https://vdivde-it.de/de/formulare-fuer-foerderprojekte">https://vdivde-it.de/de/formulare-fuer-foerderprojekte</a>
<b>Other</b>	



## LATVIA

<b>Country/Region</b>	Latvia
<b>Funding Organisation</b>	Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia (IZM)
<b>National contact person</b>	<p>For general enquiries: Kaspars Karolis, Senior Expert on International Initiatives</p> <p>Telephone: + 371 67047996</p> <p>e-mail: <a href="mailto:Kaspars.karolis@izm.gov.lv">Kaspars.karolis@izm.gov.lv</a></p> <p>Enquiries: Uldis Berkis, RIS3 expert</p> <p>Telephone: + 371 67047865</p> <p>e-mail: <a href="mailto:Uldis.Berkis@izm.gov.lv">Uldis.Berkis@izm.gov.lv</a></p>
<b>General information</b>	Total funding available for the call is 300 000 EUR, support is provided from ERDF funding (proj. No 1.1.1.5/17/l/002)
<b>Maximum Funding per awarded project</b>	<p>The maximum amount that a Latvian Project Investigator can request is 70 000 EURO per year, the Latvian coordinator – 100 000 EUR per year. In case of two Latvian participants in a consortium, the maximum total funding available for a project is 100 000 EUR/year.</p> <p>Maximum grant for a Project Investigator can not exceed 210 000 EUR, for a coordinator - 300 000 EUR, and the total Latvian funding - 300 000 EUR in case of a 3-year project. For shorter duration the maximum amount reduces proportionally.</p>
<b>Eligible Project Investigators</b>	<p>R&amp;D institutions (research institutes, universities, higher education establishments, research centres) that are listed in the Registry of Research Institutions operated by the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia. Entity must comply with Research and Knowledge Dissemination Organization definition according to regulation 651/2014.</p> <p>Any other type of participants can participate on their own costs and are not covered by the Ministry.</p>
<b>Eligibility of Costs</b>	<p>Personnel costs (researchers, technicians and other supporting staff to the extent employed on the research project) and relevant personnel taxes.</p> <p>Other direct costs such as consumables, equipment (only depreciation costs), materials, reagents.</p> <p>Travels and allowances according to travel plan.</p> <p>Indirect costs can reach a maximum of 25% of the total direct costs without subcontracting.</p>



	<p>The activities must correspond to “research” according to Latvian Law on Scientific Activity.</p> <p>Subcontracting: Expenses incurred by a third party to carry out tasks or provide services that require special scientific or technical competences outside the institution’s normal area of activity. The amount may not exceed 20% of the total direct costs allocated to the Latvian Project Investigator. No subcontracting to founding organisation possible. Does not include payments for infrastructure, they should be covered from indirect costs.</p>
<b>Additional Information - Guidance for Latvian applicants</b>	<p>Research entities established under private law should provide actual sworn auditor’s (certified to perform auditing activity in Latvia) statement about compliance with Research and Knowledge Dissemination Organization status according to regulation 651/2014, valid for the current year, and then for each year in which the project is active (if funded). The statement for the current year should be provided immediately after the call submission deadline, for the purposes of eligibility check. The statement is provided to IZM as an electronically signed document by the sworn auditor.</p> <p>Any organisation participating in the call as Latvian Project Investigator should have its main activity in Latvia and be registered in Latvia.</p> <p>Only noncommercial activities can be comprised in projects with Latvian participation. Any kind of economic activity is excluded from funding scope.</p> <p>Projects should be devoted to basic or early applied research, no support possible for implementation activities.</p> <p>Latvian participants have to end all activities until the 01.11.2023, and submit all reports in 1 month thereafter!</p>
<b>Submission of Proposal at National Level (if applicable)</b>	<p>No national application,</p> <p>During project accomplishment, periodic scientific and financial reports are submitted according to the contractual obligations.</p> <p>To obtain funding from IZM, a copy of Consortium Agreement signed by the consortium members should be submitted to IZM.</p>
<b>Link for additional information</b>	<p><a href="https://izm.gov.lv/lv/starptautiska-sadarbiba/eiropas-petniecibas-telpa/izsludinatie-konkursi-kopejas-programmesanas-iniciativas">https://izm.gov.lv/lv/starptautiska-sadarbiba/eiropas-petniecibas-telpa/izsludinatie-konkursi-kopejas-programmesanas-iniciativas</a></p>
<b>Other</b>	<p>Provisions of the Cabinet of Ministers No 315, 06.06.2017</p>

