

Poland (NCBR)

NCBR Eligibility Requirements for T-AP applicants based in Poland

Note: This addendum to the Trans-Atlantic Platform Social Innovation (T-AP SI) Call for Proposals contains funding agency-specific information for candidates applying for Polish funding. Please see the [Trans-Atlantic Platform](#) website for links to the main Call for Proposals.

Who can apply?

- Research organisations as defined in Article 7(1) point 1,2,4-8 of The Law on Higher Education and Science, that are 'research and knowledge-dissemination organisation' according to Article 2 point 83 of the Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission Regulation (EU) No. 651/2014")
- Enterprises (micro, small, medium) as defined in Annex I of The Commission Regulation (EU) No. 651/2014.

The entity must conduct its business, R&D or any other activity on the territory of the Republic of Poland, confirmed by an entry into the relevant register, and provide a sufficient guarantee of reliable disbursement of public funds.

What are funding limits for Polish participants?

The NCBR's total allocation for the Trans-Atlantic Platform Social Innovation (T-AP SI) Call for Proposals is **€ 600 000**. NCBR plans to fund **6 projects**.

Polish applicants may apply for a maximum of **€ 100 000 per project**.

The following call areas are opened for Polish applicants:

- Social Innovation and Community Cohesion
- Social Innovation and Inclusive Growth
- Social Innovation and Public Service Delivery
- Social Innovation and Wellbeing
- Social Innovation and Enabling Technologies.

In the Trans-Atlantic Platform Social Innovation (T-AP SI) Call for Proposals the following types of research/development are eligible:

- **'industrial research'** means the planned research or critical investigation aimed at the acquisition of new knowledge and skills for developing new products, processes or services or for bringing about a significant improvement in existing products, processes or services. It comprises the creation of components parts of complex systems, and may include the construction of prototypes in a laboratory environment or in an environment with simulated interfaces to existing systems as well as of pilot lines, when necessary for the industrial research and notably for generic technology validation*;
- **'experimental development'** means acquiring, combining, shaping and using existing scientific, technological, business and other relevant knowledge and skills with the aim of developing new or improved products, processes or services. This may also include, for example, activities aiming at the conceptual definition, planning and documentation of new products, processes or services*.
Experimental development may comprise prototyping, demonstrating, piloting, testing and validation of new or improved products, processes or services in environments representative

* Please see: Commission Regulation (EU) No. 651/2014

of real life operating conditions where the primary objective is to make further technical improvements on products, processes or services that are not substantially set. This may include the development of a commercially usable prototype or pilot which is necessarily the final commercial product and which is too expensive to produce for it to be used only for demonstration and validation purposes.

Experimental development does not include routine or periodic changes made to existing products, production lines, manufacturing processes, services and other operations in progress, even if those changes may represent improvements.

The eligible costs of **fundamental research** may comprise a **maximum of 10% of total eligible costs of the Project. Funding for basic research may be granted only to research organisations in cases justified by the specificity of the Project.**

- **‘Fundamental research’** means experimental or theoretical work undertaken primarily to acquire new knowledge of the underlying foundations of phenomena and observable facts, without any direct commercial application or use in view*.

We advise potential applicants to read and use ‘The Guidelines for Qualifying Tasks in the Socio-Economic R&D Projects’:

https://www.ncbr.gov.pl/fileadmin/user_upload/poradnik_kwalifikowania_zadan.pdf (in Polish only).

State aid intensity is presented in the table below:

	Medium Enterprises	Micro/Small Enterprises	Research organisations
Fundamental Research	not eligible	not eligible	Up to 100 %; The eligible costs of fundamental research may comprise a maximum of 10% of total eligible costs of the Project.
Industrial Research	Up to 50+10+15 (max 75 %)	Up to 50+20+15 (max 80 %)	Up to 100 %
Experimental development	Up to 25+10+15 (max 50 %)	Up to 25+20+15 (max 60 %)	Up to 100 %

Funding quota of Polish participants may be up to 100% for research organisations. In case of enterprises, funding quota will be decided on a case-by-case basis depending on the size of the company and type of research/development under the Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 25 February 2015 on criteria and rules on granting state aid and “de minimis” aid by the National Centre for Research and Development, published in Journal of Laws item 299, 2015.

In any case only Industrial Research, Experimental Development and Fundamental Research will be funded. Other type of activities (e.g. coordination, dissemination, management) cannot be included into separated task.

What types of costs are eligible for funding?

1. Personnel costs (W) = researchers, technicians and other supporting staff involved in conducting research to the extent employed on the research project;

* Please see: Commission Regulation (EU) No. 651/2014

2. Costs of instruments, equipment (A) and intangible assets (such as patents, certificates etc. purchased or used under the license obtained from the third party according to market conditions) to the extent and for the period used for the research project; if they 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; It is possible one-off amortization according to national regulations.
3. Costs of land and real estates (G) to the extent and for the period used for the research project; with regard to real estates, 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. Costs of subcontracting (E), i.e. costs based on agreements with third parties to perform a portion of the project without a direct supervision of the project participant and without a relationship of subordination. Costs of subcontracting can be eligible only in justified case, this need will be verified by a national experts panel; Costs of subcontracting cannot exceed 70% of all eligible costs of the project.
5. Other costs (Op) = including costs of support services, materials, supplies and similar products incurred directly as a result of the research activity, travel costs (costs of delegations, costs of participation in conferences), costs of maintaining a separate bank account, costs of promoting the project;
6. Overheads (O) = incurred indirectly as a result of the research project; Overheads must be calculated according to the formula:
$$O = (W+A+G+Op) \times \text{up to } 25\%^*$$

* percentage from 0% to 25% estimated by the Applicant himself (the same percentage for each task in the project).

Successful applicants at international level will be asked to submit a national application form (in Polish) at the national level. Please fill in *Summary Budget Tables* and include budget of the Polish applicant in *Summary Budget Tables*.

Additional national eligibility criteria:

All proposals must be aligned with national regulations, inter alia:

- The Law of 20 July 2018 on Higher Education and Science (Journal of Laws of 2018 item 1668)
- The Act of 30 April 2010 on the National Centre for Research and Development (consolidated text: Journal of Laws of 2018, item 1249, as amended)
- The Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 25 February 2015 on criteria and rules on granting state aid and de minimis aid through the National Centre for Research and Development (Journal of Laws of 2015, item 299), which is in line with the Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014.

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