ERA-NET: Aligning national/regional translational cancer research programmes and activities TRANSCAN-2

Joint Transnational Call for Proposals 2015 (JTC 2015):

"Immunology and immunotherapy of cancer: strengthening the translational aspects"

Call Text

Submission deadline for pre-proposals:

5 February 2016 at 16:00 (CET)

Electronic proposal submission system: http://transcan.cbim.it/

(Online submission will be possible from 15 January 2016)

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1. MOTIVATION

Cancer diagnosis and treatment have improved significantly over the last decade, and many therapeutic strategies have been explored and developed. However these modalities, along with surgery, in many cases are not efficacious in eradicating the disease and are often characterized by an elevated toxicity. Furthermore long-term survival rates for most patients with advanced cancer remain low, thus there is a need for cancer treatments with favorable benefit and toxicity profiles that may lead to an improvement of outcome.

Nowadays large efforts are placed in identifying potential novel therapeutic targets and developing more selective, effective and less toxic therapeutic agents and interventions. The development of targeted therapies has paved the way towards a major shift in the cure of neoplastic diseases that will progress from population-based approaches towards personalized medicine. In this approach, the molecular and patho-physiological characteristics of an individual patient and tumor are measured, and tailored tools or agents/strategies/regimens are used based on individual profiles.

Recent evidences have indicated that, since the tumors evolve and progress in an uncontrolled fashion when anticancer immune responses fail, the successful implementation of targeted immunotherapy may constitute a promising option for the treatment of the neoplastic diseases.

Therefore, an urgent need for the development of novel therapeutic strategies in this field is the improvement of current immunotherapeutic regimens and the development of new immunotherapeutic strategies, combined with the identification of immunological biomarkers that will enable advanced design of personalized treatments.

The national/regional funding organisations listed below have agreed to participate in the TRANSCAN-2 Joint Transnational Call for proposals 2015 (JTC 2015):

- Research Foundation - Flanders (FWO), Belgium, Flanders
- Fund for Scientific Research (FNRS), Belgium, French speaking community
- Estonian Research Council (ETAg), Estonia
- National Cancer Institute (INCa), France
- ARC French Foundation for Cancer Research (ARC Foundation), France
- The Chief Scientist Office of the Ministry of Health (CSO-MOH), Israel
- Ministry of Health (MoH), Italy
- Alliance Against Cancer (ACC), Italy

- State Education Development Agency (VIAA), Latvia
- National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR), Poland
- Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT), Portugal
- Slovak Academy of Sciences (SAS), Slovakia
- National Institute of Health Carlos III (ISCIII), Spain
- The Foundation for the support of the Applied Scientific Research and Technology in Asturias (FICYT), Spain
- Ministry of Science and Technology (MoST), Taiwan

2. AIM OF THE CALL

2.1 Scientific project

In the past few years, the increased understanding of the human immune system, of the basic mechanisms involved in the recognition of cancer cells by innate and acquired immune cells and of escape pathways put in place by cancer and its microenvironment have paved the way to the development of innovative immunotherapeutic strategies. In addition, many studies have reported that chemotherapy drugs and irradiation can be helpful in breaking immune tolerance and inducing microenvironment for adoptive cell therapy.

It is now widely recognized that cancer immunotherapy, mainly thanks to the use of checkpoint inhibitors, is one of the major breakthroughs of the last years in medicine with profound impact on the quality of life and long-term survival in a good proportion of cancer patients affected by a variety of solid and liquid cancers. Most importantly the intersection of cancer immunology with cancer genomics through the diffused use of next generation sequencing is providing increasing evidence that efficacy of checkpoint inhibitors is tightly linked to the individual mutational burden of cancer cells. In such a context, nowadays, a major challenge is represented by the necessity to develop personalized approaches to cancer immunotherapy aiming at improved patient care (efficacy and safety), and cost-effectiveness. Taking this into account, translational research directed to enhance the development of personalized immunotherapy against cancer is currently considered a research topic boding a previously unexpected potential high impact on the management of cancer patients, thus deserving special attention in promoting international cooperation in this field.

The JTC 2015 aims at developing transnational innovative projects in translational cancer research, clearly oriented towards a rapid application of new and more selective and effective tools and strategies for the immunotherapy of neoplastic diseases.

The JTC 2015 of TRANSCAN-2 will focus on:

“Immunology and immunotherapy of cancer: strengthening the translational aspects”

The proposals will have to cover at least one of the specific research areas listed under the aims below.

Aim 1: Identification and validation of shared or personalized mutated human tumor antigenic targets.

- Application of "omics" approaches for the identification and validation of immunogenic mutated epitopes in primary and/or metastatic, synchronous as well as metachronous tumor lesions.
- Development of ex-vivo and/or in vivo models to be established starting from patients samples for screening immunogenicity and efficacy of personalized vaccines targeting mutated epitopes.

Aim 2: Development of new and combined immunotherapeutic strategies for cancer patients.

