

# Infect-ERA

**SECOND CALL FOR TRANSNATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECTS  
WITHIN THE ERA-NET Infect-ERA**

## **GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS**

### **DEADLINES**

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## 1. General Background

Despite great advances in medicine during recent years, 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 second transnational call.

### 1.1 Call topics

The European Infect-ERA programme aims to **coordinate European funding for infectious diseases research**. In this 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 specific topics 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:

- A. Assess the role of commensal flora in homeostasis and microbe's pathogenicity, and elucidate how commensal organisms or probiotics can be used to prevent or treat infections.**
  
- B. Development and application of new techniques to investigate the initial steps of the infection process.**

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

- i. Application of novel approaches and technologies such as metagenomics, transcriptomics, and metabolomics.
- ii. Integration of new approaches to understand the effect of the pathogen upon infection 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.

Non-limiting examples of potential topics for the proposals related to theme A are:

- *Mechanisms of host colonization by commensals and host derived factors that allow colonization by the microbiota*
- *Factors expressed by pathogens to outcompete the microbiota*
- *Animal models to assess the contribution of microbiota to prevent infection by pathogens*
- *Development of new tools for the isolation and culture of commensal pathogens. Insight into commensal flora using novel approaches*
- *Effects of antibiotics, immune response and diet, including probiotics, on the homeostasis of commensal flora and its breakdown during disease*
- *Manipulation of commensal flora to contain infection. Immunomodulation by the commensal flora. Exploitation of commensal flora to support novel therapeutic and preventive interventions*

...and for theme B are:

- *Tracking of pathogens in animal tissues and organs. Development of new animal models, bioluminescent assays, and imaging techniques for monitoring infections*
- *New techniques to dissect the heterogeneity of pathogen populations upon infection. Research on the establishment of the infectious process by highly successful epidemic clones vs. low virulence isolates*
- *Deciphering the initial cascades of infection in vivo: penetration, colonization and invasion*
- *Development of new single cell-based technologies to analyze infection.*
- *Exploring pathogen interaction with host cell signalling, and its correlation with subversion or induction of protective innate responses*

The proposals should go beyond the genome-wide approach and favourably 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),
- researchers 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.

The following criteria must be taken into account:

- Each consortium submitting a proposal must involve:
  - a maximum of six partners,
  - a maximum of two partners per country,
  - a minimum of three partners, which must be eligible for the funding organizations of three different countries participating in this call (see the list of funding organizations 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. However, the coordinator and the majority of partners in a consortium must be eligible for the funding organizations participating in this call, and the maximum number of six participants may not be exceeded in any case. If one of the partners is not eligible the proposal will be rejected without further review.

- Each consortium should favorably include researchers from the academic and the clinical and/or the industrial sector (please note the National Regulations).
- Each consortium must nominate a project coordinator to represent the consortium, submit the pre-proposal/full proposal, and any further communication with the Joint Call Secretariat. Within a joint proposal, each group leader will be the contact person for the relevant national funding organization.

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**

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 organization 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. *Proposals submission*

#### 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 the Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness (MINECO). 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 (<http://www.submission-infect-era.eu>). Proposals can only be submitted 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 to nor submission of any proposal.

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 **Submission time line**

The deadline for submitting pre-proposals is **April 02, 2014 (17:00, CET)**, and invited full proposals must be submitted by **August 04, 2014 (17:00, CET)**.

#### 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 the following parts:

- Part A, which contains the administrative information, the project abstract and key words, and the financial plan
- Part B, 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. 8000 characters)
- Brief CVs of the project partners, including lists of up to five recent publications

A full proposal consists of the following parts:

- Summary of the project (work plan, aims and expected results -max. 8000 characters)
- Background and state-of-the-art (max. 8000 characters)
- Work plan (including involvement of participants in different work packages, plus lists of milestones and deliverables -max. 16000 characters)
- GANTT chart
- Added value of the proposed international collaboration (max. 3000 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. 8000 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. Call governance 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 Pre-proposals evaluation

Each funding agency will check the eligibility of their national applicants, and the JCS will check the eligibility of the applications. 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 with detailed justification, and will only be allowed with the agreement of the CSC in exceptional cases.

