

Infect-ERA

THIRD CALL FOR TRANSNATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECTS WITHIN THE ERA-NET INFECT-ERA

INFECT-ERA GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

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1. General Background

Despite great advances in medicine during recent years, human infectious diseases still pose a serious and increasing threat for public health. Reasons for this are the development of resistance to antibiotics and other anti-infective drugs, the threat of emerging infectious diseases, the spread of pathogens via global travel and the issue of co-infection with at least two pathogens. A broad support of diversified research fields on pathogenic micro-organisms should make a significant and sustainable contribution to counter these threats. To improve the European coordination of research on pathogenic micro-organisms, the ERA-NET Infect-ERA is launching its third transnational call.

1.1 Call Topic

The European ERA-NET Infect-ERA programme aims to **coordinate European funding for human infectious diseases research**. With this third call, Infect-ERA aims to fund transnational and translational research, bringing together basic, applied and technology-driven research approaches of a broad variety of research topics regarding human infectious diseases. The call will enable multinational, collaborative research projects that address a specific topic of human infectious diseases caused by bacteria, virus, fungi or protozoa.

Transnational research consortia are invited to submit proposals related at least with one of the following themes, which are equal in relevance for this call:

- The host-pathogen interaction in regards to clinically relevant strains and the assessment of factors influencing this interplay.
- Diagnostics based on components of host-pathogen interaction, including development of markers for a clinical and personalized setting and detection of high risk clones in various diseases.

To address these themes, the proposals must integrate one of these approaches:

- (i) Application of novel approaches and technologies such as genomics, metagenomics, transcriptomics, metabolomics, and mass spectrometric analyses to address

infection biology as a whole regardless of the type of pathogen (bacteria, virus, protozoa or fungi).

- (ii) Integration of new approaches to understand the effect of the pathogen upon its interaction with the host and to develop biomarkers, preventive, diagnostic and therapeutic tools.

Proposals with topics HIV/AIDS, hepatitis B/C, malaria and tuberculosis are not in the scope of the call.

Potential topics of the proposals could include:

- investigation on host-pathogen interactions, activation or prevention of host immune response,
- investigation of host (human or animal), microbiome, vector (for vector-borne diseases) and pathogen interactions and co-evolution
- development of new tools or strategies for diagnosing and monitoring infections, development of new procedures for faster/more cost-efficient diagnostics,
- new animal and animal-free models to investigate the alteration of the host-pathogen-interactions by antimicrobials/antivirals.

The proposals should go beyond the genome-wide approach and favorably show a close cooperation between academic and clinical and/or industrial participants, convincingly present the application (exploitation) of the project results, and demonstrate a clear benefit to the public.

2. Eligibility of Applications

2.1 Infect-ERA Eligibility Criteria

Research proposals may be submitted by:

- higher education institutions,
- non-university public research establishments (including hospitals and clinics),

- commercial companies, in particular small and medium-size enterprises (SMEs),
- scientists according to relevant national regulations.

Applicants must refer and adhere to their own specific National Regulations as detailed in section 7 (see below). Please note that some national agencies do not fund commercial companies.

Only transnational projects will be funded. Each collaborative consortium should have the optimal critical mass to achieve ambitious scientific goals and should clearly show an added value from working together. Participants from non-participating countries may be involved in projects if they secure their own funding and if their expertise is indispensable for reaching the objectives. Participants from non-partner countries must also accept all Infect-ERA rules and guidelines.

The following criteria must be taken into account:

- English as the language of the proposal
- a **maximum of six partners**,
- a **maximum of two partners per country**,
- a **minimum of three partners, which must be eligible** for the funding organisations of three different countries participating in this call (see the list of funding organisations above).
- Non-funded project partners may also be part of the consortia if they are able to clearly demonstrate an added value to the consortium and secure their own funding.
- the coordinator and the majority of partners in a consortium must be eligible for the funding organisations participating in this call
- Each consortium should favourably include researchers from the academic and the clinical and/or the industrial sector (please note the National Regulations).
- Within a joint proposal, each group leader will be the contact person for the relevant national funding agency. Each consortium must nominate a project coordinator to represent the consortium, to submit the pre-proposal/full proposal and to be responsible for its internal management and progress report communication to JCS as well as representation of the consortium.

- If selected for funding, each consortium should clarify the potential IPR matters (such as licensing in, licensing out, patent, and exploitation strategy) and any other legal matter in a written agreement signed by all participants as detailed in 2.3.

Part of the available funding is dedicated especially to consortia of young scientists. Each project leader of such consortia must be a “young scientist”, which is defined as having been awarded a PhD or equivalent at least two and a maximum of nine years before the deadline for submission of pre-proposals (periods of maternity/paternity leave or military service shall be taken into account).

2.2 National Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must refer and adhere to the specific regulations of the national funding organisations. Each project partner is responsible for ensuring that he/she meets the national eligibility criteria. Therefore each project partner is strongly encouraged to get in touch with his/her National Contact (see section 6). The National Regulations of each partner country are described in section 7.

