ERA-NET on Translational Cancer Research (TRANSCAN)

Joint Transnational Call for Proposals 2013 (JTC 2013) on:

"Translational research on tertiary prevention in cancer patients"

Guidelines for Applicants

Submission deadlines

Pre-proposals: 3rd of February 2014 at 17:00 CET

Full proposals: 10th of June 2014 at 17:00 CEST

Useful links

Link to Call Text

Link to Pre-proposal Application Form

Link to electronic proposal submission (available from 2nd January 2014)

For further information, please visit www.transcanfp7.eu

or contact the **Joint Call Secretariat (JCS)** at:

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BACKGROUND

Under the umbrella of TRANSCAN ERA-Net on Translational Cancer Research, 17 funding organisations have agreed to launch the Third Joint Transnational Call (JTC) in 2013 for collaborative research projects on **"Translational research on tertiary prevention in cancer patients"**. The participating TRANSCAN funding organisations emphasise the promotion of innovative interdisciplinary collaboration and truly translational research projects.
The research projects submitted within this call will be based on novel ideas stemming from consolidated previous results and will be endowed with a strong translational research orientation, i.e. i) bench to bed studies allowing a rapid implementation into public health-related decisions or into the clinics, or ii) bed to bench studies, based on previous sound clinical results and aiming at their mechanistic understanding.

Project proposals must clearly demonstrate the potential health impact as well as the added-value of transnational collaboration. The sharing of relevant results, data sets and/or resources within international research consortia will be a prerequisite for funding. The research proposals should be built on an effective, multidisciplinary and multi-professional collaboration between academic, clinical, epidemiological or public health research teams and industry. Researchers' exchanges within the consortium are strongly encouraged.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

There will be a two-stage submission procedure for joint applications: pre-proposals and full proposals. In both cases, a single joint proposal document in English should be prepared by the partners and submitted electronically by the coordinator as a PDF file to the Joint Call Secretariat (JTC), using the application forms provided on the TRANSCAN website (http://www.transcanfp7.eu). Some fields (in particular the project abstract and budget information) are also mandatorily requested to be filled online via the electronic system (Please ensure that information of the application forms and online data are consistent). Original signed versions of either pre- or full proposal will not be required. In the case of full proposal all the scanned signature pages should be included in the unique PDF document (annexes are not technically possible via the electronic submission). Joint full proposals will be accepted only from applicants explicitly invited by the JCS to submit them.

Both pre-proposals and full proposals must be submitted to https://www.pt-it.de/ptoutline/application/Cancer13 **within the deadlines indicated below**.

Pre-proposals must be submitted to and received by the JCS no later than 3rd of February 2014 at 17.00 (Central European Time, CET).

Full proposals must be submitted to and received by the JCS no later than 10th of June 2014 at 17.00 (Central European Summer Time, CEST).

Call deadlines are final and will be strictly enforced. The electronic system will not allow submissions after call deadlines. Applicants are recommended to submit their proposals before hand as the electronic system might be overloaded at the time of the application deadlines.

ELIGIBILITY CHECK

Prior to submitting the proposal, applicants should refer to the national eligibility criteria and requirements (Annex 2) and should contact their respective national/regional funding organisation contact points for additional clarification (see Annex 1: Contact information of the national/regional funding organisations).

NOTE: *An eligibility check before the pre-proposal submission is mandatory for the following funding organisations: The Ministry of Health (MOH), Italy and The Dutch Cancer Society (DCS), The Netherlands.*

The JCS will assess proposals to ensure that they meet the call's formal criteria [e.g. date of submission; number of participating research groups, type of project partners (academic, clinical/public health and industrial/SMEs), and inclusion of all necessary information in English]. In parallel, the JCS will forward the proposals to the relevant TRANSCAN national/regional funding organisations that will perform a formal check of compliance with their respective eligibility criteria. Proposals passing both checks will be forwarded to independent international scientific experts for evaluation.

Please note that after submission of the proposal it is not possible to amend it or to add further documents.

For additional information, please contact:

JTC 2013 Joint Call Secretariat (JCS)

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PRE-PROPOSAL STRUCTURE

It is mandatory that the applicants use the Pre-proposal Application Form provided on the TRANSCAN website (www.transcanfp7.eu), and that the pre-proposal document respects the format and the length indicated for each section. **Pre-proposals not complying with these rules will be rejected.** The proposal must be written in English and submitted to the JCS by the project coordinator in a single PDF file through the electronic system.

Pre-proposals must include the following information:

1a. Project title

1b. Project acronym

2. Project duration

3. Name and full affiliation of the project coordinator designated by the consortium to act as its representative.

4. Names and full affiliations of the principal investigators (one per research partner in the consortium).

5. Total requested funding (€).

6. Keywords (3 to 7) representing: the scientific content [type of cancer; specific aim(s) and topic(s) (see Call Text, chapter 2. Aim of the call)]; the methodological and technological approach(es).

7. Project abstract (max. ½ page)

8. Adherence of the proposal to the scope, aims and specific topics of the call (see Call Text, chapter 2. Aim of the call):

Aim 1: Assessment of the impact of health behaviours on clinical outcomes in cancer patients:

A. Development of tools to assess health behaviours and validation against biomarkers among cancer patients and survivors.

B. Evaluation of health behaviours in relation to clinical cancer outcomes, including treatment efficacy and toxicity.

C. Characterization of mechanisms linking health behaviours to cancer progression and prognosis.

D. Clinical trials testing the effects of health behaviours modifications on cancer-related clinical outcomes and biomarkers.

Aim 2: Optimisation of the quality of life of cancer patients

A. Identification and/or validation of the molecular mechanisms of the long-term side effects of cancer treatments.

B. Clinical trials (Phase I-II) aimed at reducing disabilities or restoring functionalities caused or lost due to a previous cancer or anticancer treatment.

C. Testing of the influence of co-morbidities on cancer patients' clinical outcomes, including survival.

Aim 3: Prevention of recurrence and second cancer

A. Identification and/or validation of the genetic, molecular and cellular mechanisms of the metastatic process.

B. Identification and/or validation of biomarkers predictive of tumour recurrence.

C. Assessment of interventions designed to prevent tumour recurrence and/or second cancer.

D. Early phase clinical studies assessing the effectiveness of innovative and low toxicity interventions designed to prevent tumour recurrence and/or second cancer.