Reviewers will be asked to use a common evaluation form and give a global assessment for each proposal (“excellent” – “good” – “fair” – “poor”), based on the criteria:

1. Relevance and contribution of the collaborative project to the aims of the call and potential application of the expected results
2. Scientific quality (scientific innovation potential, international competitiveness, and expertise of the applicants)

#### 4.2 Full proposals evaluation

Full proposals will be accepted only from those applicants explicitly invited by the JCS to submit them. The PRP will evaluate the full proposals based on the following scientific criteria:

1. Scientific quality, innovation and international competitiveness of the proposal
2. Scientific expertise of the consortium and chance of success
3. Quality of the organisation and coordination, multidisciplinary, appropriateness of time and work schedule, feasibility according to existing and requested resources (equipment, man power, etc.)
4. Impact for public health
5. 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 a 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 recommended 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 programs (see specific national regulations and contact the respective national contact person). Projects will start in late 2014 or early 2015.

## 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

Please get in touch with the national contact persons of the applicable funding organization before submitting a proposal.

Country	Funding org.	Contact person	Contact details
Austria	FWF	Milojka Gindl	milojka.gindl@fwf.ac.at
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## 7. National Regulations

### 7.1 Austrian Science Fund (FWF), Austria

<b>Country</b>	Austria
<b>Funding organisation</b>	Austrian Science Fund (Fonds zur Förderung der Wissenschaftlichen Forschung - FWF)
<b>National contact person</b>	Dr. Milojka GINDL Phone: + 43 (1) 505 67 40 8209, E-Mail: milojka.gindl@fwf.ac.at
<b>Funding commitment</b>	1.2 Mio €
<b>Anticipated number of fundable research groups</b>	ca. 4 projects
<b>Eligibility of project duration</b>	~0.3 Mio € for a three-year project and per consortia
<b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b>	Applicants for projects from Austria may only be submitted by single natural persons. Affirmation of the research institution of the applicant is mandatory.  Please refer also to the general FWF Funding Guidelines: <a href="http://www.fwf.ac.at/de/downloads/pdf/fwf_funding_guidelines.pdf">http://www.fwf.ac.at/de/downloads/pdf/fwf_funding_guidelines.pdf</a>
<b>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</b>	Only project-specific costs (see rules for FWF stand alone project) and 5 % general costs are allowed (no others overheads).
<b>Submission of the proposal at the national level</b>	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 <a href="http://www.fwf.ac.at/de/applications/i-internationale_kooperationsprojekte.html">http://www.fwf.ac.at/de/applications/i-internationale_kooperationsprojekte.html</a>
<b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level</b>	Annual proof of the utilization of funds (Jahresverwendungsnachweis) and after the end of the project an overview of scientific outputs and final accounting.
<b>Information available at:</b>	<a href="http://www.fwf.ac.at/de/applications/i-internationale_kooperationsprojekte.html">http://www.fwf.ac.at/de/applications/i-internationale_kooperationsprojekte.html</a>