## NORWAY

<b>Country/Region</b>	Norway
<b>Funding</b>	The Research Council of Norway (RCN)





<b>Organisation</b>	
<b>National contact person</b>	For general enquiries: Siri H. Hollekim Haaland, Adviser, Dep. of Welfare and Education Telephone: +47 47 66 66 26 e-mail: shh@rcn.no
<b>General information</b>	The Research Council of Norway contributes ca. NOK 10 mill. distributed between the thematic areas <i>Caring responsibilities</i> (ca. NOK 2,5 mill.) and <i>Income and wealth</i> (ca. NOK 7,5 mill.) Please note that Norway will <i>not</i> finance Norwegian applicants within <i>Social and political participation</i> .
<b>Maximum Funding per awarded project</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Research Council of Norway's contribution to <i>Caring responsibilities</i> is ca. NOK 2,5 mill..</li> <li>The Research Council of Norway's contribution to <i>Income and wealth</i> is ca. NOK 7,5 mill.</li> <li><u>Norwegian partners may apply for max. NOK 2,5 mill. per project.</u></li> </ul>
<b>Eligible Partners</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partners must be approved as a Norwegian research organisation by The Research Council of Norway. Please see our webpages for an overview of approved research organisations: <a href="https://www.forskningradet.no/en/apply-for-funding/who-can-apply-for-funding/research-organisations/approved-research-organisations/">https://www.forskningradet.no/en/apply-for-funding/who-can-apply-for-funding/research-organisations/approved-research-organisations/</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Other types of organisations, such as companies and other undertakings, are not eligible to receive support, but they may serve as suppliers of R&amp;D services to the project. In such cases, the intellectual property rights related to the result of the supplier's work activities will become the property of the institution procuring the services.</li> </ul> </li> <li>The Norwegian partner's assigned project manager must have an approved doctorate or equivalent qualifications before the date of the application submission deadline. If the project manager does not have an approved doctorate but is qualified at associate professorship level or have current or previous employment in the Norwegian research institute sector or a health trust in a position as <i>forsker 1</i> (research professor), <i>forsker 2</i> (senior researcher) or <i>seniorforsker</i> (senior researcher), he/she is also qualified.</li> </ul>
<b>Eligibility of Costs</b>	<p>Please see our webpage for information regarding what to enter in the project budget, rates for Research Council of Norway funding and calculating payroll and indirect expenses: <a href="https://www.forskningradet.no/en/apply-for-funding/Budget/">https://www.forskningradet.no/en/apply-for-funding/Budget/</a></p> <p>You may seek funding to cover actual costs that are necessary to execute the project. There are no requirements for own financing and the Research Council can therefore provide support for up to 100 per cent of the total approved costs.</p> <p>Please note that costs of open-source article fees are not covered in individual projects. Research organisations can apply to have publication fees covered through <a href="#">the Stimulation Scheme for Open Access Publication (STIM-OA)</a>.</p> <p><b>Conditions for funding</b></p> <p>The Research Council will not award support that constitutes state aid under this call. This means that the Research Council funding must only go to the non-economic activity</p>