9. Project description (once converted into PDF document: max. 5 pages). This part should contain:

a. Description of the project rationale, in terms of medical need, and of the present state of the art in the field(s).
b. Description of the research hypothesis(es), of the project objectives, and of the work program, including methodology, with particular regard to the study design, the study population(s), and the statistical and biostatistical analysis and power calculations. This section should highlight the innovative approach, originality and feasibility of the project.
c. Information about the experience of the research consortium partners in the field; the management structure and related implementation plan; added value of the proposed transnational collaboration.
d. Information about potential impact on cancer prevention and control with reference to the development, dissemination and use of project results.
e. References (one page maximum) and diagrams, figures, etc. (one page maximum) should be added in an appendix.

Please note: if the proposal comprises a clinical trial, the section 12 "Clinical trial description" of the Pre-proposal Application Form, should be completed, in addition to the project description.

10. Capacity building and training activities (optional section) (max. ½ page). Please specify whether the project will include capacity building and training activities. If so, please describe briefly the nature and purpose of the planned activities taking into account the information described in the Call Text. The separated budget will have to be mentioned in the financial plan (sections 13 and 14) in the appropriate line.

11. Brief CV for each partner in the research consortium (i.e. the project coordinator and each principal investigator) including a description of the main domain of research and a list of the five most relevant publications within the last five years regarding the proposal (once converted into PDF document: max. 1 page for each partner).

12. Clinical trial description (if applicable).

13. Financial plan: sum of year 1-3. Please describe the requested budget only. This table should include the costs of the clinical trial, if applicable.

14. Individual financial plan: sum of year 1-3. This table should include the costs of the clinical trial, if applicable.

> **Please note that eligibility of costs is subject to national rules and regulations: refer to the Annex 2 of the "Guidelines for Applicants"**.

15. Reviewers to be excluded from refereeing this proposal (up to five).

16. IF APPLICABLE: A signed written confirmation that the project partner from TRANSCAN country/region not participating in the JTC 2013 or from non-TRANSCAN country/region has secured his/her funding.

FULL PROPOSAL STRUCTURE

The information given in the pre-proposal is binding. Thus, any fundamental changes between the pre- and full proposal (e.g. composition of the consortia, objectives of the project, etc.) must be immediately communicated to the JCS with detailed justification and changes will only be allowed by the Call Steering Committee (CSC) under exceptional circumstances.

Please note that it is mandatory that the applicants use the **Full Proposal Application Form** provided on the TRANSCAN website (www.transcanfp7.eu), and that the full proposal document respects the format and the length indicated. **Full proposals not complying with these rules will be rejected.**

Full proposals must include the following information:

- **Project title and acronym**.
- **Project duration**.
- **Total requested funding**.

- **Keywords** (3 to 7) representing: the scientific content [type of cancer; specific aim(s) and topic(s) (see Call Text, chapter 2. Aim of the call)]; the methodological and technological approach(es).
- **Publishable project abstract** (max. ½ page) (Please note that if your proposal is selected for funding, the abstract you submit on your application form will be published on the TRANSCAN website).
- **Name and signature of the project coordinator**.
- **Names and full affiliations of the coordinator and each principal investigator partner in the research consortium**.
- **Project description**:
  1. Background and rationale (medical need and present state of the art in the research field(s) (max. 2 pages).
  2. Description of the workplan (overall and at the work package level).
  3. Research hypothesis(es) and workplan (max. 20 pages).
     This section should contain:
     a. Description of the research hypothesis(es) and of the work plan, including a general overview of the entire consortium, and the rationale of the work packages. This section should highlight the following aspects: innovative approach, originality, feasibility of the project and expected progress beyond the state-of-the-art; availability and quality of preliminary data; international competitiveness; relevance and clarity of the objectives with respect to the specific medical need and aims of the call.
     b. Description of the methodology and feasibility of the proposal and of the work packages. The relevance, originality and soundness of the methodology and statistical analysis should be highlighted.
     c. Description of the relevant infrastructures and resources to be used for the implementation of the work plan, concept of data and material acquisition and storage, availability of biological resources, data management and elaboration.
     d. Description of the biostatistical analysis.
     e. Description of the research consortium governance and management and of project coordination. Please: i) provide a description of the governance and management structure and of project coordination planning (meeting, monitoring, etc.); ii) define the responsibilities and project effort (expressed in person months) of each participating research group per work package; iii) provide a graphic representation of the project time plan (Gantt chart); iv) contingency plan (anticipation of problems, potential bias, etc.).

f. References.
g. Diagrams and figures.

4. Diagram which compiles the work plan, the contribution of the partners to each work package and their interactions (Pert diagram) (max. 1 page).
5. Added value of the collaboration in the proposed transnational project (max. 1 page). This section should describe the quality of the transnational research consortium, illustrating: i) the level of expertise of the individual partner research teams in the field(s) of the proposal (team scientific track record, publications, patents, etc.; ii) the quality of the collaboration between the research teams and added value of the research consortium with respect to the individual teams.
6. Description of past and ongoing research projects of each participating group related to the present topic, indicating funding sources (include at least: ID number, amount and duration of funded project; funding agency) and possible overlaps with the proposal (max. ½ page per research group).
7. Potential medical impact and exploitation/dissemination of project results (max. ½ page).Describe the potential impact of the expected results on cancer prevention and control, in terms of translation into public health or clinical practices and/or into pharmaceutical/industrial applications; appropriateness of measures for the dissemination and/or exploitation of project results including socio-economic aspects and anticipation of intellectual property issues (patenting, industrial exploitation, marketing, etc.).
8. Description of existing or potential patents (own or third party) and present/future position with regard to intellectual property rights, both within and outside the consortium (i.e. freedom to operate, barriers to sharing materials or results), if applicable (max. ½ page).
9. Justification of requested budget. Please provide specific information about the use of the requested funds and specify co-funding from other sources supporting the project, if applicable) (max. ½ page per research group).
10. Ethical and legal issues. Please provide confirmation that the study complies with local, national and EU regulations, concerning informed consent and other legal requirements for human experimentations, data protection, and use of animals, if applicable (max. ½ page).
11. Brief CV for each research partner (i.e. the project coordinator and each principal investigator) including a description of the main domain of research and a list of the five most relevant publications within the last five years, demonstrating the competence to carry out the project (max. 1 page for each partner).
12. Capacity building and training activities (optional section) (max. 1 page). Please refer to the Call Text for the specific modalities of this section. This section must include: a) description of capacity building and training activities and relevance to the proposal objectives; b) description of the candidate: CV, background (scientific, medical, etc.); scientific production;

current work; coherence of the training with the CV; c) description of the host team (expertise in the field and qualification in research of the responsible person); d) justification of the additional separate budget needed for these specific activities.