## 7.2 Research Foundation - Flanders (FWO), Belgium

<b>Country</b>	Belgium
<b>Funding organisation</b>	Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO)
<b>National contact person</b>	<b>Dr. Olivier Boehme</b> <b>Geertrui Poelaert</b>
<b>Funding commitment</b>	200.000 EUR /1 project/ max. 4 years
<b>Anticipated number of fundable research groups</b>	1
<b>Eligibility of project duration</b>	A FWO project normally is funded for up to 4 years, but that period can also be shorter.
<b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b>	<p>Art. 9 of the FWO-regulation on the regular research projects is applicable (<a href="http://www.fwo.be/Documentatie.aspx?ID=399b8594-9710-4771-9289-426ff73731e1&amp;L=nl">http://www.fwo.be/Documentatie.aspx?ID=399b8594-9710-4771-9289-426ff73731e1&amp;L=nl</a>).</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"> <li>- a professor with an appointment of more than 10% at a Flemish university;</li> <li>- a professor with an appointment of 10% at a Flemish university and a main task as researcher;</li> <li>- 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;</li> <li>- a academic staff member with an appointment at the Evangelical Protestant Faculty in Leuven and the Faculty for Protestant Theology in Brussels;</li> <li>- a research director of FWO;</li> <li>- a Flemish beneficiary of an ERC Starting Grant, an ERC Advanced Grant or an allowance in the FWO-funding programme Odysseus II.</li> </ul> <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"> <li>- a Flemish university;</li> <li>- a Flemish research institution;</li> <li>- a Flemish university hospital;</li> <li>- the Transnational university Limburg;</li> <li>- a federal scientific institution, if the co-promoter belongs to the Dutch language register.</li> </ul> <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><b>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</b></p>	<p><b>Eligible direct costs</b>  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.  A full time scientist: 60.000 euro / year – a half time scientist: 30.000 euro/ year  A full time technician: 50.000 euro / year – a half time technician: 25.000 euro/year</p> <p><u>1.3 Travel costs</u>  As a general rule, travel costs (from the point of departure to the location of the project partner) will be paid by the sending country. Travel costs for Belgian (Flemish) project partners who travel to foreign countries will be covered (economy class flight / train ride 2nd class). Visa fees and vaccine costs for vaccinations officially recommended by the Belgian Foreign Ministry will also be reimbursed. These costs should be mentioned under the topic “consumables” in the requested budget.</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 (Flanders) (including the invitation of external experts):</u> funding can be provided towards expenses such as room rent and catering, accommodation of guests, transfer costs in Belgium (daily allowances will not be paid in this case). The upper limit of 20% of the project budget per partner/year should not be exceeded.</p> <p><b>Eligible indirect costs</b>  There are no eligible indirect costs.</p>
<p><b>Submission of the proposal at the national level</b></p>	<p>no</p>
<p><b>Submission of</b></p>	<p>no</p>

<b>financial and scientific reports at the national level</b>	
<b>Information available at:</b>	<a href="http://www.fwo.be">www.fwo.be</a> <a href="http://www.fwo.be/Documentatie.aspx?ID=399b8594-9710-4771-9289-426ff73731e1&amp;L=nl">http://www.fwo.be/Documentatie.aspx?ID=399b8594-9710-4771-9289-426ff73731e1&amp;L=nl</a>



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

<b>Country</b>	Belgium (Flanders)
<b>Funding organisation</b>	IWT
<b>National contact person</b>	<a href="mailto:hdb@iwt.be">hdb@iwt.be</a>
<b>Funding commitment</b>	1 Meuro for 4 projects
<b>Anticipated number of fundable research groups</b>	4
<b>Eligibility of project duration</b>	3 years or shorter
<b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b>	<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"> <li>- Only Flemish companies can apply.</li> <li>- 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.</li> <li>- A project cannot receive double public funding.</li> <li>- 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.</li> <li>- 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).</li> <li>- 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.</li> <li>- The company must have enough financial means to fund its own part of the project.</li> <li>- The project must be compatible with the regional program. Any kind of research supporting military purposes is not funded.</li> <li>- The application should contain all information needed for evaluation of the scientific technical aspects as well as the aspects related to the valorization of</li> </ul>

	<p>the research results.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The company must be registered in the Flemish region in order to receive funding. Moreover, the company must be well established in the region.</li> <li>- 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.</li> <li>- Applying companies should have complied with all contractual obligations in previously funded projects.</li> <li>- The duration of the project is max 3 years.</li> <li>- Large companies can be funded.</li> <li>- Subcontractors can be funded.</li> <li>- 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.</li> <li>- 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.</li> <li>- Declaration (in Dutch and included in the hardcopy sent to IWT) that             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Infect-ERA -procedures and rules will prevail on IWT-procedures and rules.</li> <li>2. IWT can perform all due diligence to evaluate the international project.</li> <li>3. There are no government claims on the company and there is no double financing.</li> <li>4. That the given financial information is correct.</li> <li>5. Electronic version of the application sent to Infect-ERA is identical to the hard copy of the application sent to IWT.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
<b>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</b>	Personnel and consumables
<b>Submission of the proposal at the national level</b>	No
<b>Submission of</b>	No