2.3 Consortium Agreement

All participants should agree to abide by the rules of Infected-ERA as defined in the call text.

Each consortium should provide a Consortium Agreement (CA) signed by all participants before the start of the project to clarify the potential IPR matters (such as licensing in, licensing out, patent and exploitation strategy). The CA must address (as a minimum), the following points:

- common start date and duration of the research project
- organisation and management of the project
- role and responsibilities of each partner resources and funding
- confidentiality and publishing
- Intellectual Property Rights
- decision making within the consortium
- handling of internal disputes

- the liabilities of the research partners towards one another (including the handling of default of contract)

Any issues regarding funding are a bilateral matter between each project partner and the relevant funding organisation and should be excluded from the CA. The CA together with any other information required by national regulations must be made available on request to the national funding agencies.

3. Submission of Proposals

3.1 Joint Call Secretariat and Electronic Tools

The call is centrally coordinated by the Infect-ERA Joint Call Secretariat (JCS), which is represented by Project Management Jülich (PtJ) on behalf of the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF). All funding agencies participating in this call are opening the call simultaneously in their respective countries.

The submission of proposals is possible only through the website (www.submission-infect-era.eu). Proposals can only be submitted for open calls during the period specified in the call document. Each project coordinator should make sure to register the proposal early enough as a sharp call deadline is applied. After this deadline, the website does neither accept modification nor submission of any further proposal. Project coordinators should also not underestimate the effort needed to collect the required information from their project partners and in completing the information in the website.

A Partnering tool is available in the Infect-ERA website (<http://www.infect-era.eu/collaborations>), which is designed to support the identification of potential project partners for Infect-ERA proposals.

3.2 Call Timeline

The deadline for submitting pre-proposals is **March 18th, 2015 (17:00, CET)** and invited full proposals must be submitted by **July 17th, 2015 (17:00, CET)**. Projects will be expected to start at the end of 2015 or beginning of 2016.

3.3 Application Forms

Submission of proposals will be carried out in two steps: a pre-proposal and an invited full proposal. Proposals must be written in English.

A pre-proposal consists of two parts:

- Part A, which contains the administrative information, the project abstract, key words, and the financial plan
- Part B (description), which describes the project central idea, the aims and methodology, highlighting the novelty and feasibility, the expected results and their potential exploitation, and the added value of the proposed international collaboration (max. 8,000 characters).
- Brief CVs of the project partners, including lists of up to five recent publications.

Full proposal consists of following parts:

- Summary of the project (work plan, aims and expected results -max. 8,000 characters).
- Background and state-of-the-art (max. 8,000 characters).
- Work plan (including involvement of participants in different work packages, plus lists of milestones and deliverables; max. 16,000 characters).
- GANTT chart and up to four figures.
- Added value of the proposed international collaboration (max. 3,000 characters).
- Exploitation plan: Prospects regarding application in clinic and/or industry, market potential, position with regard to IPR both within and outside the consortium (e.g. barriers to sharing materials or results-max. 8,000 characters).
- Justification of requested budget (also specifying co-funding from other sources necessary for the project).
- Brief CVs of the project leaders, including lists of up to five recent publications. For young scientist: the CV should demonstrate the compliance with the requirement given by definition of “young scientist” (= 2-9 years between finish of PhD and pre-proposal deadline).

4. Governance of the Call and Evaluation Procedures

Two boards, with the support of the JCS, will manage and direct the evaluation of research projects: 1) the Call Steering Committee (CSC), composed of one member from each participating organisation providing funding to this call, will be in charge of supervising the call and recommending the proposals to be funded to the national funding bodies and 2) the Peer Review Panel (PRP), constituted by international scientific experts, that will evaluate the proposals as detailed below.

To ensure objectivity during the evaluation procedure, the members of these two boards will not submit proposals to this call.

4.1 Evaluation of Pre-Proposals

Joint pre-proposals should be submitted online by **March 18th, 2015 (17:00, CET)** through the submission tool (www.submission-infect-era.eu). For application also refer to paragraphs 6 and 7 of this document as well as to the details on the submission website.

Each partner country will check the eligibility of their national applicants. The PRP will assess the scientific quality of the pre-proposals and their fit into the scope of the call. **The information given in the pre-proposal is binding.** Thus, any fundamental change between pre-proposal and full proposal (composition of the consortia, objectives of the project) must be communicated to the JCS. In exceptional cases, changes in the full proposal can be allowed on an agreement of the CSC and only if the consortium provide detailed justification.

4.2 Evaluation of Full Proposals

Full proposals will only be accepted from those applicants explicitly invited by the JCS to submit these. Full proposals are to be submitted online through the Infect-ERA submission tool by **July 17th, 2015 (17:00, CET)** (www.submission-infect-era.eu).