	of the research organisations.
<b>Additional Information - Guidance for Norwegian applicants</b>	<p><b>ARCHIVING OF RESEARCH DATA</b> The project partner (research organisation) is responsible for selecting the archiving solution(s) to use for storing research data generated during the project. The project partner must specify the planned solution(s) in connection with the revised grant proposal.</p> <p><b>REGARDING MEDICAL AND HEALTH-RELATED STUDIES INVOLVING HUMAN PARTICIPANTS</b> The Research Council of Norway has specific <a href="#">requirements and guidelines for prospective registration and disclosure of medical and health related studies involving human participants</a>.</p> <p><b>Contract</b> Funding allocations from the Research Council of Norway are always carried out in accordance with a contract between the Norwegian partner organisation and the Research Council of Norway.</p> <p>About contracts in general: <a href="https://www.forskingsradet.no/en/when-you-have-received-funding/contracts/">https://www.forskingsradet.no/en/when-you-have-received-funding/contracts/</a></p> <p>Find more information about contracts with the Research Council here: <a href="https://www.forskingsradet.no/en/when-you-have-received-funding/contracts/eng-innga-kontrakt-med-forskingsradet/">https://www.forskingsradet.no/en/when-you-have-received-funding/contracts/eng-innga-kontrakt-med-forskingsradet/</a></p> <p>Information about what the contract involves: <a href="https://www.forskingsradet.no/en/when-you-have-received-funding/contracts/what-the-contract-involves/">https://www.forskingsradet.no/en/when-you-have-received-funding/contracts/what-the-contract-involves/</a></p>
<b>Submission of Proposal at National Level (if applicable)</b>	Submission of proposal at national level will only be applicable for Norwegian applicants when/if they receive funding.
<b>Link for additional information</b>	<p>Please visit the Research Council of Norway's website: <a href="https://www.forskingsradet.no/en/">https://www.forskingsradet.no/en/</a></p> <p>Menu on the right includes relevant information under</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Who can apply for funding? – Research organisations</li> <li>- What can you apply for ?</li> <li>- When you have received funding</li> </ul>
<b>Other</b>	

## SPAIN

<b>Country/Region</b>	Spain
<b>Funding Organisation</b>	Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI) – State Research Agency



<b>National contact person</b>	<p>National Contact Person(s):</p> <p>Jonas Radl (scientific issues)</p> <p>Juan Climent (technical and administrative issues)</p> <p>Tel.: +34 916037242</p> <p>E-Mail: mybl@aei.gob.es</p>
<b>General information</b>	<p>Indicative Budget: 350.000€</p> <p><b>Name of &amp; link to the funding programme(s) and other relevant information:</b></p> <p>Programa Estatal de Investigación, Desarrollo e Innovación Orientada a los Retos de la Sociedad, <a href="#">Plan Estatal de Investigación Científica y Técnica y de Innovación 2017-2020</a></p> <p>The instrument for funding the Spanish groups will be the Spanish national call on International Joint Programming or its equivalent (<a href="#">Programación Conjunta Internacional, PCI</a>), which is expected to be launched in 2020 or 2021. As a reference, the beneficiaries are advised to read the call <a href="#">PCI 2020</a>.</p> <p>JPI MYBL 2020 EWG Call will be managed by the <a href="#">Subdivisión de Programas Científico-Técnicos Transversales, Fortalecimiento y Excelencia</a></p> <p><b>Min. project duration:</b> 36 months</p> <p><b>Max. project duration:</b> 36 months</p>
<b>Maximum Funding per awarded project</b>	<p><b>Maximum funding per project:</b></p> <p>The following funding limits are considered eligibility criteria. Proposals not respecting these limits could be declared ineligible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Maximum amount of funding per proposal eligible for AEI should not exceed €100,000, independently of the number of Spanish Project Investigators in the project.</li> <li>- Additional 20,000€ can be granted if the work plan of the project includes substantial original data collection tasks to be carried out by the Spanish Project Investigators.</li> <li>- Additional 40,000€ can be granted if the applicant is the Coordinator of the transnational project.</li> </ul> <p>The final funding will take into account the transnational evaluation of the collaborative proposal, the scientific quality of the Spanish group, the added value of the international collaboration, the participation of the industrial sector, and the financial resources available.</p>
<b>Eligible Project Investigators</b>	<p>The eligible entities for the State Research Agency funding are: Non-profit research organizations according to the PCI 2020.</p> <p>Spanish Principal Investigators must demonstrate experience as investigators in projects funded by the Plan Estatal I+D+i 2013- 2016, the Plan Estatal I+D+i 2017-2020, ERC Grants, European Framework Programmes or other relevant national or international programmes.</p> <p><b>Additional eligibility criteria:</b></p> <p>Incompatibilities: These must be taken into account when participating in different JPIs</p>