<b>financial and scientific reports at the national level</b>	
<b>Information available at:</b>	<a href="http://www.iwt.be/subsidies/oeno-bedrijfsproject">http://www.iwt.be/subsidies/oeno-bedrijfsproject</a> and <a href="http://www.europrogs.be/">http://www.europrogs.be/</a>

## 7.4 National Fund for Scientific Research (FNRS-French speaking community), Belgium

<b>Country</b>	Belgium
<b>Funding organisation</b>	FRS-FNRS
<b>National contact person</b>	Arnaud Goolaerts <a href="mailto:arnaud.goolaerts@frs-fnrs.be">arnaud.goolaerts@frs-fnrs.be</a> or Freia Van Hee <a href="mailto:Freia.vanhee@frs-fnrs.be">Freia.vanhee@frs-fnrs.be</a>
<b>Funding commitment</b>	0.2M €
<b>Anticipated number of fundable research groups</b>	1
<b>Eligibility of project duration</b>	Up to 3 years. If the project involves the recruitment of a PhD student, the project duration could be up to 4 years.
<b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b>	<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"> <li>• be a permanent researcher of F.R.S. - FNRS (Chercheur qualifié, Maître de recherches ou Directeur de recherches),</li> <li>• or hold a tenure track position (or an assimilated position including pending tenure track) within a research institution from the Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles,</li> <li>• or be a permanent research staff member in the 'Ecole Royale Militaire'</li> <li>• or be a permanent research staff member of a federal scientific institution</li> </ul> <p>The applicant should not have reached retirement at the starting date of the project. If the applicant reaches the age of retirement in the course of the project, he should precisely describe in the proposal how the handover will be managed.</p> <p>A single applicant may only participate once in a consortium applying to this call.</p>
<b>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</b>	<p>The maximum amount allocated per project is 200.000 EUR. The following costs are eligible:</p> <p><b>a) Personnel:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Scientifique doctorant € 34.400/year</li> <li>○ Scientifique non postdoctoral € 60.700/year</li> <li>○ Scientifique postdoctoral € 70.800/year</li> <li>○ Technicien € 51.500 (full time/year) - € 26.000 (half time/year)</li> <li>○ Chercheur temporaire postdoctoral € 41.000/year</li> <li>○ Vétérinaire clinicien-chercheur spécialiste (half time € 44.800/year)</li> </ul> <p>Les catégories « scientifique doctorant » et « chercheur temporaire postdoctoral » sont exclusivement à plein temps. La catégorie « vétérinaire clinicien-chercheur</p>

	<p>spécialiste » est à mi-temps. Les 3 autres catégories peuvent être occupées à plein temps ou à mi-temps.</p> <p>b) <b>Equipement</b> (max. 40.000 EUR/year)</p> <p>c) <b>Running costs</b> : (max. 50.000 EUR/year): travel expenses; <u>organisation of small scientific events in Belgium</u>; consumables and the following support costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Conception d'ouvrage</li> <li>○ Réalisation de dictionnaire</li> <li>○ Achat de livre</li> <li>○ Encodage</li> <li>○ Location de licence de logiciel</li> <li>○ Inscription à un congrès</li> <li>○ Ordinateur</li> <li>○ Scannage</li> </ul> <p>The „overhead“ is not an eligible cost. If the project is selected for funding, these costs will be subject to a separate agreement between the institution of the beneficiary and the F.R.S.-FNRS.</p>
<p><b>Submission of the proposal at the national level</b></p>	<p>NO</p>
<p><b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level</b></p>	<p>YES</p>
<p><b>Information available at</b></p>	<p><a href="http://www.fnrs.be/">http://www.fnrs.be/</a></p>