13. Clinical trial description (if applicable). Please note: if a proposal comprises the implementation of a clinical trial, this section should be completed in addition to the sections 1-12. If a proposal is focused exclusively on the implementation of a clinical trial, only the section 13 of this form should be completed, unless additional information needs to be provided under the sections 1-12. In any instance, if an issue is addressed in a specific section, please refer to the pertinent section.
14. Financial plan: sum of year 1-3. This table should include the costs of the clinical trial, if applicable.
15. Individual financial plan: sum of year 1-3. This table should include the costs of the clinical trial, if applicable.

Please note that eligibility of costs is subject to national rules and regulations: refer to the Annex 2 of the "Guidelines for Applicants".

16. Number of person months of personnel participating in the project for which no funding is requested (if applicable).
17. Signed declaration by the project coordinator and by the principal investigators partners in the project concerning the agreement of their respective team members to participate in the proposal (signed PDF).

Additional information must be provided if requested by national/regional funding organisations, based on their respective eligibility criteria.

PROJECT START AND CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT

A Consortium Agreement (CA) should be signed between the partners of funded projects for a proper conduct of the project activities, finances, intellectual right properties (IPR) and to avoid disputes which might be detrimental to the completion of the project.

The research consortium is strongly encouraged to sign the CA before the official project start date. Upon request, the CA must be made available to the concerned TRANSCAN JTC 2013 funding organisations.

Consortium partners of projects selected for funding must fix a common project start date, which would be the reference date for yearly and final reports and extensions. The project start date should fall in April 2015. This common project start date must appear in the CA.

ANNEX 1. CONTACT INFORMATION OF THE NATIONAL/REGIONAL FUNDING ORGANISATIONS

Country/Region	Participating Funding Organisations	Website	National Contact Points
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ANNEX 2. NATIONAL/REGIONAL FUNDING ORGANISATIONS' REGULATIONS

Country	**AUSTRIA**
Funding organisation	Austrian Science Fund (Fonds zur Förderung der Wissenschaftlichen Forschung - FWF)
National contact persons	**Dr. Stephanie RESCH** Phone: +43 (1) 505 67 40-8201, E-mail: stephanie.resch@fwf.ac.at
National programme	
Funding commitment	1,5 Mio €
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	5projects
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	No limit / amount of typical (sub)project: ~0.3 Mio. € for a three-year project
Eligibility of projects	Joint research projects
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	
Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	Individual researcher or teams of researchers, working in any kind of non-profit organization: e.g. University, University hospital, Non-university research institute *Please refer also to the general FWF Funding Guidelines: http://www.fwf.ac.at/de/downloads/pdf/fwf_funding_guidelines.pdf*
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Only project-specific costs (see rules for FWF stand-alone project) No overhead allowed (according to national regulation there are 5% general costs)
National phase	Only Proposals reaching 2nd stage (full proposal) of the call: PI has to submit one-page project Summary in English and in German, application forms (application form, itemization of requested funding and forms for international research partners) and Justification for the costs details please see http://www.fwf.ac.at/de/applications/i-internationale_kooperationsprojekte.html
Further guidance	http://www.fwf.ac.at/de/applications/i-internationale_kooperationsprojekte.html

Country	**BELGIUM: FLANDERS**
Funding organisation	Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO)
National contact persons	**Dr. Olivier BOEHME** Senior Science Administrator Research Foundation - Flanders Egmonstraat 5 B-1000 Brussels, Belgium Tel. +32 2 550 15 45 E-mail: eranet@fwo.be **Geertrui POELAERT** Tel +32 2 550 15 55 E-mail: eranet@fwo.be
National programme	New Research Projects
Funding commitment	€ 200.000
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	1
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	€ 200.000
Eligibility of projects	Art. 9 of the FWO-regulation on the regular research projects is applicable. In this article is stated who can apply as a (co-)promoter for a research project (here only those cases that are relevant for cancer research are listed): Promoter: – a professor with an appointment of more than 10% at a Flemish university; – a professor with an appointment of 10% at a Flemish university and a main task as researcher; – a professor with an appointment of 5% at a Flemish university and with an appointment as (assistant) clinical head or an equal function in a university hospital; – a research director of FWO; – a Flemish beneficiary of an ERC Starting Grant, an ERC Advanced Grant or an allowance in the FWO-funding programme Odysseus II. Co-promoter: All co-promoters have to be researchers at at least postdoctoral level in at least one of the following types of organisations: – a Flemish university; – a Flemish research institution; – a Flemish university hospital; – the Transnational university Limburg; – a federal scientific institution, if the co-promoter belongs to the Dutch language register.

	Researchers from outside Flanders can be involved as co-promoter without being entitled to receive funding from the FWO and insofar this cooperation is relevant for the project. If more than one universities are involved in the project, at least one promoter or co-promoter of each university has to fulfill the above mentioned eligibility criteria as well as to occupy a position covering entirely the period of the project that is applied for. The criteria have to be met with at the start of the project at the latest, which has to be proven at the date of the submission.
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	See under 'Eligibility of projects'.
Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	See under 'Eligibility of projects'.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	**For the research project:** Funding money can be used for staff, consumables and infrastructure. The minimal and maximal amounts of money allowed per cost category, as applicable for the regular FWO-projects, are not applicable for the projects funded by FWO in ERA-NET. However, for staff costs the same lump sums are applicable as in the regular projects, i.e.: 60.000 € for a scientific staff member and 50.000 € for a technical staff member. Moreover, FWO pays the host institutions of a project 6% overhead on top of the funding amount. **For the capacity building and training activities:** Funding cannot be used for training activities, apart from the opportunity for a researcher appointed within the project to obtain a PhD on the basis of the results from his/her project research.
National phase	The FWO-funding scheme for New Research Projects is opened one time a year.
Further guidance	http://www.fwo.be/Nieuw-onderzoeksproject.aspx For more information also the NCP can be contacted.

Country	**FRANCE**	
Funding organisations	French National Cancer Institute (INCa)	ARC French Foundation for Cancer Research (Foundation ARC)
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National programme	French National Cancer Plan 2009-2013 – Action 1.1: Strengthen translational research through dedicated funding based on calls for proposals	
Funding commitment	INCa: 1.5M euro	ARC Foundation: 0.3 to 0.5M euro
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	INCa : From 5 to 10 research teams	ARC Foundation: From 1 to 3 research teams
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	INCa and ARC Foundation do not have a maximum funding per grant; the amount depends on the scientific and medical needs and should be justified in the requested budget.	
Eligibility of projects	Please refer to the Call Text	
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	- Public research institutions (university, EPST, EPIC, etc.) - Non-profit organisations (associations, foundations, etc.) - Hospitals or other health care providers (CHU, CRLCC, etc.)	
Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	*Reminder: Each transnational consortium must nominate a coordinator from one of the JTC 2013 countries/region. The coordinator will be responsible for the internal scientific management and for the external representation towards the JCS and the CSC. Each consortium partner will be represented by one principal investigator, who will be the contact person for the respective national/regional funding organization.* - Public research institutions (university, EPST, EPIC, etc.) - Non-profit organisations (associations, foundations, etc.) - Hospitals or other health care providers (CHU, CRLCC, etc.) - Industrial companies could participate if the group is able to secure its own funding however the Project Coordinator could not come from an industrial partner. *Please note that for the reason that a personal investment is necessary for the good progress of the project, the PI is not allowed to coordinate simultaneously more than 3 projects funded by INCa.*	

Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	**For the research project:** - Equipment (up to 150 000 € including taxes) - Consumables and subcontracting - Personnel costs • Salary costs for permanent staff may be included in the budget with the exception of civil servants • Please note that salary for PhD student may only be included in the 'capacity building and training activities' component (see below). - Travel and accommodation (only for the partner team members and for project management meetings) - No indirect costs/overheads **For the capacity building and training activities:** - Salary costs for support staff (technician, engineer, etc) - Salary for scientist, physician, veterinarian or pharmacist (short term training, PhD student, post-doctoral fellowship) - Travel and accommodation for exchanges programme Costs for project management workshops and dissemination events such as symposium are excluded Please note that the total amount of the "Travel and accommodation" expenses could not exceed a maximum of 8% of the total grant awarded
National phase	Not required. Only the submission of the joint proposal is required.
Further guidance	Not applicable

Country	**GERMANY**
Funding organisation	German Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF)
National contact persons	Project Management Agency of the German Aerospace Centre (PT-DLR) - Health Research - Heinrich-Konen-Str. 1 53227 Bonn Phone: 0049 (0)228/3821-1210 Telefax: 0049 (0)228/3821-1257 E-Mail: gesundheitsforschung@dlr.de
National programme	Framework Programme "Health Research" of the Federal Government
Funding commitment	About 3 Mio. €
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	10 – 12 research groups
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	-
Eligibility of projects	-
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Legal body: university, university hospital, non-university public research institute, industry (note: industry is funded with a maximum of 50%-60% of the total project cost).
Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	-
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	**For the research project as well as capacity building and training activities:** Personnel, consumables, animals, subcontracts, equipment, travels, documentation (all according to national regulations).
National phase	After the joint TRANSCAN JTC 2013 peer review has been completed and the final (scientific) ranking list has been performed and endorsed by the Call Steering Committee, PT-DLR will invite those principal investigators to be funded to enter the formal national negotiations. That is, a formal proposal (written in German) must be submitted, which will formally be granted after an administrative and scientific processing (according to national regulations).
Further guidance	http://www.gesundheitsforschung-bmbf.de/de/5113.php

Country	**ISRAEL**
Funding organisation	The Chief Scientist Office, Ministry of Health (CSO-MOH)
National contact persons	**Dr. Benny LESHEM**
National programme	Medical Research Administration
Funding commitment	Up to 240,000 €
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	Up to 4
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	Up to 60,000 €
Eligibility of projects	Medical research at large
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Research institutes, hospitals in Israel
Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	PhD, MD or equivalent
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	**For the research project:** Consumables, personnel (excluding PI and Co-PI), animals, travel (ERA-Net related only), overhead. **For the capacity building and training activities:** No training costs.
National phase	-Bio-ethics approvals, National forms. -Israeli applicants should send a copy of the project proposals to The Chief Scientist Office, Ministry of Health (CSO-MOH) in addition to the formal electronic submission to the Joint Call Secretariat (JCS).
Further guidance	Applicants with CSO-MOH active grant and/or CSO-MOH pending applications are not eligible. Contact +972-2-508-2161

Country	**ITALY**
Funding organisation	Ministry of Health
National contact persons	**Dr. Maria FERRANTINI**, Ministry of Health (Directorate General for Health and Biomedical Research and Supervision of National Health Bodies and Institutions), phone: +39 065994.2684. **Dr. Tiziana CATENA**, Ministry of Health (Directorate General for Health and Biomedical Research and Supervision of National Health Bodies and Institutions), phone: +39 065994.3528. **Dr. Silvia PARADISI**, Ministry of Health (Directorate General for Health and Biomedical Research and Supervision of National Health Bodies and Institutions), phone: +39 064990 6553. Address: Viale Giorgio Ribotta, 5 - 00144 Rome - ITALY **E-mail:** transcan@sanita.it
National programme	Framework National Programme "Health Research" of the Ministry of Health.
Funding commitment	~ 1 M€
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	5-6
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	~ 0.25 M€ per project. If a project comprises 2 Italian research groups the maximum combined amount remains the same (i.e. ~ 0.25 M€).
Eligibility of projects duration	Max 3 years
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	**On the basis of the D.Lgs 229/99:** 1. Regions (Regioni e Province Autonome) – Hospitals and Institutions of the National Health System. 2. Scientific Institute for Research, Hospitalization and Health Care (Istituti di Ricovero e Cura a Carattere Scientifico pubblici e privati, IRCCS). 3. National Institute of Health (Istituto Superiore di Sanità, ISS). 4. National Institute for Occupational Safety and Prevention (Istituto Superiore per la Prevenzione e la Sicurezza sul Lavoro, INAIL ex ISPESL). 5. National Agency for Regional Health Care Services (Agenzia Nazionale per i Servizi Sanitari Regionali, AGENAS). 6. Universities and Research Institutions are not eligible.
Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	In order to expedite the eligibility check process, the Ministry of Health will grant an eligibility clearance to the applicants PRIOR to the **submission of the pre-proposals.** To this end, it is mandatory that the applicants return a **pre-submission eligibility check form**, duly completed and signed, to the e-mail address transcan@sanita.it before submitting their pre-proposals to the Joint Call Secretariat. The applicants from IRCCS should send the pre-submission eligibility check form also through the workflow system of the Ministry of Health. It is strongly recommended that the completed and signed form is returned at least 10 working days before the pre-proposal submission deadline (3 February 2014). Applicants will be sent subsequently a written notification only in case of their ineligibility.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Only costs generated during the lifetime of the project can be eligible.

	For the research project: - Personnel costs (ad hoc contracts/consultants/fellowship, no salary costs for permanent staff; max. 50% of the requested budget) - Equipment (rent/leasing only) - Consumables and subcontracting - Dissemination of results (publications, meetings/workshops etc.; max. 1% of the requested budget) - Data handling and analysis - Travel costs and subsistence allowances (max. 2% of the requested budget) - Indirect costs/Overhead (maximum 10% of the requested budget) **For the capacity building and training activities:** Travel expenses and subsistence allowances associated with training activities linked to the project and carried out within the respective research consortium.
National phase	After the joint TRANSCAN JTC 2013 peer review has been completed and the final (scientific) ranking list has been performed and endorsed by the Call Steering Committee, the Ministry of Health will invite the principal investigators of the projects approved for funding to enter the formal national negotiations (according to national regulations). Submission of annual scientific and financial reports at the national level will be required according to the rules of the Ministry of Health.
Further guidance	Further information on the rules of the Ministry of Health can be requested to the national contact persons.