	<p>calls or other international initiatives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>Principal Investigators</u> are not allowed to apply for funding in more than one proposal of this JPI MYBL call.</li> <li>- <u>Principal Investigators</u> will be declared ineligible if they apply for funding in more than one proposal in the same PCI call or in two PCI calls in consecutive years.</li> <li>- <u>Principal Investigators</u> must remain unchanged between the proposal to this transnational call and the PCI call.</li> </ul> <p>The State Research Agency will avoid double funding (overlapping with other EU or National funding) and will not grant projects or parts of projects that are funded from other sources.</p>
<b>Eligibility of Costs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Personnel costs for temporary employment contracts (scholarships are not eligible).</li> <li>- Current costs, small scientific equipment, disposable materials, travelling expenses and other costs that can be justified as necessary to carry out the proposed activities.</li> <li>- Indirect costs (overheads) and clinical trials are <u>not</u> eligible for funding in the PCI call.</li> </ul>
<b>Additional Information - Guidance for Latvian applicants</b>	<p>Any publication or dissemination activity resulting from the granted projects must acknowledge the State Research Agency funding: "Project (reference nº XX) funded by the Agencia Estatal de Investigación through PCI (or its equivalent)".</p>
<b>Submission of Proposal at National Level (if applicable)</b>	<p>No national application,</p> <p>During project accomplishment, periodic scientific and financial reports are submitted according to the contractual obligations.</p> <p>To obtain funding from IZM, a copy of Consortium Agreement signed by the consortium members should be submitted to IZM.</p>
<b>Link for additional information</b>	<p><b>Name of &amp; link to the funding programme(s) and other relevant information:</b></p> <p>Programa Estatal de Investigación, Desarrollo e Innovación Orientada a los Retos de la Sociedad, <a href="#">Plan Estatal de Investigación Científica y Técnica y de Innovación 2017-2020</a></p>

## SWEDEN

<b>Country/Region</b>	Sweden
<b>Funding Organisation</b>	Forte – The Swedish Research Council for Health Working Life and Welfare
<b>National contact person</b>	<p>For general enquiries: Sofie Wallerström</p> <p>Telephone: +46 8-562 051 71</p> <p>e-mail: <a href="mailto:sofie.wallerstrom@forte.se">sofie.wallerstrom@forte.se</a></p>
<b>General information</b>	Forte's tentative funding commitment is EUR 840 000.



<b>Maximum Funding per awarded project</b>	Maximum funding awarded per project must not exceed SEK 1 000 000/year. The grant period is 2021-2023.
<b>Eligible Partners</b>	<p>Public and private scientific institutions; universities and other higher educational institutions; relevant units at municipalities and count councils, which have been approved as an Administrating organisation by Forte and have an organisational account in the Swedish application system, Prisma.</p> <p>The Swedish applicants (main applicant and co-applicants) must hold a doctoral degree at the start of the project. You may apply for this grant if you hold an ongoing grant at Forte. You may concurrently apply for other grants at Forte.</p> <p>If you have been the project leader for concluded grants from Forte, final financial and scientific reports must have been submitted within the permitted time frame in order for you to apply for a new grant. Please contact Forte's Research and Systems Administrator Susanne Gabrielsson (susanne.gabrielsson@forte.se) or your administrating organisation if you are unsure whether all your final financial reports have been submitted.</p>
<b>Eligibility of Costs</b>	Salaries, equipment, travelling and indirect costs.
<b>Additional Information - Guidance for Swedish applicants</b>	Please consult <a href="https://forte.se/utlysning/">https://forte.se/utlysning/</a> and the national contact persons above.
<b>Submission of Proposal at National Level (if applicable)</b>	In addition to the joint transnational application to the submission portal , Swedish applicants in the consortia must also submit a proposal to Forte through the application and review system Prisma for the Swedish part of the project, <a href="https://prisma.research.se/">https://prisma.research.se/</a> .
<b>Link for additional information</b>	Forte's General terms and conditions for grants: <a href="https://forte.se/en/funding/apply-for-a-grant/general-terms-and-conditions-for-grants/">https://forte.se/en/funding/apply-for-a-grant/general-terms-and-conditions-for-grants/</a>
<b>Other</b>	