## 7.5 National Agency for Research (ANR), France

<b>Country</b>	France
<b>Funding organisation</b>	French National Research Agency
<b>National contact person</b>	Dr. Serawit Bruck-Landais
<b>Funding commitment</b>	1.0M €
<b>Anticipated number of fundable research groups</b>	~10 – 11 research groups (please note that ANR will not fund research projects related to chronic diseases).
<b>Eligibility of project duration</b>	24 - 48 months
<b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b>	<p>Public research institutes such as EPST, EPIC, Universities, University hospitals, Non-university Research Institutes</p> <p>(max rate of support: 100% of additional costs).</p> <p>Enterprises: large &amp; SMES</p> <p>(max rate of support: 45% of total costs for SMEs &amp; 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.</p> <p>See French Annex for details</p>
<b>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</b>	<p>Personnel, Consumables, Animals, Subcontracts (if costs&lt;50% eligible costs), Equipment, Travel</p> <p>See French Annex for details</p>
<b>Submission of the proposal at the national level</b>	No
<b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level</b>	The mid-term and final scientific reports to the JCS are sufficient. The specific annual financial reporting at national level is specified in the financial guidelines of ANR.
<b>Information available at</b>	French Annex: To be communicated

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

<b>Country</b>	Germany
<b>Funding organisation</b>	Project Management Jülich (PtJ)
<b>National contact person</b>	Dr. Bülent Genç, b.genc@fz-juelich.de +49 (0) 2461 61 5265 Dr. Henrike Knizia, h.knizia@fz-juelich.de +49 (0) 2461 61 9758
<b>Funding commitment</b>	3 Mio. €
<b>Anticipated number of fundable research groups</b>	Several
<b>Eligibility of project duration</b>	Up to three years
<b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b>	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.
<b>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</b>	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
<b>Submission of the proposal at the national level</b>	If the proposal will get funded German applicants have to send in a national application form.
<b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level</b>	If the proposal will get funded German applicants have to send in a national application form.
<b>Information available at</b>	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.

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

<b>Country</b>	Hungary
<b>Funding organisation</b>	Hungarian Scientific Research Fund (OTKA) in agreement with the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (HAS)
<b>National contact person</b>	Dr. Levente Emődy, <a href="mailto:levente.emody@aok.pte.hu">levente.emody@aok.pte.hu</a>
<b>Funding commitment</b>	0.13 Mio€; with a maximum/per project of 0.075 Mio€
<b>Anticipated number of fundable research groups</b>	1-2
<b>Eligibility of project duration</b>	Max. 3 years
<b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b>	Higher education institutions, Academy institutions, State laboratories, SME partners
<b>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</b>	Consumables, travel and conferences, small equipment, overhead
<b>Submission of the proposal at the national level</b>	To OTKA
<b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level</b>	To OTKA
<b>Information available at</b>	<a href="http://www.otka.hu">http://www.otka.hu</a>



## 7.8 Department of Biotechnology. Ministry of Science and Technology (DBT), India

<b>Country</b>	India
<b>Funding organisation</b>	Department of Biotechnology
<b>National contact person</b>	Dr. Shailja V. Gupta, Director
<b>Funding commitment</b>	0.5 M€
<b>Anticipated number of fundable research groups</b>	The number of projects which can be funded can be flexible if the scientific merit of proposals is excellent.
<b>Eligibility of project duration</b>	Project normally funded for a period of 3 years but duration can vary from 2 – 5 years.
<b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b>	<p>Scientists from universities, research institutions and private companies in India - researchers of Indian companies, academic institutions, research hospitals or other R&amp;D institutions (including not-for-profit research institutes recognized by DBT), that are headquartered and operate in India.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indian companies must be registered corporations in India, maintain a minimum of 51 percent Indian ownership;</li> <li>• Representatives from subsidiaries of firms headquartered and owned outside India are not eligible to receive funding or subsidies from DBT.</li> <li>• Would be required to commit 50% of the funding.</li> </ul>
<b>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</b>	<p>DBT would fund expenses which include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Expenses for research activities <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Manpower budget would be provided for doctoral/postdoctoral/technical staff employed for the project</li> <li>b. Expenses for equipment; Industry will be provided limited equipment budget</li> <li>c. Expenses for consumables</li> <li>d. Other: Contingencies and workshop expenses can be requested at modest levels</li> </ol> </li> <li>2) Travel expenses for research exchanges <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Travel expenses: In principle, should be based on the rules of the institution with which the research leader is affiliated.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>c. Domestic travel expenses : As per DBT norms</li> <li>d. DBT would provide local hospitality for foreign-side Researchers</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