Country	**LATVIA**
Funding organisation	Latvian Academy of Sciences
National contact persons	**Dr. Maija BUNDULE** maija.bundule@lza.lv +371 67227790 **Dr. Uldis BERKIS** uberkis@latnet.lv +371 67409242 Latvian Academy of Sciences 1 Akademijas laukums Riga, LV-1050, Latvia
National programme	Support is provided according to Provisions Nr 414, 19.06.2012 of the Latvian Cabinet of Ministers http://www.likumi.lv/doc.php?id=249571 Limitations and requirements of these provisions apply without exceptions.
Funding commitment	400 000 €
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	1-2
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	210 000 € (all costs)
Eligibility of projects	The projects should correspond to the priorities of the TRANSCAN Call. Duration of the project - up to 3 years. The activities must correspond to “research” according to Latvian law.
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Legal bodies: universities, state research institutes, other research institutions, hospitals: should be listed in the register of research institutions. Enterprises entered into the Latvian Commercial registry are eligible, assumed they are eligible to do the specific research and can prove it. Limitations of EU legislation apply (R800/2008) together with financial reporting requirements. None of the supported activities should be subject to state aid scrutiny.
Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	Principal investigator – researcher holding Dr. Or PhD degree and experienced in the field related to the project thematic. Other research team members - researchers, physicians, technicians, assistants and supporting staff.

Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Project eligible costs are as follows: **For the research project:** 1. Personnel costs (researchers, technicians and other supporting staff to the extent employed on the research project) and relevant taxes, 2. Other direct costs such as consumables, equipment (only depreciation costs), reagents, animals etc., 3. Subcontracting (up to 25% of total direct costs), with justification, includes also external patents and licenses and all external services, 4. Travels and allowances, 5. Overheads can reach a maximum of 20% of the direct project costs, and must be justified if they exceed 10%. **For the capacity building and training activities:** 1. Short term training related to the project needs – covering only direct costs. R&D related costs should reach 75% of the total project funding. Core activities cannot be subcontracted.
National phase	– The grant will be awarded if: ✓ the submitted project proposal of the partner of Latvia is in accordance with the criteria in the present document; ✓ the submitted project proposal is selected for the award by the TRANSCAN Call Steering Committee; ✓ the project Consortium Agreement is signed. • The decision will be made by the Latvian Academy of Sciences on the base of the project ranking list and/or funding recommendations by the TRANSCAN Call Steering Committee. The available budget will be taken into account.
Further guidance	The funding of RTD activities is provided pursuant in accordance with the Commissions Regulation (EC) No 800/2008 of 6 August 2008 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the common market in application of Articles 87 and 88 of the Treaty (General block exemption Regulation), the Law on Research Activity (adopted on 14 April 2005 and as amended on April 10, 2013) and Regulations of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Latvia No. 414 (former 722) on the procedure for providing support for participation in international cooperation programs for research and technology (adopted on 19 June 2013).

Country	**THE NETHERLANDS**
Funding organisation	Dutch Cancer Society (DCS / KWF Kankerbestrijding)
National contact persons	**Dr. Celine MOORMAN:** tel: +31-20-5700520; email: cmoorman@kwfkankerbestrijding.nl **Dr. Merel HOOZEMANS:** tel: +31-20-5700520; email: mhoozemans@kwfkankerbestrijding.nl
National programme	
Funding commitment	1 M€
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	~ 4
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	~ 0.25 M€
Eligibility of projects	Please refer to the Call Text.
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Please refer to the general research grant conditions of KWF Kankerbestrijding on our website
Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	Please refer to the general research grant conditions of KWF Kankerbestrijding on our website
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	**For the research project as well as for the capacity building and training activities:** Please refer to the general research grant conditions of KWF Kankerbestrijding on our website
National phase	
Further guidance	The official call announcement will be published on the KWF Kankerbestrijding website (www.kwfkankerbestrijding.nl); applicants are strongly advised to contact the national contact persons.

Country	**NORWAY**	
Funding organisation	The Research Council of Norway (RCN)	Norwegian Cancer Society (NCS)
National contact persons	**For RCN:** **Henrietta BLANKSON**, hbl@rcn.no **Karianne SOLAAS**, kso@rcn.no	**For NCS:** **Nina ANENSEN**, nina.anensen@kreftforeningen.no
National programme	**For RCN:** Publicly-initiated Clinical Cancer Studies (KREFT)	-
Funding commitment	RCN: 500.000 €	NCS: 500.000 €
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	2-4	
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	There is no maximum funding per grant, the requested amount should be justified in the budget	
Eligibility of projects	Translational studies allowing a rapid implementation into public health-related decisions or into the clinic are encouraged	
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Norwegian universities, university colleges, hospitals, independent research institutes and other publicly funded research groups. Private industry is not eligible.	
Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	The project manager should have completed a doctoral degree or have corresponding qualifications.	
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	**For the research project:** Payroll expenses, grants/fellowships, procurement of R&D services, consumables, network measures **For the capacity building and training activities:** Salary of temporary staff with a specific expertise, short term training, PhD, Post-doctoral fellowship, Exchange programme Indirect costs/overhead will be covered by the Research Council of Norway.	
National phase	-	
Further guidance	-	

Country	**POLAND**
Funding organisation	National Centre for Research and Development www.ncbir.gov.pl
National contact persons	**Marcin CHMIELEWSKI**, Section for Research Projects BIOMED, Nowogrodzka Str. 47a, 00-695 Warsaw, Poland, +48 22 39 07 109, e-mail: marcin.chmielewski@ncbr.gov.pl;
National programme	National Scientific Research Programme *(Krajowy Program Badań)*
Funding commitment	0,5 M€
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	1-2
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	The NCBR does not have a maximum funding per grant. The amount depends on the scientific needs and justification for the budget.
Eligibility of projects	All proposals must be aligned with National regulations, inter alia: • The Act of 30 April 2010 on **the Principles of Financing Science**, published in Journal of Laws No. 96 item 615, 2010; • The Act of 30 April 2010 on **the National Centre for Research and Development**, published in Journal of Laws No. 96 item 616, 2010; • The Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 28 October 2010 on criteria and rules on **granting state aid and "de minimis" aid** by the National Centre for Research and Development, published in Journal of Laws No. 215 item 1411, 2010.
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	According to The Act of 30 April 2010 on **the National Centre for Research and Development** following entities are eligible to apply, i.a.: • Scientific institution; • Scientific consortia; • Scientific network; • Industrial Scientific Centre; • Scientific units of the Polish Academy of Sciences; • Legal entities with a registered seat in Poland; • Enterprises having the status of R&D centre; • Enterprises conducting R&D activity in other than aforementioned organizational form.
Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	The cost of PHD fellowship is not eligible.

Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	**The eligible costs shall be the following:** 1. **personnel costs** (researchers, technicians and other supporting staff to the extent employed on the research project); 2. **costs of instruments and equipment** to the extent and for the period used for the research project; if such instruments and equipment are not used for their full life for the research project, only the depreciation costs corresponding to the life of the research project, as calculated on the basis of good accounting practice, shall be considered eligible; 3. **costs for buildings and land**, to the extent and for the duration used for the research project; with regard to buildings, only the depreciation costs corresponding to the life of the research project, as calculated on the basis of good accounting practice shall be considered eligible; for land, costs of commercial transfer or actually incurred capital costs shall be eligible; 4. **cost of contractual research, technical knowledge and patents** bought or licensed from outside sources at market prices, where the transaction has been carried out at arm's length and there is no element of collusion involved, as well as costs of consultancy and equivalent services used exclusively for the research activity; this cost type cannot account for more than **70%** of all eligible costs of a project; the subcontracting can be obtained from consortium partner only in justified case, this need will be verified by a national experts panel; 5. **other operating costs,** including costs of materials, supplies and similar products incurred directly as a result of the research activity; 6. **additional overheads** incurred indirectly as a result of the research project; that costs cannot account for more than 25% of all eligible project costs. That costs (6) are counted as a multiplication by percentage given above and the rest of direct costs, excluding costs of contractual research (4). It means 6=(1+2+3+5)*25%. The maximum rate of support for research organizations is 100% of total costs (for all type of R&D); for SEs : 100% for fundamental research, max. 80% for Industrial research and max. 60% for Experimental Development of total costs; for Mes: 100% for fundamental research, max. 75% for Industrial research, max. 50% - for Experimental Development; for LE's: 100% for fundamental research, max. - 65% for Industrial research and max. 40% for Experimental Development.
National phase	Polish Participants will be informed and invited to submit Polish proposal once the international evaluation and the ranking list has been established.
Further guidance	• The Act of 30 April 2010 on **the Principles of Financing Science**, published in Journal of Laws No. 96 item 615, 2010; • The Act of 30 April 2010 on **the National Centre for Research and Development**, published in Journal of Laws No. 96 item 616, 2010; • The Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 28 October 2010 on criteria and rules on **granting state aid and "de minimis" aid** by the National Centre for Research and Development, published in Journal of Laws No. 215 item 1411, 2010. All eligible entities, invited to submit Polish proposal are obliged to use the rate of exchange of The European Central Bank dated on the day of opening the call.

Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	The cost of PHD fellowship is not eligible. **The eligible costs shall be the following:** 7. **personnel costs** (researchers, technicians and other supporting staff to the extent employed on the research project); 8. **costs of instruments and equipment** to the extent and for the period used for the research project; if such instruments and equipment are not used for their full life for the research project, only the depreciation costs corresponding to the life of the research project, as calculated on the basis of good accounting practice, shall be considered eligible; 9. **costs for buildings and land**, to the extent and for the duration used for the research project; with regard to buildings, only the depreciation costs corresponding to the life of the research project, as calculated on the basis of good accounting practice shall be considered eligible; for land, costs of commercial transfer or actually incurred capital costs shall be eligible; 10. **cost of contractual research, technical knowledge and patents** bought or licensed from outside sources at market prices, where the transaction has been carried out at arm's length and there is no element of collusion involved, as well as costs of consultancy and equivalent services used exclusively for the research activity; this cost type cannot account for more than **70%** of all eligible costs of a project; the subcontracting can be obtained from consortium partner only in justified case, this need will be verified by a national experts panel; 11. **other operating costs,** including costs of materials, supplies and similar products incurred directly as a result of the research activity; 12. **additional overheads** incurred indirectly as a result of the research project; that costs cannot account for more than 25% of all eligible project costs. That costs (6) are counted as a multiplication by percentage given above and the rest of direct costs, excluding costs of contractual research (4). It means 6=(1+2+3+5)*25%.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Eligible costs i.a: **Personnel**; **Costs of instruments and equipment**; **Costs for buildings and land**; **Cost of contractual research**, technical knowledge and patents; **Other operating costs**, including costs of materials, supplies and similar products incurred directly as a result of the research activity; **Additional overheads** incurred directly as a result of the research project. The maximum rate of support for research organizations is 100% of total costs (for all type of R&D); for SEs : 100% for fundamental research, max. 80% for Industrial research and max. 60% for Experimental Development of total costs; for Mes: 100% for fundamental research, max. 75% for Industrial research, max. 50% - for Experimental Development; for LE's: 100% for fundamental research, max. - 65% for Industrial research and max. 40% for Experimental Development.
National phase	Polish Participants will be informed and invited to submit Polish proposal once the international evaluation and the ranking list has been established.
Further guidance	• The Act of 30 April 2010 on **the Principles of Financing Science**, published in Journal of Laws No. 96 item 615, 2010; • The Act of 30 April 2010 on **the National Centre for Research and Development**, published in Journal of Laws No. 96 item 616, 2010; • The Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 28 October 2010 on criteria and rules on **granting state aid and**

	“de minimis” aid by the National Centre for Research and Development, published in Journal of Laws No. 215 item 1411, 2010. All eligible entities, invited to submit Polish proposal are obliged to use the rate of exchange of The European Central Bank dated on the day of opening the call.

