

**Poland - NCN**

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| <b>Name of Funding agency</b>                                    | National Science Centre, Poland   |
| <b>Geographical coverage (national/regional)</b>                 | National  |
| <b>Name of the programme/initiative</b>                          | M-ERA.NET   |
| <b>Programme website</b>   | <a href="https://www.ncn.gov.pl/wspolpraca-zagraniczna/wspolpraca-wielostronna/konkurs-mera">https://www.ncn.gov.pl/wspolpraca-zagraniczna/wspolpraca-wielostronna/konkurs-mera</a> |
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| <b>Funding Commitment</b>  | 1 500 000 EUR   |
| <b>Anticipated number of fundable research partners</b>          | 5-6   |
| <b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner</b>            | N/A   |
| <b>Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range</b> | TRL 1-4 (basic research)  |
| <b>Funding rates (approx.)</b>                                   | 100%  |

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| <p><b>Major eligibility criteria<br/>(e.g. types of organisations,<br/>thematic restriction, cost types<br/>and caps)</b></p> | <p>Proposals may be submitted by the entities specified in Article 27 (1) of the Act on the National Science Centre (NCN Act), e.g. universities, research institutes, scientific and industrial centres, companies, other legal entities with registered office in Poland. Full list of eligible entities is available in the Call Announcement published on the NCN website.</p> <p>The Principal Investigator of the Polish research team shall hold at least a PhD degree when submitting the national proposal to NCN. Other eligibility criteria regarding the Polish PI are described in Chapter IV of the UNISONO Resolution (no. 74/2025 of the Council of National Science Centre, dated September 11, 2025).</p> <p>Applicants may apply for funding of costs relevant, necessary, and directly connected to the proposed research project, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salaries and scholarships(including post-doc positions and scholarships/salaries for students and PhD students).</li> </ul> <p>Centrenote: Limits apply depending on the size of the research team - please refer to the UNISONO Resolution (no. 74/2025). If the Principal Investigator is also the Coordinator of an international consortium submitting a joint proposal the budget of salaries and scholarships may be increased.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research equipment, devices and software: applicants may seek funding for research equipment up to PLN 500 000 per unit.</li> <li>• Other direct costs: materials and consumables, outsourcing and subcontracting, business trips, visits and consultations, collective investigators, other costs;</li> <li>• Overheads: Indirect costs of open access of up to 2% of direct costs that may be spent on open access to publications and research data; other indirect costs of up to 20% of direct costs that may be spent on costs that are related indirectly to the research project, including the cost of open access to publications and research data.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Submission of the proposal at national/regional level<br/>(schedule, cut-off dates,<br/>deadlines, etc.)</b></p>        | <p>At the full proposal stage an NCN proposal covering the Polish part of the project must be prepared by the Polish research team and submitted to the NCN electronically via the OSF submission system within 7 days of the submission deadline for joint full proposals.</p> <p>Submission deadline for NCN proposals in OSF system: 25 November 2026</p>  |
| <p><b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</b></p>                                   | <p>NCN requires submitting annual and final reports. Each report consist of scientific and financial parts.</p>   |



**Further guidance**

For full details of NCN requirements, please refer to the Call Announcement published on the NCN website.