	<p>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>
<b>Submission of the proposal at the national level</b>	One hard copy and soft copy needs to be submitted to DBT
<b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level</b>	Annual submission of financial and scientific reports are mandatory.
<b>Information available at</b>	<a href="http://www.dbtindia.nic.in">www.dbtindia.nic.in</a>

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

<b>Country</b>	Israel
<b>Funding organisation</b>	Chief Scientist Office, Ministry of Health (CSO-MOH)
<b>National contact person</b>	Dr. Benny Leshem
<b>Funding commitment</b>	Up to 0.24 M €
<b>Anticipated number of fundable research groups</b>	Up to 4
<b>Eligibility of project duration</b>	3 years
<b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b>	Applicants should hold an MD, PhD or equivalent degree and work at eligible research institute or a hospital. Industrial or SME partner may be eligible but only on their own funding
<b>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</b>	Personnel (not for applicants), animals, consumables, animals, travel (see limits), 10% overhead
<b>Submission of the proposal at the national level</b>	Only for funded applicants
<b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level</b>	Financial report: every 6 months. Annual scientific report
<b>Information available at</b>	<a href="http://www.health.gov.il/research-fund">www.health.gov.il/research-fund</a>

## 7.10 National Science Centre (NCN), Poland

<b>Country</b>	POLAND
<b>Funding organisation</b>	NATIONAL SCIENCE CENTRE (NCN)
<b>National contact person</b>	Dr. Marcin Liana phone: +48 12 341 9161 e-mail: marcin.liana@ncn.gov.pl
<b>Funding commitment</b>	0.5 M €
<b>Anticipated number of fundable research groups</b>	-
<b>Eligibility of project duration</b>	up to 36 months
<b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Polish research institutions as referred to in Art. 10 of the Act of 30 April 2010 on the Principles of Financing Science (Dz. U. z 2010 r. nr 96, poz. 615 z późn. zm.) <a href="http://www.ncn.gov.pl/sites/default/files/pliki/ustawy/ustawa-o-ncn.pdf">http://www.ncn.gov.pl/sites/default/files/pliki/ustawy/ustawa-o-ncn.pdf</a> including higher education institutions, non-university public research establishments (e.g. hospitals and clinics).</li> <li>Under this scheme the NCN will not offer state aid grants (<a href="http://www.ncn.gov.pl/finansowanie-nauki/pomoc-publiczna?language=pl">http://www.ncn.gov.pl/finansowanie-nauki/pomoc-publiczna?language=pl</a>).</li> <li>The applicant who intends to act as Project Coordinator or Group Leader in Infect-ERA consortium must be a researcher with a doctorate degree, with an established scientific record.</li> <li>Project Coordinator or Group Leader must be employed at a Polish research institution, have necessary qualifications, the required infrastructure and sufficient free capacity to carry out the requested project in full.</li> </ul>
<b>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</b>	<p>Eligible Costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Personnel costs;</li> <li>Equipment – applicants may seek funding for research equipment up to PLN 500,000 for a single item;</li> <li>Publication costs;</li> <li>Subcontracting;</li> <li>Travel and Subsistence Costs;</li> <li>Consumables;</li> <li>Overheads – up to 30% of the total eligible costs (excl. equipment). Overheads may not be increased during the course of a research project.</li> </ul>

	<p>Please note:</p> <p>Researchers applying for grants from the NCN are obliged to fill in the NCN budget table included in the call documentation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administrative personnel costs have to be covered from overheads.</li> <li>• No double financing permitted. A single grant can be awarded to any one beneficiary.</li> <li>• Applicants are obliged to adhere to the rules included in Annex 4 of the following document:  <a href="http://ncn.gov.pl/sites/default/files/pliki/uchwaly-rady/2013/uchwala71_2013-zal1.pdf">http://ncn.gov.pl/sites/default/files/pliki/uchwaly-rady/2013/uchwala71_2013-zal1.pdf</a>.</li> </ul>
<b>Submission of the proposal at the national level</b>	Yes, only for proposals which are recommended for funding.
<b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level</b>	Yes, only for proposals which are recommended for funding.
<b>Information available at</b>	<a href="http://www.ncn.gov.pl/">http://www.ncn.gov.pl/</a>

