

Slovenia - MVZI

Name of Funding agency	Ministrstvo za visoko solstvo, znanost in inovacije/Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation
Geographical coverage (national/regional)	National
Name of the programme/initiative	Programmes of International Scientific Cooperation
Programme website	https://www.gov.si/zbirke/projekti-in-programi/era-net-m-era-net/
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Funding Commitment	2.400.000,00 EUR
Anticipated number of fundable research partners	8 research projects with Slovenian applicants.
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner	300.000,00 EUR co-funding per project. The actual amount and dynamics of co-funding shall be defined in the national co-funding contract.
Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range	Basic or industrial research TRL 1-6 (foreseen activities of the Slovenian partner). The type of research to be carried out by Slovenian researchers must be identified and explained in the project proposal.

Funding rates (approx.)

- 100% for research organisations (such as universities, public and private research institutes) whose funded activity is non-commercial in accordance with the provisions of the Community Framework for State Aid for Research and Development and Innovation. Wide dissemination of all research results on a non-exclusive and non-discriminatory basis is required.
- For research organisations whose funded activity is commercial in accordance with the provisions of the Community Framework for State Aid for Research and Development and Innovation, the provisions of the Community Framework for State Aid for Research and Development and Innovation (OJ EU C 198, 27.6.2014) and the national scheme for State aid for research and development (the Programme of collaborative research and development and other projects subject to State aid from the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport 2022-2030, as amended, published at: <https://www.gov.si/podrocja/izobrazevanje-znanost-in-sport/znanost/>), the maximum co-funding rates shall be as follows:

Type of research	Large enterprises	Medium-sized enterprises	Small enterprises
Basic research	100%	100%	100%
Industrial research	65%	75%	80%

**Major eligibility criteria
(e.g. types of organisations,
thematic restriction, cost types
and caps)**

"Research organisations", as defined in the ZZrID, are eligible for co-funding. All participating organisations must be registered in the register of research organisations of the Public Agency for Scientific Research and Innovation of the Republic of Slovenia (Slovenian Current Research Information System, hereinafter: the SICRIS).

The eligibility of the "research leader" and other members of the research team: The project activities of each Slovenian partner must be supervised by a "research leader" who fulfils the conditions for a project leader as defined in paragraph one of Article 63 of the ZzrID. Regarding the definition of internationally comparable research outputs, the criteria for determining the achievement of internationally comparable research results and the period covering internationally comparable research achievements for the management of a research project or programme of 22 May 2024 are available at <https://www.arrs.si/sl/akti/kriteriji-vodja-maj24.asp>

Each "research leader" may be involved in only one application.

All participating researchers must be registered in the SICRIS and have available research hours.

The total co-funding requested per project for all Slovenian partners within a consortium may not exceed 300.000,00 EUR for the entire duration of the project (3 years) and 200.000,00 EUR if the duration of the project is 2 years.

Eligible costs

The Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation will finance all eligible costs of Slovenian applicants in selected transnational projects, in accordance with the Decree on scientific research public funding from the budget of the Republic of Slovenia. Eligible costs must be directly related to the research carried out and must include all of the following categories of direct costs:

- personnel (including social, health, pension and other contributions in accordance with national legislation);
- materials (travel and meeting expenses, consumables, dissemination and knowledge exchange costs and other costs);
- depreciation costs.

Indirect costs are eligible for up to 25% of direct costs.

For more detailed explanations, please refer to the Navodila za prijavitelje in upravičence (Instructions for Applicants and Eligible Persons) (available at: <https://www.gov.si/teme/javno-javna-partnerstva-na-podrocju-raziskav-in-inovacij/>).

In the event of the application of the Rules determining special projects of national importance and the regulatory framework for the determination of salaries for researchers, costs will be planned in accordance with the provisions of this Annex.

Public expenditure eligibility period: from the financial year 2028, until the end of the financial year 2030.

Project expenditure eligibility period: From the start date of the transnational project, as specified in the National Documentation for the duration of the project, with the prescribed additional 30-day deadline for the payment of invoices related to the project costs. The project expenditure eligibility period starts after the entry into force of the consortium agreement between the selected consortium partners from the date on which the national co-funding contract enters into force.

The co-funding contract enters into force on the date of the fulfilment of the suspensive condition, i.e. on the date of the conclusion/signing of the consortium agreement. The consortium agreement shall be deemed to be signed when the last signatory party signs it. If the consortium agreement is not signed at the latest within one year from the date of the start of the project (as specified in the national documentation), the contract between the parties shall not enter into force and therefore no rights and obligations shall arise between them. In this case, the contracting party cannot demand performance from the counterparty as agreed in the above-mentioned contract. As from the date of the entry into force of the contract, the eligible person shall be entitled to the payment of eligible costs and expenses incurred by it as a result of the implementation of the project from the date of the start of the project.

<p>Submission of the proposal at national/regional level (schedule, cut-off dates, deadlines, etc.)</p>	<p>Applicants must submit the transnational application in accordance with the instructions and deadlines set out in the joint transnational call for tender.</p> <p>The submission of an application at the national level is not foreseen.</p> <p>All information necessary to establish the eligibility for the co-funding of Slovenian applicants must be evident from the duly submitted transnational project application.</p> <p>The national contracting procedure will start once the projects are proposed for co-funding at the level of the transnational call for tenders. The national documentation submitted, including evidence of the start date of the transnational project, will be a prerequisite for the signature of the contract at the national level (a draft contract is annexed to the Navodila za prijavitelje in upravičence (Instructions for Applicants and Eligible Persons), available at: Navodila za prijavitelje in upravičence GOV.SI</p>
<p>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</p>	<p>In accordance with the co-funding contract and the National Annex.</p>
<p>Further guidance</p>	<p>All Slovenian applicants are recommended to contact the Slovenian national contact person.</p> <p>All Slovenian applicants should refer to the information published on the call for tenders at the following website:</p> <p>https://www.gov.si/drzavni-organi/ministrstva/ministrstvo-za-visoko-solstvo-znanost-in-inovacije/javne-objave/</p> <p>For more detailed explanations, please refer to the Navodila za prijavitelje in upravičence (Instructions for Applicants and Eligible Persons) (available at: Navodila za prijavitelje in upravičence GOV.SI</p> <p>https://www.gov.si/zbirke/projekti-in-programi/obzorje-evropa/partnerstva/dodaj-stran-251001120959/</p>