The PRP will evaluate the full proposals based on the following scientific criteria:

- Scientific quality, innovation and international competitiveness of the proposal
- Scientific expertise of the consortium and chance of success

- Quality of the organisation and coordination, multidisciplinary, appropriateness of time and work schedule, feasibility according to existing and requested resources (equipment, man power, etc.)
- Impact for public health
- Prospects for the transfer of results into clinical and/or industrial application (quality of exploitation plan, economic innovation potential, market potential and competitiveness, patent situation)

Each criterion will be scored on an A-D scale:

A (Excellent)	Issues under assessment are comprehensively covered.
B (Good)	Issues under assessment are well covered, with minor suggestions being put forward to enhance the project chances of success.
C (Fair)	Issues under assessment are adequately covered, but they show weaknesses in some specific areas of the criterion. Enhancing the project chances of success may require significant additions or changes to some specific parts of the proposal.
D (Poor)	Issues under assessment are sketchily covered and proper evidence of project chances for success is lacking or omitted. Potential for greater chance of successful outcome(s) requires significant major additions or changes.

Each evaluator will individually review his/her assigned full proposals, score each criterion and fill out a common evaluation form available through the online evaluation tool.

4.3 Decision

The PRP will meet to discuss the evaluation before establishing a ranking list of the reviewed proposals. Based on the PRP recommendation, the CSC will decide on the final list of projects to be funded. Final decisions will be made at the national level. The participants involved in the selected projects will be funded through the national funders

(see specific national regulations and contact the respective national contact person).
Projects will start end of 2015 or in early 2016.

5. *Monitoring*

The coordinators of each funded project must submit **a mid-term** and **a final scientific project report** to the JCS together with summary reports from each participant. In accordance with specific national regulations, each participant should also submit periodical financial and scientific reports and a final report to its national funding agency.

The coordinators will present the results of their projects at status seminars to be organized by the JCS. Any publications resulting from the funded projects must acknowledge the national funding agencies and the ERA-NET Infect-ERA, and one copy must be sent to the JCS. It is expected that project leaders of funded young scientists' consortia show their scientific independence acting as senior authors in those publications arising from their results.

6. *National Contacts*

In total, the following funding organisations from different countries will take part in the **third Infect-ERA call** with a “virtual common pot” funding. Please get in touch with your national contacts of the applicable funding agencies before submitting a proposal.

Country	Agency	Contact person	E-Mail
Belgium	FNRS	Dr. Arnaud Goolaerts	arnaud.goolaerts@frs-fnrs.be +32 2 504 93 28
	FWO	Olivier Boehme	eranet@fwo.be +32 25501545
	IWT	Dr. Hendrik De Bondt	hdb@iwt.be
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7. National Regulations

7.1 The National fund for Scientific Research (FNRS), Belgium

Country	Belgium
Funding organisation	The National fund for Scientific Research (FNRS)
National contact person	Dr. Arnaud Goolaerts Arnaud.goolaerts@frs-fnrs.be ; +32 2 504 93 28
Funding commitment	0.2 M€
Anticipated number of fundable research groups	1
Eligibility of project duration	See national guidelines
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic research (low Technology Readiness Level) carried out in a research institution from the “Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles” • The FNRS will not fund industrial partners or any activity related to the private sector. <p>The applicant must be affiliated to a research institution from the Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles. The applicant should also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be a permanent researcher of F.R.S. - FNRS (Chercheur qualifié, Maître de recherches or Directeur de recherches), • or hold a tenure track position (or an assimilated position including pending tenure track) within a research institution from the Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles, • or be a permanent research staff member in the ‘Ecole Royale Militaire’, • or be a permanent research staff member of a federal scientific institution in which case he can act as a co-promotor only.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	See national guidelines
Submission of the proposal at the national level	No
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level	Financial reporting to FNRS Scientific reporting : a copy of the Transnational report must be sent to FNRS
Information available at	http://www.ncp.frs-fnrs.be/index.php/17-appels/140-fnrs-eligibility-criteria-infect-era-2015

7.2 Research Foundation Flanders (FWO), Belgium

Country	Belgium
Funding organisation	Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO)
National contact person	Olivier Boehme eranet@fwo.be +32 25501545
Funding commitment	200.000 euro + 200.000 euro conditionally in view of available budget
Anticipated number of fundable research groups	2 groups with a project of 200.000 euro each (the second is still conditional)
Eligibility of project duration	A FWO project normally is funded for up to 3 years, but that period can also be shorter.
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	<p>Art. 9 of the FWO-regulation on the regular research projects is applicable (http://www.fwo.be/en/fellowships-funding/research-projects/research-project/regulations-for-research-projects/).</p> <p>In this article is stated who can apply as a Principal Investigator for a research project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 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 Grant or an allowance in the FWO-funding programme Odysseus II. <p>All co-promoters have to be researchers at at least postdoctoral level in at least one of the following types of organisations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 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. <p>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.</p> <p>If more than one universities are involved in the project, at least one promoter of each university has to fulfil the above mentioned eligibility criteria as well as to occupy a position covering entirely the period of the project that is applied for.</p>