## 7.11 National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR), Poland

<b>Country</b>	Poland
<b>Funding organisation</b>	National Centre for Research and Development <a href="http://www.ncbr.gov.pl">www.ncbr.gov.pl</a>
<b>National contact person</b>	Marcin Chmielewski, Section for Research Projects BIOMED, Nowogrodzka Str. 47a, 00-695 Warsaw, Poland, +48 22 39 07 109, e-mail: <a href="mailto:marcin.chmielewski@ncbr.gov.pl">marcin.chmielewski@ncbr.gov.pl</a>
<b>Funding commitment</b>	0,5 M€
<b>Anticipated number of fundable research groups</b>	1 - 2
<b>Eligibility of project duration</b>	3 years
<b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b>	<p>According to The Act of 30 April 2010 on the National Centre for Research and Development following entities are eligible to apply, i.a.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scientific institution;</li> <li>• Scientific consortia;</li> <li>• Scientific network;</li> <li>• Industrial Scientific Centre;</li> <li>• Scientific units of the Polish Academy of Sciences;</li> <li>• Legal entities with a registered seat in Poland;</li> <li>• Enterprises having the status of R&amp;D centre;</li> </ul> <p>Enterprises conducting R&amp;D activity in other than aforementioned organizational form.</p>
<b>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</b>	<p>The eligible costs shall be the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. personnel costs (researchers, technicians and other supporting staff to the extent employed on the research project);</li> <li>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;</li> <li>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;</li> <li>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</li> </ol>

	<p>obtained from consortium partner only in justified case, this need will be verified by a national experts panel;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. other operating costs, including costs of materials, supplies and similar products incurred directly as a result of the research activity;</li> <li>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 <math>6=(1+2+3+5)*25\%</math>.</li> </ol> <p>The maximum rate of support for research organizations is 100% of total costs (for all type of R&amp;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.</p>
<p><b>Submission of the proposal at the national level</b></p>	<p>Yes, for projects recommended for funding.</p>
<p><b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level</b></p>	<p>Yes, annually</p>
<p><b>Information available at</b></p>	<p><a href="http://www.ncbir.pl/programy-miedzynarodowe/era-net/infect-era/aktualnosci/">http://www.ncbir.pl/programy-miedzynarodowe/era-net/infect-era/aktualnosci/</a></p>

## 7.12 Science and Technology Foundation (FCT), Portugal

<b>Country</b>	Portugal
<b>Funding organisation</b>	Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT)
<b>National contact person</b>	<b>Dr Anabela Isidro; <a href="mailto:anabela.isidro@fct.pt">anabela.isidro@fct.pt</a>; +351 21 391 1552</b> <b>Dr Ricardo Pereira; <a href="mailto:ricardo.pereira@fct.pt">ricardo.pereira@fct.pt</a>; +351 21 391 1596</b>
<b>Funding commitment</b>	<b>0,325 M€</b> committed budget:  Up to <b>200,000 €</b> if the Applicant is the transnational project consortium coordinator.  Up to <b>125,000 €</b> if the Applicant is NOT the transnational project consortium coordinator.
<b>Anticipated number of fundable research groups</b>	2-3
<b>Eligibility of project duration</b>	Max. 3 years
<b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b>	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.
<b>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</b>	Equipment, consumables, human resources, networks & consortium funding, mobility and overheads.
<b>Submission of the proposal at the national level</b>	Yes, only for proposals which are recommended for funding
<b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level</b>	Yes, submission of financial and annual scientific reports at national level is required according with the rules of FCT
<b>Information available at</b>	<a href="http://alfa.fct.mctes.pt/apoios/projectos/regulamento.phtml.en">http://alfa.fct.mctes.pt/apoios/projectos/regulamento.phtml.en</a>

**NOTE:** The dedication time of researchers to project is not applicable for this JTC; Portuguese teams need to send a statement of commitment to the National Contact Point from FCT, duly signed, dated and stamped by the Head of the Portuguese applicant organization and by the Principal Investigator.