## UNITED KINGDOM

<b>Country/Region</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Funding Organisation</b>	Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) as part of UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) – henceforth referred to as ESRC Website: <a href="https://esrc.ukri.org/">https://esrc.ukri.org/</a>
<b>National contact person</b>	For UK-specific enquiries please contact: Evie Bate, Research Portfolio Manager E-mail: <a href="mailto:JPIBetterLives@esrc.ukri.org">JPIBetterLives@esrc.ukri.org</a> Telephone: Please email to arrange a phone call



<b>General information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The UK component of any successful project will be funded by ESRC. For information on ESRC’s scientific remit please refer to our discipline classifications (<a href="https://esrc.ukri.org/funding/guidance-for-applicants/is-my-research-suitable-for-esrc-funding/discipline-classifications/">https://esrc.ukri.org/funding/guidance-for-applicants/is-my-research-suitable-for-esrc-funding/discipline-classifications/</a>).</li> <li>• All UK applicants are required to apply directly through the Joint Call Electronic Submission Platform in the first instance and not through ESRC’s own submission platform.</li> <li>• UK applicants are permitted to address all three topics (income and wealth, caring responsibilities, and social and political participation) and all three cross-cutting issues (gender, socio-economic background and cultural background) in their projects.</li> <li>• The UK has up to 1.12 million Euro available for this call. Use of the full budget will be contingent on the quality of the applications received.</li> <li>• All funding associated with the UK component of projects will be paid in Pound Sterling. The UK component of projects should initially be costed in Pound Sterling following usual procedures and in consultation with your local Research Office. You are required to submit your costs in Pound Sterling using the ‘UK Funding Template – Mandatory Attachment’ spreadsheet. Costs provided in the attachment should be at 100% full Economic Costing (fEC). ESRC will meet 80% of fEC on successful proposals.</li> <li>• The costs of the UK component of projects will need to be reported in Euro as part of the main application. These should be calculated at the exchange rate of 1 GBP equalling 1.12 EUR. Costs should be included at 100% fEC.</li> </ul>
<b>Maximum Funding per awarded project</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is no maximum funding limit for the UK component of any project. However, we would expect to see a balanced workload among the participants in the project and expect that the costs will reflect this.</li> <li>• We anticipate funding 3 to 6 projects with UK components. Use of the full budget will be contingent on the quality of the applications received.</li> </ul>
<b>Eligible Project Investigators</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The lead for the UK component of a project must be either the Coordinator (UK Equivalent of Principal Investigator) or a Project Investigator (UK Equivalent of Co-Investigator) on the full project proposal.</li> <li>• The lead for the UK component of a project (either as Coordinator or Project Investigator of the overall proposal) must be an academic associated with an eligible Research Organisation. Applicants should consult the UKRI Eligibility Criteria for further information (<a href="https://www.ukri.org/funding/how-to-apply/eligibility/">https://www.ukri.org/funding/how-to-apply/eligibility/</a>). For successful proposals, ESRC will list the lead of the UK component of the project as the Principal Investigator on the UK Award.</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The UK component of a project may include additional academic partners. For successful proposals, ESRC will list these additional academic partners as Co-Investigators on the UK Award.</li> <li>• The UK component of a project may also include partners from UK business, third sector or government bodies. For successful proposals, ESRC will list these partners as Co-Investigators on the UK Award. There is no requirement for the UK business, third sector or government partner to hold a PhD or equivalent qualification. Applicants should consult ESRC standard guidance for further information (<a href="https://esrc.ukri.org/funding/guidance-for-applicants/inclusion-of-uk-business-third-sector-or-government-body-co-investigators-on-proposals/">https://esrc.ukri.org/funding/guidance-for-applicants/inclusion-of-uk-business-third-sector-or-government-body-co-investigators-on-proposals/</a>).</li> <li>• Any individual from a Research Organisation outside the UK, excluding from the countries already participating in this call, who otherwise fits ESRC's normal definition for a Co-Investigator on a research project (see <a href="https://esrc.ukri.org/funding/guidance-for-applicants/research-funding-guide/">https://esrc.ukri.org/funding/guidance-for-applicants/research-funding-guide/</a>) is eligible to be included as a partner in the UK component of a project. For successful proposals, ESRC will list these partners as International Co-Investigators on the UK Award. Applicants should consult ESRC standard guidance for further information (<a href="https://esrc.ukri.org/funding/guidance-for-applicants/inclusion-of-international-co-investigators-on-proposals/">https://esrc.ukri.org/funding/guidance-for-applicants/inclusion-of-international-co-investigators-on-proposals/</a>).