

SLOVENIA: Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation (MVZI)

Funding organisation	Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation
Geographical coverage of the programme (national/regional)	National programme
Programme title	Programmes of International Scientific Cooperation
Programme website	https://www.gov.si/teme/javno-javna-partnerstva-na-podrocju-raziskav-in-inovacij/
Organisation responsible for the programme	Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation (MVZI)
Programme provider	Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation (MVZI)
Contact person	Name and surname: E-mail: Telephone number:
Funding commitment	Up to 50% of eligible costs per project (the actual amount and dynamics of co-funding shall be defined in the national co-funding contract).
Estimated number of research partners that can be co-funded	The number of projects will be decided based on budget availability.
Maximum co-funding or grant awarded to a project	Up to 50% of eligible costs per project (the actual amount and dynamics of co-funding shall be defined in the national co-funding contract).
Type of research eligible for co-funding on the TRL scale	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.
National regulations	Legal basis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - State Administration Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [Uradni list RS], Nos 113/05 – official consolidated version, 89/07 – Constitutional Court Decision, 126/07 – ZUP-E, 48/09, 8/10 – ZUP-G, 8/12 – ZVRS-F, 21/12, 47/13, 12/14, 90/14, 51/16, 36/21, 82/21, 189/21, 153/22 and 18/23; hereinafter: ZDU-1); - Public Finance Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [Uradni list RS], Nos 11/11 – official consolidated text, 14/13 – corr., 101/13, 55/15 – ZFisP, 96/15 – ZIPRS1617, 13/18, 195/20 – Constitutional Court Decision, 18/23 – ZDU-10 and 76/23, hereinafter: ZJF); - Scientific Research and Innovation Activity Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [Uradni list RS], Nos 186/21 and 40/23, hereinafter: ZZrID); - Rules on co-funding scientific research activities (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [Uradni list RS], No 69/23); - Rules determining special projects of national importance and the

	<p>regulatory framework for the determination of salaries for researchers (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [<i>Uradni list RS</i>], No 126/23);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Act Regulating the Implementation of the Budgets of the Republic of Slovenia for ____ and ____ (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [<i>Uradni list RS</i>], No ____); - Budget of the Republic of Slovenia for _____, Budget of the Republic of Slovenia for ____ ; - Integrity and Prevention of Corruption Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [<i>Uradni list RS</i>], No 69/11 – official consolidated text, 158/20, 3/22 – ZDeb and 16/23-ZZPri); - Personal Data Protection Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [<i>Uradni list RS</i>], No 163/22; hereinafter: ZVOP-2); - Trade Secrets Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [<i>Uradni list RS</i>], No 22/19, hereinafter: ZPosS); - Public Procurement Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [<i>Uradni list RS</i>], Nos 91/15, 14/18, 121/21, 10/22, 74/22 – Constitutional Court Decision, 100/22 – ZNUZSZS, 28/23 and 88/23 – ZOPNN-F, hereinafter: ZJN-3); - Resolution on the Slovenian Scientific Research and Innovation Strategy 2030 (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [<i>Uradni list RS</i>], No 49/22); - Decree on scientific research public funding from the budget of the Republic of Slovenia (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [<i>Uradni list RS</i>], Nos 35/22, 144/22 and 79/23); - The criteria for determining the achievement of internationally comparable research results and the period covering internationally comparable research achievements for research project or programme leaders, effective from 22 May 2024 (available at https://www.arrs.si/sl/akti/kriteriji-vodja-maj24.asp); - Framework for State Aid for Research and Development and Innovation (2014/C 198/01); - Programme of collaborative research and development and other projects subject to State aid from the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport 2022-2030, available at: https://www.gov.si/assets/ministrstva/MVZI/Znanost/Strategije-predpisi-in-drugi-dokumenti/Program-sodelovalnih-raziskovalno-razvojnih-projektov-in-drugih-projektov-ki-so-predmet-drzavnih-pomoci-MVZI-2022-2030.pdf); - Decree on the implementation of scientific research work in accordance with the principles of open science (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [<i>Uradni list RS</i>], No 59/23); - Open Science Action Plan for the implementation of Action 6.2: Open science to improve the quality, efficiency and responsiveness of research in the framework of the Resolution on the Scientific Research and Innovation Strategy of Slovenia 2030 of 31 May 2023, No 63100-1/2023/5 (available at: https://www.arrs.si/sl/dostop/inc/24/Akcijski_nacrt_odprta%20znanost.pdf).
Co-funding rate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

	<p>dissemination of all research results on a non-exclusive and non-discriminatory basis is required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">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: <table><tr><th>Type of research</th><th>Large enterprises</th><th>Medium-sized enterprises</th><th>Small enterprises</th></tr><tr><td>Basic research</td><td>100%</td><td>100%</td><td>100%</td></tr><tr><td>Industrial research</td><td>65%</td><td>75%</td><td>80%</td></tr><tr><td>Experimental development</td><td>40%</td><td>50%</td><td>60%</td></tr></table>	Type of research	Large enterprises	Medium-sized enterprises	Small enterprises	Basic research	100%	100%	100%	Industrial research	65%	75%	80%	Experimental development	40%	50%	60%
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Main eligibility criteria (e.g. types of organisations, thematic restrictions, types of costs, level of co-funding, etc.)	<p>"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).</p> <p>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</p> <p>All participating researchers must be registered in the SICRIS and have available research hours.</p> <p>The total funding requested per project for all Slovenian partners within a consortium may not exceed EUR 300,000.00 for the entire duration of the project.</p> <p>Eligible costs</p> <p>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:</p>																

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>Indirect costs are eligible for up to 25% of direct costs.</p> <p>For more detailed explanations, please refer to the <i>Navodila za prijavitelje in upravičence</i> (Instructions for Applicants and Eligible Persons) (available at: https://www.gov.si/teme/javno-javna-partnerstva-na-podrocju-raziskav-in-inovacij/).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Public expenditure eligibility period: from the signing of the grant agreement until December 31, at the latest one year after the completion of the project activities.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 project proposal at the national/regional level (method, content, deadlines, etc.)	<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 <i>Navodila za prijavitelje in upravičence</i> (Instructions for Applicants and Eligible Persons), available at: https://www.gov.si teme/javno-javna-partnerstva-na-podrocju-raziskav-in-inovacij/).</p>
The submission of financial and substantive reports at the national/regional level	In accordance with the co-funding contract and the National Annex.
Further guidance	<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: 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 <i>Navodila za prijavitelje in upravičence</i> (Instructions for Applicants and Eligible Persons) (available at: https://www.gov.si teme/javno-javna-partnerstva-na-podrocju-raziskav-in-inovacij/).</p>

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