

Annex 1: National Funding Rules

Latvia

Funding organisation	The Latvian Council of Science
Funding pre-commitment	Total: 600 000 EUR per call/2 projects up to 4 years (up to 100 000 EUR per project per year; up to 300 000 EUR per project in total)
Eligible organisations	<p>Legal entities – research institutions fulfilling all of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Research institutions that are listed in the Register of the Scientific Institutions operated by the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia. - Research institutions must comply with the research and knowledge-dissemination organisation definition according to Article 2 (83) of EC regulation 651/2014. Assessment methodology can be found at https://www.izm.gov.lv/lv/metodika-petniecibas-un-zinasanu-izplatisanas-organizaciju-status-a-izvertejumam - The Principal Investigator must hold a doctoral degree (PhD) and be part of research institution’s own staff. The Principal Investigator can participate in one proposal only.
Additional eligibility criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The activities must correspond to “research” according to Latvian Law on Scientific Activity. Only non-economic activities can be implemented by a Latvian participant. - Latvia is not funding non-research organisations. - Latvia is funding maximum one participant per project.
Eligible costs	<p>Direct costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Personnel costs (researchers, technicians and other supporting staff to the extent they are employed on the research project) and relevant personnel taxes. - Travel and allowances according to the travel plan. - Supplies and materials such as animals, lab supplies, clinical supplies, glassware, chemicals, reagents and other consumable items used in the implementation of the project. - Research equipment – only depreciation costs corresponding to the direct use in the project. - Subcontracting - expenses incurred by a third party to carry out tasks or provide services that require special scientific or technical competences outside the institution’s normal area of activity. The amount may not exceed 25% of the total direct costs allocated to the Latvian partner. Core activities must not be subcontracted. <p>Indirect costs: May comprise a maximum of 25% of the total direct costs exempt subcontracting costs.</p>

	<p>All costs shall be incurred by the participating research institution and shown on its accounts. Reimbursement of costs incurred by another entity is not eligible.</p> <p>All costs must comply with 19th of December, 2023 Republic of Latvia Cabinet Regulation No. 810 “Implementing provisions for the first and second round of selection of project applications of measure 1.1.1.5 “full participation of Latvia in the Horizon Europe Programme, including ensuring a complex range of support instruments and linking with the development of specialisation areas of RIS3” of the specific support objective 1.1.1 “Strengthening of Research and Innovation capacity and introduction of advanced technologies in the Common R & D system” of the European Union Cohesion Policy Programme 2021-2027 “</p>
Further guidance	<p>Please inform your consortium about the requirement for participants from Latvia to finish all funded activities by 30 September, 2029.</p> <p>Project must comply with the requirements set in Latvian Open Science Strategy 2021-2027 EN; LV.</p> <p>Data Management Plan (DMPs) required.</p>
Post-award information	<p>After the successful selection of the project, the participant must present following documents to the Latvian Council of Science to receive funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Full proposal text in English; - Consortium agreement; - Information about the authorized signatories and their contacts, as well as the documentation supporting the signatory rights. <p>Participants from Latvia must finish all funded activities and submit the final report to the Latvian Council of Science before 30 September, 2029.</p> <p>If the partner funded by LCS is a project owner, it is obliged to fulfill reporting requirements formulated by NORDFORSK.</p>
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