	<p>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.</p>
<p>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</p>	<p>Eligible direct costs 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. Moreover, FWO pays the host institutions of a project 6% overhead on top of the funding amount. 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.</p> <p><u>1.1 Research material and small-scale research equipment</u> Only on a limited scale and if its need is demonstrated.</p> <p><u>1.2 Personnel costs</u> A full or half time FTE (scientist or technician) can be funded at real cost.</p> <p><u>1.3 Travel costs</u> On the budget of a project fees can be paid for study stays and participation in conferences abroad provided they are in line with the awarded research project; also travel costs in Belgium are eligible.</p> <p><u>1.4 Living expenses</u> All these costs should be mentioned under the topic “consumables” in the requested budget.</p> <p><u>1.5 Expenses for the organisation of small scientific events in Belgium</u> Apart from the project programme, FWO provides a funding programme for the organisation of conferences: http://www.fwo.be/en/fellowships-funding/international-contacts/organisation-of-scientific-meetings/ .</p> <p>Eligible indirect costs There are no eligible indirect costs.</p>
<p>Submission of the proposal at the national level</p>	<p>no</p>
<p>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level</p>	<p>no</p>
<p>Information available at</p>	<p>www.fwo.be http://www.fwo.be/en/fellowships-funding/research-projects/research-project/regulations-for-research-projects/</p>

7.3 Agency for Innovation by Science and Technology (IWT- Flanders), Belgium

Country	Belgium (Flanders)
Funding organisation	Agency for Innovation by Science and Technology (IWT- Flanders)
National contact person	Hendrik de Bondt hdb@iwt.be +32 2 432 42 12
Funding commitment	1 M€
Anticipated number of fundable research groups	4
Eligibility of project duration	Up to 36 months
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	<p>Only Flemish companies can apply</p> <p>Two weeks prior to the call closure date, IWT eligibility supporting documents (as described in the National Regulations chapter of the guidelines for applicants for this call) should have reached IWT. More specifically, below you can find the content of 'separate document with the IWT eligibility criteria':</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Only Flemish companies can apply. - It is mandatory that the Flemish companies apply at IWT at latest 14 days before the closing of the call, by means of the abstract of the project, innovation goal and valorization perspective of the Flemish partner. - A project cannot receive double public funding. - The minimal funding subsidy for the Flemish partners is 50,000.00 EUR. The maximum funding is 250.000,00. The budget for the Flemish partners should follow the IWT cost model. - The company must have a stable financial situation. Financial statements of the last 2 years should be included (in case of a start-up company, the business plan should be included as well). - The company must at all times have made reasonable efforts to comply fully with all the legal, regulatory and judiciary provisions and decisions that are or where applicable to it. - The company must have enough financial means to fund its own part of the project. - The project must be compatible with the regional program. Any kind of research supporting military purposes is not funded. - The application should contain all information needed for evaluation of the scientific technical aspects as well as the aspects related to the valorization of the research results. - The company must be registered in the Flemish region in order to receive funding. Moreover, the company must be well established in the region.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The project must add benefit to the regional economy. Companies should describe the added value for Flanders (“Toegevoegde waarde in Vlaanderen” - max 5 pages). This document should be part of the hard copy sent to IWT. Companies which do not create enough added value for Flanders will not be considered eligible. - Applying companies should have complied with all contractual obligations in previously funded projects. - The duration of the project is max 3 years. - Large companies can be funded. - Subcontractors can be funded. - At the closure of the call the consortium coordinator should send the pre-proposal of the project to the international call secretary office. Latest at the same day the Flemish partner has to send the innovation goal, the valorization perspective and the accessibility statement to IWT. In case there are changes with respect to the first version a version with track changes has to be sent to IWT as well. - If authorization by an ethical commission is required for project execution in Flanders, the official approval should be sent to IWT as soon as possible. In any case, for projects that have been selected for funding, the official authorization document has to be made available to IWT after the funding decision was made by the board of IWT. If not, project funding will be denied. - Declaration (in Dutch and included in the hardcopy sent to IWT) that <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Infect-ERA -procedures and rules will prevail on IWT-procedures and rules. 2. IWT can perform all due diligence to evaluate the international project. 3. There are no government claims on the company and there is no double financing. 4. That the given financial information is correct. 5. Electronic version of the application sent to Infect-ERA is identical to the hard copy of the application sent to IWT.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Personnel and consumables
Submission of the proposal at the national level	No
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level	No
Information available at	http://www.iwt.be/subsidies/oeno-bedrijfsproject and http://www.europrogs.be/

7.4 French National Research Agency (ANR), France

Country	France
Funding organisation	French National Research Agency
National contact person	Dr. Heidi Ligeret heidi.ligeret@agencerecherche.fr
Funding commitment	2.5 M€
Anticipated number of fundable research groups	~10 – 15 research groups
Eligibility of project duration	24 - 48 months
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Public research institutes such as EPST, EPIC, Universities, University hospitals, Non-university Research Institutes (max rate of support: 100% of additional costs). Enterprises: large & SMES (max rate of support: 45% of total costs for SMEs & 30% for larger companies). Please note that for selected proposals, enterprises will have to go through a national procedure intended for checking their capacity to receive ANR's funding for the duration of the project. See French Annex for details
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Personnel, Consumables, Animals, Subcontracts (if costs<50% eligible costs), Equipment, Travel See French Annex for details
Submission of the proposal at the national level	No
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level	The mid-term and final scientific reports to the JCS are sufficient. The financial reporting at national level is specified in the financial regulation of ANR.
Information available at	French Annex: http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/InfectEra2015-en

