RESEARCH PROJECTS ON PERSONALISED MEDICINE – "PREVENTION IN PERSONALISED MEDICINE"

ERA PerMed

NATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ERANET ACTION ON PERSONALISED MEDICINE (PM)

JOINT CALL 2022

The Ministry of Science and Education of the Republic of Croatia (hereafter: MSE) is the national funding and coordination body responsible for the implementation of the ERA PerMed programme in the Republic of Croatia.

As such, the MSE hereby prescribes the National guidelines for applicants for the implementation of ERA PerMed programme in the Republic of Croatia (2017 – 2022) which provides information regarding national participation criteria, including scientific criteria, funding, consortium and other requirements.

FUNDING BODY DETAILS

National funding body	Acronym	Address	Telephone	Fax
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TOTAL BUDGET

The Republic of Croatia has financially committed to contribute to *ERA PerMed programme* with a contribution of EUR 301.250,00. Hence, the Croatian applicants will have a budget for the Joint Call 2022 in the amount of EUR 120.000,00.

In particular, in 2022 Ministry of Science and Education is open to project proposals within all research areas (see "Scientific criteria"). The highest ranked project proposals evaluated on merit-based criteria will be approved for funding, subject to available budget.

NATIONAL CRITERIA

Participation criteria: Terms and conditions of eligible entities

MSE funding is limited to a Croatian project partners only. Croatian project partner could be consortium (consisting of at least two national legal entities) or single legal entity.

Eligibility criteria for Croatian project partners are as follows:

- research organizations registered in the Register of Research Organizations at the Ministry of Science and Education of Republic of Croatia¹:
 - o public research institutes
 - o public higher education institutions
 - o other legal entities performing research activity
- other legal entities performing research activities
 - o non-governmental and non-profit organizations (NGO's) or institutions whose main object is research activity or research and development activity registered by the Ministry of Justice and Public Administration
 - o micro, small and medium enterprises (SME's) entered in the Court Register and registered to perform research and development activities.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Croatian project partner receiving the funds under this call will be monitored by MSE. Croatian project partners have the obligation to submit annual and final financial and narrative reports on the project progress, describing in clearly manner whether or not they achieved the set of key performing indicators. MSE will proscribe the form for the annual and final reports.

Maximum limit requested per partner / per country / per proposal

Only costs directly related to the proposed research activities are eligible for financing under this call. Activities supported by other sources are not eligible for financing. Applicant must ensure that there is no double financing during the whole project implementation.

Total available budget for Joint Call 2022 for Croatian project partners is 120.000,00 Euro.

The funds will be allocated to the Croatian project partner when evaluated positively by ERA PerMed Secretariat and validated by the MSE.

¹ According to Article 22 of the Scientific Research and Higher Education Act (Official Gazette 123/03, 198/03, 105/04, 174/04, 02/07, 46/07, 45/09, 63/11, 94/13, 139/13, 101/14, 60/15, 131/17)

Project duration

The maximum duration of the projects is three years in accordance with ERA PerMed funding organisation regulations. The studies performed should be finalised at the latest within the third year of the funding period. Eligible costs and funding provisions may vary according to the respective funding organisation's regulations. Project partners must refer and adhere to their own regional/national regulations and scientific remits, as detailed in the relevant regional/national announcements.

SCIENTIFIC CRITERIA

Thematic areas and topics to be funded

All proposed Modules from three Research Areas will be funded by MSE for Croatian applicants.

Croatian Principal Investigator

Each project partner in the transnational consortium has to be represented by one Principal investigator. Croatian project partner will appoint one research leader (Principal investigator) who will monitor the implementation of national project activities, and report on it to coordinator of the transnational consortium. Within a joint proposal, each project partner's Principal investigator will be the contact person for the JCS and the relevant national funding organisation (MSE).

Principal investigator for Croatian project partner must hold a Ph.D. degree and should have at least 5 years of research experience after having obtained Ph.D. Principal investigator must be employed under employment contract at Croatian institution participating in transnational consortium.

Croatian project partner will commit that the minimum of 30% of Principal investigator's workload will be dedicated to the ERA PerMed project. Croatian project partner's Principal investigator is responsible for internal scientific management such as project monitoring and intellectual property rights (IPR) management and for submission of narrative and financial reports to national coordinating and funding body (MSE).

FUNDING CRITERIA FOR CROATIA'S PROJECT PARTNER IN ERA-NET ACTION ON PERSONALISED MEDICINE (PM)

Eligible costs categories

For Croatian applicants, general H2020 Programme rules on eligible and ineligible costs apply (<u>can be found in the Annotated Model Grant Agreement (AGA) for H2020 Programme at the link</u>).

All budget items must be justified and provided for eligibility. All costs must be made during the period of the project duration. Applicants are advised to contact the national contact point for the pre-eligibility check. For legal and financial questions, applicants are advised to contact Horizon 2020 Programme national contact point employed at Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes (contact list at the link).

VAT eligibility

For Croatian applicants, the general H2020 rule applies regarding VAT eligibility within the ERA-Net Action on Personalised Medicine (PM) programme. VAT is an acceptable cost for all applicants that are non-profit legal entities if there is no right to tax deduction. VAT is in that case the ultimate expense for the applicant and as such is recorded in the accounting books. Regarding profit organizations (that are liable for paying and collecting VAT, and VAT for them is not the ultimate expense, the VAT expense is not eligible cost for the project cost within the ERA-Net Action on Personalised Medicine (PM).

Subcontracting rules

Subcontracting for the sake of performing and implementing certain tasks/activities that are part of the main project activities is allowed and considered eligible. More information regarding subcontracting rules can be found in the Annotated Model Grant Agreement (AGA) for H2020 Programme.

REFERENCES TO FIND SPECIFIC (NATIONAL) REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are advised to contact the national contact point for the pre-eligibility check.

The full version of ERA PerMed national guidelines for applicants for the implementation of ERA-Net Action on Personalised Medicine (PM) in the Republic of Croatia (2017 – 2022) will be published on the MSE website.

For all other call rules and criteria, please consult the Call text and other documents that can be found on the ERA PerMed official website.