### 7.13 Ministry of National Education (MEN), Romania

<b>Country</b>	Romania
<b>Funding organisation</b>	Ministry of National Education & UEFISCDI - Executive Agency for Financing Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation
<b>National contact persons</b>	<b>Ioana Ispas</b> , ioana.ispas@ancs.ro +4021 212 77 91
<b>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</b>	Personnel, consumables, equipment, travel, subcontracts
<b>Eligible organisations</b>	Certified RD entities
<b>Funding quota</b>	0.2 MEUR
<b>Further information on funding conditions</b>	After a positive evaluation and funding recommendation a formal application needs to be submitted to UEFISCDI
<b>Further information available at</b>	<a href="http://www.research.edu.ro">http://www.research.edu.ro</a>

## 7.14 Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness (MINECO), Spain

<b>Country</b>	Spain
<b>Funding organisation</b>	Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad
<b>National contact person</b>	<b>Dr Julio Barbas</b> <a href="mailto:infect-era@mineco.es">infect-era@mineco.es</a>
<b>Funding commitment</b>	0.8 M€
<b>Anticipated number of fundable research groups</b>	3-4
<b>Eligibility of project duration</b>	3 years
<b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b>	<p>The entities eligible for MINECO funding are universities and other public research institutions (including hospitals and public foundations), as well as private non-profit organizations that carry out R&amp;D activities in Spain.</p> <p>Eligible applicants <b>must</b> have experience as principal investigators (PI) in projects funded in the <i>Plan Nacional de I+D+i 2008-2011</i>. This rule is not applied to <b>young researchers</b> who submit their proposal to the specific modality for Young Scientists of the call. In this case, applicants must prove their contractual relation with the research institution for at least the expected duration of the project.</p> <p>One researcher <b>is not allowed</b> either to apply for funding in more than one proposal of this call, or to overlap funding in this call with other ERA-NET running projects. In any case, <b>MINECO will avoid double funding and will not finance projects or parts of projects that have been funded through other national or EU calls.</b></p>
<b>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</b>	<p>Up to 100% of the marginal project costs may be financed within this programme in the following categories:</p> <p><b>Personnel costs for temporary contracts</b> (fellowships are not eligible).  <b>Direct costs</b> (consumables, small equipment, travel).  <i>Indirect costs (overheads), or clinical assays (proofs of concept, proofs of principle) are not eligible for funding.</i></p> <p>Maximum funding is <b>150.000 € per project</b> (200.000 € if one Spanish eligible institution coordinates the project).</p>
<b>Submission of the proposal at the</b>	Once the transnational evaluation procedure has been completed and the researchers involved have been notified, the Spanish applicants that are offered funding will be invited to formally apply to the call of the <b>Programa Estatal de Investigación, Desarrollo e Innovación Orientada a los Retos de la Sociedad</b> implemented by the <b>Dirección</b>

<b>national level</b>	<b>General de Investigación Científica y Técnica.</b>
<b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level</b>	<p>The Spanish partners awarded in this call should submit an annual interim report in accordance with the regulations established in the corresponding national call.</p>
<b>Information available at</b>	<p>* See more details in <a href="http://www.idi.mineco.gob.es/stfls/MICINN/Internacional/FICHEROS/Instrumentos_ERA/National_annex_MINECO_Infect-ERA2014.pdf">http://www.idi.mineco.gob.es/stfls/MICINN/Internacional/FICHEROS/Instrumentos_ERA/National_annex_MINECO_Infect-ERA2014.pdf</a></p>

### 7.15 Swedish Research Council (SRC), Sweden

<b>Country</b>	Sweden
<b>Funding organisation</b>	Swedish Research Council
<b>National contact person</b>	Pontus Holm
<b>Funding commitment</b>	€2 million
<b>Anticipated number of fundable research groups</b>	4-8
<b>Eligibility of project duration</b>	3 years
<b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b>	Same rules as for Swedish Research Council national project grants (see <a href="http://www.vr.se">www.vr.se</a> )
<b>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</b>	Same rules as for Swedish Research Council national project grants (see <a href="http://www.vr.se">www.vr.se</a> )
<b>Submission of the proposal at the national level</b>	No
<b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level</b>	No
<b>Information available at</b>	<a href="http://www.vr.se">www.vr.se</a>