7.5 Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) represented by Project Management Jülich (PtJ), Germany

Country	Germany
Funding organisation	Project Management Jülich (PtJ)
National contact person	Dr. Henrike Knizia, h.knizia@fz-juelich.de +49 (0) 2461 61 9758
Funding commitment	Pending Up to 320 K€ per part project.
Anticipated number of fundable research groups	Several
Eligibility of project duration	Up to three years
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Applicants from public research institutes such as universities, hospitals, research institutions or from private bodies such as large enterprises or SMEs are all eligible to apply.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	See national guidelines: ANBest, BNBest and NKBF 98 for the funding regulations, the follow up and reporting of publicly funded projects. Proposed projects must be in line with the national announcement on Infect-ERA
Submission of the proposal at the national level	If the proposal will get funded German applicants have to send in a national application form.
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level	If the proposal will get funded German applicants have to send in a national reporting regarding to the national and specific regulations.
Information available at	Consult the German call document on the BMBF website and see ANBest, BNBest and NKBF 98 for the funding regulations, the follow up and reporting of publicly funded projects.

7.6 Hungarian Academy of Science (HAS) and Hungarian Scientific Research Fund (OTKA), Hungary

Country	Hungary
Funding organisation	Hungarian Scientific Research Fund (OTKA) in agreement with the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (HAS)
National contact person	Dr. Levente Emődy, levente.emody@aok.pte.hu
Funding commitment	Up to 130.000 EUR Up to 75.000 EUR per project
Anticipated number of fundable research groups	1-2
Eligibility of project duration	Max. 3 years
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Higher education institutions, Academy institutions, State laboratories, SME partners
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Consumables, travel and conferences, small equipment, overhead
Submission of the proposal at the national level	To OTKA
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level	To OTKA
Information available at	http://www.otka.hu

7.7 Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology (DBT), India

Country	India
Funding organisation	Department of Biotechnology
National contact person	Dr. Shailja V. Gupta, Scientist 'F'
Funding commitment	
Anticipated number of fundable research groups	The number of projects which can be funded can be flexible if the scientific merit of proposals is excellent.
Eligibility of project duration	Project normally funded for a period of 3 years but duration can vary from 2 – 5 years.
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Scientists from universities, research institutions, academic institutions, research hospitals or other R&D institutions (including not-for-profit research institutes recognized by DBT), that are headquartered and operate in India. Participation of Academia with Industry is encouraged in form of outsourcing of activities to Industry.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	<p>DBT would fund expenses which include:</p> <p>1) Expenses for research activities</p> <p>a. Manpower budget would be provided for doctoral/postdoctoral/technical staff employed for the project</p> <p>b. Expenses for equipment; Industry will be provided limited equipment budget</p> <p>c. Expenses for consumables</p> <p>d. Other: Contingencies and workshop expenses can be requested at modest levels</p> <p>2) Travel expenses for research exchanges</p> <p>a. Travel expenses: In principle, should be based on the rules of the institution with which the research leader is affiliated.</p> <p>b. Foreign travel expenses: DBT would provide air travel expenses for the visit of PI and the researchers working in project to foreign laboratory as per decided norms.</p> <p>c. Domestic travel expenses : As per DBT norms</p> <p>d. DBT would provide local hospitality for foreign-side Researchers which would include lodging, boarding, local travel and subsistence allowance.</p> <p>3) Overhead Expenses</p> <p>All administrative procedures related to the project are to be carried out by institutions, overhead expenses as per DBT norms will also be allowed.</p> <p>Industry component of budget shall be budgeted in the outsourcing activities of the academia.</p>
Submission of the proposal at the national level	One hard copy and soft copy needs to be submitted to DBT, Dr. Shailja V. Gupta
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level	Annual submission of financial and scientific reports are mandatory.
Information available at	www.dbtindia.nic.in

7.8 Chief Scientist Office, Ministry of Health (CSO-MOH), Israel

Country	Israel
Funding organisation	Chief Scientist Office, Ministry of Health (CSO-MOH)
National contact person	Dr. Ahmi Ben-Yehudah Dr. Irit Allon
Funding commitment	Up to 200000 euros Up to 100,000 euros per project
Anticipated number of fundable research groups	Up to 2
Eligibility of project duration	Up to 3 years
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Position in a university, research center or hospital
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Materials and consumables; Travel; No salaries for applicants; No heavy equipment
Submission of the proposal at the national level	1)-Prior to deadline, a short summary should be submitted to CSO-MOH by email, with Research authority cc'ed. summary should include: Project name and acronym, project partners and affiliations, requested budget and Description of work with emphasis on Israeli partner. The total length should not exceed 1 page. Information not received at CSO-MOH before grant submission may result in declaring the proposal as not eligible for funding. 2)-National application forms will be filled only after funding recommendation
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level	Annual
Information available at	http://www.health.gov.il/Subjects/Research/Pages/Research-Foundation.aspx