Country	**PORTUGAL**
Funding organisation	Foundation for Science and Technology (Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia – FCT)
National contact persons	**Rui DURÃO** +351 213 911543 rui.durao@fct.pt
National programme	
Funding commitment	200.000 €
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	1-2
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	200.000 € (Up to **200,000** € if the Applicant is the transnational project consortium coordinator. Up to **125,000 €** if the Applicant is NOT the transnational project consortium coordinator).
Eligibility of projects	All proposals must be aligned with National regulations.
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	National regulations apply.
Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	National regulations apply.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	**For the research project as well as for the capacity building and training activities:** National regulations apply.
National phase	In the pre-proposal and in the full proposal phase no national application is needed, the electronic transnational application to the central TRANSCAN Joint Call Secretariat is sufficient. The national application by the Portuguese primary investigator to the Foundation of Science and Technology (FCT) will be mandatory for Portuguese participants, participating in those transnational projects that will be proposed for funding by the TRANSCAN Call Steering Committee.
Further guidance	http://www.fct.pt/apoios/projectos/regulamento.phtml.en

Country	**SLOVAK REPUBLIC**
Funding organisation	Slovak Academy of Sciences (SAS)
National contact persons	**1) Jan BARANCIK, PhD. (Coordinator)** Slovak Academy of Sciences, Štefánikova 49, 814 38 Bratislava, SK e-mail: barancik@up.upsav.sk, tel.: +421 2 5751 0137 **2) Anna GABELOVA, PhD. (Scientific Manager)** Cancer Research Institute, SAS, Vlarska 7 833 91 Bratislava, SK e-mail: exongaba@savba.sk, tel.: +421 2 59327-512, 202, 502, 526 **3) Martin NOVAK, PhD. (Project Manager)** Slovak Academy of Sciences, Štefánikova 49, 814 38 Bratislava, SK e-mail: mnovak@up.upsav.sk, tel.: +421 2 5751 0179
National programme	Research in the field of biological, medical and pharmaceutical sciences
Funding commitment	0,21 M €
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	3-5
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	up to 105 000 € for 3 year project period applicants from other Slovak R & D centres should cover the project costs from their own sources
Eligibility of projects	Joint Research Projects ■ 3 year transnational projects with 3 or more eligible project consortium partners and from at least 3 different TRANSCAN joint transnational call 2013 (JTC-2) funding countries ■ Translational projects are strongly encouraged
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Research institutes of SAS (up to 100%) Applicants from other Slovak R & D centers have to cover the project costs from their own sources (Letter of Commitment)
Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	■ Each researcher of the core research team of a project consortium Slovak partner (other than the Principal Investigator) must have a job contract with or a fellowship with such a Slovak project partner, lasting until the end of the project or beyond ■ The principal Investigator of the research team of a project consortium Slovak partner must be a senior researcher having a job contract with such a project partner, lasting until the end of the granted project or beyond.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	**For the research project:** Direct costs (DC) : Personnel (max. 15% of DC), Consumables, Equipment (max. 40% of DC) and Travel costs. Indirect costs (IC - overheads): max. 20 % of DC. Total eligible costs = DC + IC. **For the capacity building and training activities:** Training costs shall not be defined as a separate category, but included in other costs items.
National phase	Submission of the proposal at the national level will be required in parallel to the international evaluation. The submitssion will be carried out once the international evaluation and the ranking list have been performed and endorsed by the TRANSCAN Call Steering Committee (CSC) and the Slovak project partner has been informed by the project consortium coordinator and invited by SAS to submit the proposal to it (Formular MVTS). The Presidium of SAS makes the final decision for funding of selected projects.
Further guidance	■ Website: http://www.sav.sk/; ■ 133 Act of February 19, 2002 on the Slovak Academy of Sciences.

	■ Financial rules for awarding SAS grants for research projects in frame of ERA.Net Programme for research institutes of SAS. ■ Principles of allocation of funds for the institutes of SAS to support projects in the field of international scientific cooperation. **For more information also the NCP can be contacted.**

Country	**SLOVENIA**
Funding organisation	Miistry of Education, Science and Sport (MIZS)
National contact persons	**Ms. Kim TURK KRIŽANEC** Directorate for Science MIZS Masarykova 16 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia e-mail: kim.turk-krizanec@gov.si Tel: + 386 1 478 4705 **Ms. Doroteja ZLOBEC** Directorate for Science MIZS Masarykova 16 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia e-mail: doroteja.zlobec@gov.si Tel: +386-14784624
National programme	International Scientific Cooperation
Funding commitment	660.000€
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	2-3 research groups
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	70.000 €/year if the Slovenian researchers participate as partners + 10.000€ for training, 140.000 €/year if a Slovenian researcher is the coordinator of the transnational project + 10.000€ for training
Eligibility of projects	As in the international Call Text
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Research organizations (universities, research institutes, SMEs etc.), defined as eligible in the national Research and Development Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia No. 22/2006 (UPB-1), 61/2006 (ZDru-1), 112/2007 and 9/2011) are eligible to apply. All participating institutions have to be registered in the Slovenian Research Agency evidences of research institutions.
Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	The primary investigator has to fulfill the requirements for project leader as defined in Art. 29 of the national Research and Development Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia No. 22/2006 (UPB-1), 61/2006 (ZDru-1), 112/2007 and 9/2011). The criteria are determined in the Rules on Determining the Fulfillment of Conditions for a Research Project Leader (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia No.41/2009) - must have a PhD, internationally comparable research results in the last five years (COBISS data base)...

	All participating researchers have to be registered in the national Slovenian Research Agency researcher database. Participating researchers must have available research hours.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	In accordance with the Decree on criteria and standards for allocating resources for the implementation of the National Research and Development Program (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia No. 103/11 in 56/12). Eligible costs are defined according to the Slovenian Research Agency's research hour value for a project: Personnel, Material costs (including travel, equipment and subcontracting), Amortization, and Training. Funding is subject to the availability of national funds in accordance with the Community Framework for State Aid for Research and Development and Innovation (http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2006:323:0001:0026:SL:PDF) (http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2006:323:0001:0026:EN:PDF). The funding quota of Slovenian participants will be decided on a case by case basis, depending on the type of research/development, risk associated with the research activities, commercial perspective of exploitation, and the size of the participant if it qualifies as a recipient of state aid.
National phase	There is no national application in the pre-proposal and in the full proposal phase, the electronic transnational application to the central call office is sufficient. The applicants must however send MIZS 2 written statements (Agreement with national eligibility criteria and State aid questionnaire).The statements available on the MIZS webpage must be sent to the national contact person in parallel to sending the pre-proposal application. The national application by the Slovenian primary investigator will be mandatory only for those Slovenian participants participating in transnational projects proposed for funding. Both the rules and forms for transnational application and the rules and forms for national application will be available on the Ministry's web page http://www.mizs.gov.si/si/javne_objave_in_razpisi/okroznice/arhiv_okroznic/okroznice_razpisi_in_javna_narocila/javni_razpisi/
Further guidance	Further information can be found on MIZS's web page http://www.mizs.gov.si/si/javne_objave_in_razpisi/okroznice/arhiv_okroznic/okroznice_razpisi_in_javna_narocila/javni_razpisi/