</li> <li>• There is no upper limit on the number of Project Investigators that can be involved in the UK component of a project. However, we expect to see balance in the number of Project Investigators across the countries participating in a project.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Eligibility of Costs</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Eligible Costs" are limited to the full Economic Costings of a project, in line with ESRC's normal funding rules. Costs for the UK component of a project must be provided in the 'UK Funding Template – Mandatory Attachment' spreadsheet at 100% fEC. ESRC will meet 80% of fEC on successful proposals.</li> <li>• The UK component of any project should not exceed more than 50 percent of the overall cost of the project.</li> <li>• The combined costs for partners that ESRC will list as International Co-Investigators or UK business, third sector and government body Co-Investigators on the UK Award must not exceed 30% of the total fEC of the UK component of a project.</li> <li>• In line with standard ESRC funding rules, there are specific categories of funding that ESRC will potentially fund in full (at 100% fEC) rather than at 80% fEC. These "exceptions" include costs of partners that ESRC will list as International Co-Investigators or UK business, third sector or government body Co-Investigators costs on successful UK Awards. Details are provided in the ESRC Research Funding Guide (see link below).</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Associated studentships are not permitted under this call.</li> <li>• Please see the ESRC Research Funding Guide for full eligibility of costs (<a href="https://esrc.ukri.org/funding/guidance-for-applicants/research-funding-guide/">https://esrc.ukri.org/funding/guidance-for-applicants/research-funding-guide/</a>). You should also consult your local Research Office.</li> <li>• We recommended that applicants pay close attention to the main body of the Guidance for Applicants document for this call and note the requirement that applicants include costs for participating in specified JPI MYBL activities throughout the lifetime of their Award.</li> </ul>
<b>Additional Information - Guidance for UK applicants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We encourage applicants to proactively engage with a range of stakeholders from the outset, including those from the public, third and private sectors, to ensure that evidence the project produces is both useful to, and used by, those who need it. We encourage applicants to think about expertise that is needed within the project to achieve this.</li> <li>• We recommended that applicants pay close attention to the requirements set out in the main body of the Guidance for Applicants document for this call and note where these requirements differ from typical ESRC applications. In particular, applicants should note the specific scoring criteria and system for this call.</li> <li>• We encourage UK applicants to provide as complete detail as possible in the Electronic Submission Platform, even where it is not mandatory to do so. For example, we encourage UK applicants to submit CVs on their profile and to participate in the 'Expression of Interest' stage.</li> <li>• ESRC uses 'ResearchFish', a research outcomes collection and evaluation system, to collect information on the inputs, activities, outputs and outcomes that have resulted from the research that we fund. Award holders will be expected to provide information through this system during and beyond the lifetime of their Award.</li> <li>• The lead of the UK component of successful projects will be required to submit a Final Expenditure Statement when the grant comes to an end. Financial sanctions apply if this is not completed.</li> </ul>
<b>Submission of Proposal at National Level (if applicable)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Once final decisions have been agreed, the lead of the UK component of each successful project will be required to submit their proposal through UKRI's Joint Electronic Submissions (Je-S) platform in order that ESRC can administer the Awards.</li> <li>• To reduce the administrative burden on applicants during the initial application stage, you will <b>not</b> be required to upload additional UK-specific attachments to the Electronic Submission Platform at this time, <b>except</b> for the 'UK Funding</li> </ul>





	<p>Template – Mandatory Attachment’. This may differ from other calls you have applied to. Successful applicants will instead be required to input relevant information from the Joint Call Electronic Submission Platform into UKRI’s Je-S platform once decisions have been made. Applicants should expect to undertake this action swiftly after being notified of a successful outcome in order that ESRC can make the Awards in a timely manner and in line with other national funders. Further guidance will be made available following final decision stage.</p>
<p><b>Link for additional information</b></p>	<p>Please visit the JPI MYBL website for further information <a href="https://www.jp-demographic.eu/calls/fourth-call/">https://www.jp-demographic.eu/calls/fourth-call/</a></p>