7.9 Italian Ministry of Health (MoH), Italy

Country	Italy
Funding organisation	Italian Ministry of Health (MoH)
National contact person	Dr. Gaetano Guglielmi g.guglielmi@sanita.it
Funding commitment	0.6 M EURO Max 200.000 per project
Anticipated number of fundable research groups	3-4
Eligibility of project duration	Max 3 years
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	<p>Scientific Institutes for Research, Hospitalization and Health Care (Istituti di Ricovero e Cura a Carattere Scientifico pubblici e privati, IRCCS) and National Health System Hospital (SSN).</p> <p>The simultaneous participation in proposals submitted to different transnational research calls, funded by the Ministero della Salute, is not allowed to Italian Principal Investigators or other research team members.</p> <p>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 fill out and return a pre-eligibility check form (see submission webpage) through</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IRCCS Scientific Directorate (IRCCS Researchers) using WFR System • or email to ricercasanitaria@sanita.it (only NHS Hospital Researchers) reporting in object JTC Infect-ERA <p>before submitting their pre-proposals to the Joint Call Secretariat. It is strongly recommended that the form, completed and duly signed, is returned at least 10 working days before the pre-proposal submission deadline. Applicants will be sent a written notification of their eligibility status.</p>
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	<p>Only costs generated during the lifetime of the project can be eligible.</p> <p>Personnel (only ad hoc contracts/consultants/fellowship, max 50% of the requested fund); travel costs and subsistence allowances (max 10% of the requested fund); equipment (rent/leasing only), consumables, dissemination of results (publications, meetings/workshops etc.) (max 1% of the requested fund); data handling and analysis; overhead (maximum 10% of the requested</p>

	<p>fund). (All according to national regulations).</p> <p>Travel expenses and subsistence allowances associated with training activities linked to the project.</p>
Submission of the proposal at the national level	<p>After the joint Infect-ERA JTC 2014 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).</p>
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level	<p>Submission of annual scientific and financial reports at the national level will be required according to the rules of the Ministry of Health.</p>
Information available at	<p>www.salute.gov.it or contact point</p>

7.10 National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR), Poland

Country	Poland
Funding organisation	National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR) (http://www.ncbir.pl)
National contact person	Marcin Chmielewski, Section for Research Projects BIOMED, Nowogrodzka Str. 47a, 00-695 Warsaw, Poland, phone: +48 22 39 07 109, e-mail: marcin.chmielewski@ncbr.gov.pl ;
Funding commitment	0,5 M EUR
Anticipated number of fundable research groups	3 - 5
Eligibility of project duration	<p>Following entities are eligible to apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research organizations • Micro, Small, Medium and Large Enterprise • Research consortia (according to The Act of 30 April 2010 on the Principles of Financing Science, published in Journal of Laws No. 96 item 615, 2010) <p>Organization must be registered in Poland.</p>
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	<p>All proposals must be aligned with National regulations, inter alia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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;
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	<p>The eligible costs shall be the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. personnel costs (researchers, technicians and other supporting staff to the extent employed on the research project); 2. costs of instruments and equipment, technical knowledge and patents 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, 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

	<p>obtained from consortium partner only in justified case, this need will be verified by a national experts panel;</p> <p>5. other operating costs including costs of materials, supplies and similar products incurred directly as a result of the research activity;</p> <p>6. additional overheads incurred indirectly as a result of the research project; that costs cannot account for more than 25% of eligible project costs; That costs (6) are counted as a multiplication by percentage given above (called x%) and the rest of direct costs, excluding subcontracting (4); It means $6=(1+2+3+5)*x\%$.</p>																				
<p>Submission of the proposal at the national level</p>	<p>Polish Participants will be informed and invited to submit Polish proposal once the international evaluation and the ranking list will be established.</p>																				
<p>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level</p>	<p>Funding quota of Polish participants can be up to 100% for universities or research organisations. In the case of enterprises, funding quota will be decided on a case-by-case basis depending on the size of the company, type of research/development, risk associated with the research activities and commercial perspective of exploitation. Organization must be registered in Poland</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="491 958 1394 1585"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Large Enterprises</th> <th>Medium Enterprises</th> <th>Small Enterprises</th> <th>Universities and research organizations</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Fundamental/ Basic Research</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>Up to 100 %</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Industrial/ Applied Research</td> <td>Up to 50+15 (max 65 %)</td> <td>Up to 50+10+15 (max 75 %)</td> <td>Up to 50+20+15 (max 80 %)</td> <td>Up to 100 %</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Experimental development</td> <td>Up to 25+15 (max 40 %)</td> <td>Up to 25+10+15 (max 50 %)</td> <td>Up to 25+20+15 (max 60 %)</td> <td>Up to 100 %</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>In case of enterprises only Industrial/Applied Research and Experimental Development will be funded. Other type of activities (e.g. coordination, dissemination, management) is not eligible for funding as separate research tasks in the project schedule.</p>		Large Enterprises	Medium Enterprises	Small Enterprises	Universities and research organizations	Fundamental/ Basic Research	-	-	-	Up to 100 %	Industrial/ Applied Research	Up to 50+15 (max 65 %)	Up to 50+10+15 (max 75 %)	Up to 50+20+15 (max 80 %)	Up to 100 %	Experimental development	Up to 25+15 (max 40 %)	Up to 25+10+15 (max 50 %)	Up to 25+20+15 (max 60 %)	Up to 100 %
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<p>Information available at</p>	<p>National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR) (http://www.ncbir.pl)</p>																				