Country	**SPAIN***
Funding organisation	The National Institute of Health Carlos III (ISCIII for Instituto de Salud Carlos III) www.isciii.es
National contact persons	**Gaspar GINER, Elsa MOREDA** SG de Programas Internacionales de Investigación y Relaciones Institucionales Email: era@isciii.es Tel.: +34 91 822 28 74
National programme	Strategic Action for Health Research (AES for Acción Estratégica en Salud) www.isciii.es/ISCIII/es/contenidos/fd-investigacion/fd-financiacion/convocatorias-ayudas-accion-estrategica-salud.shtml
Funding commitment	Up to 200.000 €
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	Up to 1-3 research groups.
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	- Only one 3-year grant per fundable project partner: • Up to 150.000€ if the Spanish applicant is the TRANSCAN transnational project consortium coordinator • Up to 50.000€ if the Spanish applicant is **not** the TRANSCAN transnational project consortium coordinator *Funding by ISCIII is subject to the approval of the relevant annual appropriations to ISCIII by the Spanish Parliament, within the annual National Budget and their effective availability to ISCIII.*
Eligibility of projects	– Each researcher may only apply in one proposal and cannot be a research team member of any TRANSCAN project expected to be alive in 2014 except if the Spanish project partner Applicant Principal PI is a TRANSCAN transnational project partner consortium coordinator. – Over submission of any Spanish project partner as Applicant within other TRANSCAN transnational project consortium may be rejected. Compatibility regarding to alive projects or parallel applications within the R+D+I Plan of Spain, European Union or International frameworks, is subjected to the specification stated in the relevant calls for proposals.
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	**Eligible organisations:** The Research team of a Spanish project partner applicant must be placed in a **hospital or primary health care or public health setting of the National Health System (SNS) of Spain with legal address in Spain**. [Any of them within the SNS that manages Research through a Foundation (according to the Act 50/ 2002, of December 26th) must also present the foundation's statutes]. **GENERAL REMARK:** Proposals with more than one partner (research team) from the same beneficiary institution will be rejected.

*Please note that the official approval of the specific requirements for this funding organisation is pending. This document will be updated as soon as these requirements are officially approved.

Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	**Eligibility of PIs** and other research team members: – The Spanish project partner Applicant PI must be a senior researcher and have a job contract placing him or her in a hospital or primary health care or public health setting of the SNS lasting at least until the end of the project – Each researcher (research team members other than PI) must have a job contract with or a fellowship with a hospital or primary health care or Public Health setting of the SNS or a fellowship with the Spanish project partner Applicant institution (a hospital or primary health care or public health setting of the SNS lasting at least until the end of the project **Excluded personnel as Principal Investigator (PI)**: • Those post graduated on training as Health Specialist • Those on research training (e.g. PhD students, or on contracts "Rio Hortega") • Research personnel contracted by a RETICS or a CONSOLIDER • Those on post-doctoral improving training (e.g. contracts "Sara Borrel" or contracts "Juan de la Cierva")
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	**Eligibility of costs**: Only expenses committed and invoices dated and charged within the legal time of validity of the Spanish grant provided by ISCIII – Hiring full-time or part-time technical manpower up to 3 years (other than core research team members): • Excluded: Students or fellowships are not eligible. • Only in case the Spanish project partner Applicant PI is an TRANSCAN transnational project consortium coordinator. – Prefixed bulk cost (salary + taxes + social security, etc.) per annual full-time contract: o Technical expert, higher degree: 29,500.00 €. o Technical expert, medium degree: 24,500.00 €. o Technical expert, FP II: 20,500.00 €. • Small Equipment: up to 40,000.00 € (up to 20,000.00 € if the Spanish project partner Applicant PI is not an TRANSCAN transnational project consortium coordinator). – Consumables. – Travel and allowance just only for the research team members of a TRANSCAN transnational 3 year project: • If the Spanish project partner Applicant PI is not the TRANSCAN transnational project consortium coordinator: Up to 4,500.00 € (for presenting results and for field studies and coordination meetings). • Just in case the Spanish project partner Applicant PI is an TRANSCAN transnational project consortium coordinator: Up to 7,500.00 € can be dedicated to travel and allowance. – Commissions (subcontracts up to 50%). Overheads (ex officio): up to + 21% of the Spanish National funds over the approved amount of the grant provided by ISCIII.
National phase	**National phase:** The Spanish project partner PI will be invited by ISCIII to submit the formal proposal for the National phase once the European central evaluation has been performed, the ranking list endorsed, and each TRANSCAN project consortium coordinator informed by the TRANSCAN Central Call Secretariat Office. It is expected each TRANSCAN transnational project consortium coordinator should inform the relevant project partners on the evaluation.
Further guidance	Granted projects must state "Award nª XX by ISCIII thorough AES and within TRANSCAN framework" on any publication arising from it even after completion of the funded period.

Country	**TURKEY**
Funding organisation	The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) http://www.tubitak.gov.tr and http://www.fp7.org.tr
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National programme	The Support Programme for Scientific and Technological Research Projects (1001)
Funding commitment	0,6 M €
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	4-5 research groups
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	Maximum funding per grant is 120.000 TL / year which is approximately 40.000 EUR / year (for 3 years maximum funding per grant is 360.000 TL which is approximately 120.000 EUR)
Eligibility of projects	3 years
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Legal body: university, university hospital, public research institutes, industry
Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	Principal investigators from universities and university hospitals should at least have a PhD degree. Principal investigators from public research institutes and industry should at least have a university degree. There are other requirements related to principal investigator and other research team members. This information should be checked thoroughly by the Turkish partner from the web site http://www.tubitak.gov.tr/tr/destekler/akademik/ulusal-destek-programlari/1001/icerik-kimler-basvurabilir before organising the research team.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	**For the research project:** Personnel, consumables, animals, subcontracts, equipment, travel, documentation. **For the capacity building and training activities:** The capacity building and training activities costs cannot be included as eligible cost.
National phase	1. If the project requires ethical review; After the results of the international evaluations announced (after the e-mail sent by Call Secretariat), the applicants who are awarded to be funded have to submit necessary documents stated in the rules of “The Support Programme for Scientific and Technological Research Projects – 1001” in 120 days at the latest. Original version of the “Ethics Committee Approvals - ECA” should be submitted for the projects in which ECA is needed (Letter of Applications for ECA will not be accepted for the submission).

	2. If the project does not require ethical review; After the results of the international evaluations announced (after the e-mail sent by Call Secretariat), the applicants who are awarded to be funded have to submit necessary documents stated in the rules of "The Support Programme for Scientific and Technological Research Projects – 1001" in 45 days at the latest.
Further guidance	Further information should be checked via TUBITAK's web page on the national programme: http://www.tubitak.gov.tr/tr/destekler/akademik/ulusal-destek-programlari/icerik-1001-bilimsel-ve-teknolojik-arastirma-projelerini-destekleme-pr