7.11 National Science Centre (NCN), Poland

Country	Poland
Funding organisation	National Science Centre (NCN) www.ncn.gov.pl
National contact person	Dr. Magdalena Kowalczyk, Coordinator for Life Sciences Ms. Sylwia Kostka, International Relations Officer
Funding commitment	0.5 M EURO
Anticipated number of fundable research groups	-
Eligibility of project duration	max. 36 months
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	See national eligibility requirements.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overhead costs must not exceed a maximum of 30% of eligible costs (excl. equipment) and may not be increased during the course of a research project • Administrative personnel costs have to be covered from overheads • Applicants are obliged to adhere to the rules included in the following document: http://www.ncn.gov.pl/sites/default/files/pliki/katalog%20kosztow.pdf.
Submission of the proposal at the national level	Applicants must provide basic administrative data via the OSF electronic submission system
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level	Yes
Information available at	www.ncn.gov.pl

7.12 Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT), Portugal

Country	Portugal
Funding organisation	Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT)
National contact person	Dr. Anabela Isidro; anabela.isidro@fct.pt; +351 21 391 1552 Dr. Ricardo Pereira; ricardo.pereira@fct.pt; +351 21 392 4479
Funding commitment	0,325 M€; Maximum/project: 200 K€ for a proposal with Portuguese coordination; 125 K€ for a proposal with Portuguese participation;
Anticipated number of fundable research groups	2-3
Eligibility of project duration	Max. 3 years
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Higher education institutions, their institutes and R&D centres; Associate laboratories; State laboratories; Private non-profit institutes whose main objective is to carry out S&T activities; Companies provided that they participate in projects headed by public or private non-profit institutions; Other public and private non-profit institutions which carry out or participate in scientific research activities.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Equipment, consumables, human resources, networks & consortium funding, mobility and overheads.
Submission of the proposal at the national level	Yes, only for proposals which are recommended for funding
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level	Yes, submission of financial and annual scientific reports at national level is required according with the rules of FCT
Information available at	http://alfa.fct.mctes.pt/apoios/projectos/regulamento.phtml.en

NOTE: Portuguese teams have to send to the National Contact Point a statement of commitment duly signed, dated and stamped by the Head of the Portuguese applicant organization and by the Principal Investigator, available on FCT website <http://www.fct.pt/apoios/cooptrans/eranets/Infect-ERA/index.phtml.en> until the pre-proposal submission deadline.

7.13 Ministry of National Education (MEN), Romania

Country	Romania
Funding organisation	Ministry of National Education (MEN)
National contact person	Ioana Ispas , ioana.ispas@ancs.ro +4021 212 77 91
Funding commitment	0,3 M€
Eligible organisations	Certified RD entities
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Personnel, consumables, equipment, travel, subcontracts
Submission of the proposal at the national level	After a positive evaluation and funding recommendation a formal application needs to be submitted to UEFISCDI
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level	Yes, see above.
Information available at	http://www.research.edu.ro

7.14 The National Institute of Health Carlos III (ISCIII), Spain

Funding Organisation	National Institute of Health Carlos III (Instituto de Salud Carlos III, ISCIII) www.isciii.es
National Contact Point for the 3rd call of)Infect-ERA	Irene Sánchez. Email: isanchezgarcia@isciii.es Tel: (+34) 91 82 22488 SG de Programas Internacionales de Investigación y Relaciones Institucionales (ISCIII-SGPIIRI) Instituto de Salud Carlos III; Monforte de Lemos, 3; E-28029 Madrid – Spain
Initial funding pre-commitment	Up to 200,000.00€ Number of project partners that could be funded: 2-3 research groups Funding by ISCIII is subject to the approval of the relevant annual appropriations to ISCIII by the Parliament of Spain, within the annual National Budget and the effective availability of the appropriations to ISCIII
Maximum funding awarded per Spanish project partner	Only one 3-year grant per fundable project partner: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • up to 100,000.00 € (overheads included) per project partner (up to 150,000.00 € per project for the whole Spanish part in case more than one Spanish partner participates in the same proposal); • up to 150,000.00 € (overheads included) per project coordinator (up to 200,000.00 € for the whole Spanish part in case one Spanish eligible institution coordinates the project consortium).
Eligible institutions	Eligible organisations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hospitals, primary health care or public health settings of the Spanish National Health System (SNS) with legal address in Spain (These must be part of the SNS and if research is managed via a foundation, in accordance to the Spanish Act 50/2002, of December 26th a copy of the foundation's statutes must be submitted). - Health Research Institutes (IIS) certified according to the RD 339/2004, of February and only if the IIS applicant is the consortium coordinator^{27th} (if research is managed via a foundation according to the Spanish Act 50/ 2002, of December 26th, a copy of the foundation's statutes must be submitted). - CIBERs only as consortium coordinator. <p>GENERAL REMARK: Maximum number of projects partners asking for funding to ISCIII in the same project proposal from the same beneficiary institution is up to 2. Maximum number of Spanish projects partners asking for funding in the same project proposal is up to 2.</p>
Additional eligibility criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each researcher may only apply in one proposal and cannot be a research team member of any Infect-ERA project alive in 2016. Over submission of any Spanish project partner as Applicant within other transnational Infect-ERA 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. Further over submission of any Spanish project partner as Applicant within other transnational project consortium will be rejected after, according to the date and time of reception of the respective application in the corresponding Call Secretariat Office
Eligibility of PI and team members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Principal Investigator (PI) must be a senior researcher having a job contract with the eligible institution • Each researcher of the core research team (other than the PI) must

	<p>have a job contract with or a fellowship with the Spanish project partner Applicant institution</p> <p>Excluded personnel as Principal Investigator (PI):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those post graduate 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”)
<p>Eligible costs</p>	<p>Only expenses committed and invoices dated and charged within the legal time of validity of the Spanish grant provided by ISCIII</p> <p>Personnel: Hiring full-time or part-time technical manpower up to three years (other than core research team members) only in case the Spanish applicant is the project consortium coordinator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excluded: Students or fellowships are not eligible • Prefixed bulk cost (salary + taxes + social security, etc.) per annual full-time contract: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Technical expert, higher degree: 29,500.00 € ○ Technical expert, medium degree: 24,500.00 € ○ Technical expert, FP II: 20,500.00 € <p>Small Equipment: up to 40,000.00 € (up to 20,000.00 € if the Spanish project partner Applicant PI is not the project consortium coordinator)</p> <p>Consumables</p> <p>Travel and allowance just for the research team members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the Spanish partner is not the project consortium coordinator: up to 6,000.00 € (for presenting results and for field studies and coordination meetings) • If the Spanish partner Applicant PI is the project consortium coordinator: up to 10,000.00 € can be dedicated to travel and allowance <p>Commissions: subcontracting up to 50% of requested budget with private (bio)companies and SMEs is possible and permitted</p> <p>Overheads (ex officio): up to + 21% of the Spanish National funds over the approved amount of the grant provided by ISCIII</p> <p>Spanish partners in collaborative projects applying for funding from different Spanish funding agencies (ISCIII or MINECO) should check their respective eligible costs!</p>
<p>Evaluation outcome</p>	<p>The Joint Call Secretariat (JCS) will inform each consortium coordinator on the results of the first and second phase once European’s ranking list is endorsed, and the project consortium coordinator shall then inform the interested project partners.</p>
<p>National phase</p>	<p>Spanish PIs invited to the second phase (full proposal stage) will be invited by ISCIII to submit the application to the National phase and only those recommended for funding by the Call Steering Committee (CSC) after the second stage assessment may be funded</p>
<p>Mandatory acknowledgement of funding</p>	<p>Granted projects must state “Award n^a XX by ISCIII through AES 2015 and within Infect-ERA framework” on any publication/presentation, outcome or event arising from it, even after completion of the funded period.</p>

7.15 Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness (MINECO), Spain

Country	Spain
Funding organisation	Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad (MINECO)
National contact person	Dr David Gonzalez Martinez infect-era@mineco.es
Funding commitment	600.000€
Anticipated number of fundable research groups	Please check the 2015 Call for International Joint Programming Actions 2015 “Convocatoria De Acciones de Programación COnjunta Internacional 2015” (to be published on 2015 in the B.O.E)
Eligibility of project duration	Up to 3 years
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Please check the 2015 Call for International Joint Programming Actions 2015 “Convocatoria De Acciones de Programación COnjunta Internacional 2015” (to be published on 2015 in the B.O.E)
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Please check the 2015 Call for International Joint Programming Actions 2015 “Convocatoria De Acciones de Programación COnjunta Internacional 2015” (to be published on 2015 in the B.O.E)
Submission of the proposal at the national level	Please check the 2015 Call for International Joint Programming Actions 2015 “Convocatoria De Acciones de Programación COnjunta Internacional 2015” (to be published on 2015 in the B.O.E)
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level	Please check the 2015 Call for International Joint Programming Actions 2015 “Convocatoria De Acciones de Programación COnjunta Internacional 2015” (to be published on 2015 in the B.O.E)
Information available at	Web link to SGPINT at MINECO