- Development of new vaccine formulations for active immunotherapies, including DNA, RNA vaccines, viral vectors as well as heterologous prime-boost combinations.
- Development of combined therapeutic approaches including the above antigen-targeting immunotherapies with *immune compensating* therapies based on irradiation, metronomic chemotherapy and/or anti-immune checkpoint inhibitors and/or adoptive T cell therapies with genetically engineered T cells.
- Development of interventions directed to counteract the role of tumor microenvironment in immune escape and immune evasion.

Aim 3: Translational research for clinical application of cancer immunotherapy.

- Identification of intratumoral and/or peripheral blood biomarkers predictive of the efficacy of cancer immunotherapies and establishment of bioassays to monitor the efficacy of cancer immunotherapy.
- Implementation of new approaches for patient stratification for clinical trials.
- Design and performance of Phase I and Phase II clinical trials for combined cancer immunotherapy strategies.
- Toxicity: understanding & anticipating toxicity problems linked to cancer immunotherapy.

The following types of research projects <u>are excluded from the call</u>:

- Research efforts directed to immunoprophylaxis of cancer.
- Studies on vaccines for immunoprevention of cancer.
- Analysis of preclinical models (cell lines and animal models) only, except if the specific research leads to first-in-man application.
- Phase III and IV clinical trials.

- Projects close to marketing their products.
- Studies not compliant with the COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 800/2008 (http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2008:214:0003:0047:en:PDF), with specific reference to the articles 30, 31, 32, and 33. For full reference, please see also the COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS of 20.12.2011 (http://ec.europa.eu/services_general_interest/docs/comm_quality_framework_en.pdf). Studies non compliant with the Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:L:2014:187:FULL&from=EN

2.2 Capacity building activities

Translational research has the ambition to remove barriers to multidisciplinary and multi-professional collaboration. It is envisioned that clinicians, researchers and the operational staff from various sectors (academia, industry, regulatory bodies) will effectively work together to expedite the translation of scientific discoveries to clinical application and to more rapidly fuel research directions with observational or clinical findings. In fact, the complexity of the process requires, at the individual and collective levels, the creation of translational medicine research interfaces/infrastructures. To reach that goal, TRANSCAN-2 supports capacity building activities for promoting the formation and upgrading of multidisciplinary teams in an integrated process: i) exchange/mobility of individual researchers/professionals in order to bring new expertise to an existing multidisciplinary translational team, and/or ii) recruitment of individual researchers/professionals by a translational research team in order to cover expertise and “know-how” unavailable in the existing team. This type of activities, when present, will be supported within the projects which will be selected for funding under TRANSCAN-2 JTC 2015.

Thus, applicants may add an additional part to cover these activities (with an associated separate budget, in compliance with the rules of the respective national/regional funding organisations). These capacity building activities have to be fully coherent with the objectives of the research project, and aimed to strengthening the ability of participating team(s) to perform the work detailed in the project plan as well as to improve, in the long term, the quality and potential of the translational research performed by the team(s). Depending on the project these activities could be (the following examples are indicative only, and neither exhaustive nor prescriptive): 1) exchanges/mobility of investigators (especially young investigators) between teams and countries participating in the project, 2) short term training of scientists, operational staff, etc., 3) training technical workshop dedicated to relevant aspects of the scientific work planned in the project, 4) short training (1 or few weeks) of several partner teams by one expert, etc. Activities related to the dissemination of results such as hosting a symposium, conferences etc. are out of the scope of this capacity building activities component.

3. CALL IMPLEMENTATION BOARDS

The Call Steering Committee (CSC) and the Scientific Evaluation Committee (SEC) will manage the evaluation procedure of pre-proposals and full proposals and the final selection of research projects, with the support of the Joint Call Secretariat (JCS).

The CSC is composed of one single representative from each national/regional funding organisation participating in TRANSCAN-2 JTC 2015. The CSC will supervise the preparation and the implementation of the call and will take all decisions concerning the call. Based on the ranking list established by the SEC, the CSC will take the final decision on the proposals to be funded. Members of the CSC are not allowed to submit proposals to this call.

The SEC is a panel of internationally recognised scientific experts in charge of the evaluation of submitted pre- and full proposals. SEC members are not allowed to submit or participate in proposals within this call, and must sign declarations on conflicts of interest and confidentiality. In the second step of evaluation (full proposals stage), in addition to the SEC members, external peer reviewers chosen for their knowledge in specific fields covered by the proposals will also contribute to the evaluation.

4. APPLICATION

4.1 Eligibility criteria

Joint transnational research proposals may be submitted by applicants belonging to one of the following categories depending on national/regional eligibility rules as specified in Annex 3:

- Academic research groups (from universities or other higher education or research institutions).
- Clinical/public health sector research groups (from hospitals/public health and/or other health care settings and health organisations).
- Enterprise's research groups (depending on national/regional eligibility rules), with particular emphasis on small and medium-sized enterprises.

Please note that the inclusion of a non-eligible partner in a proposal will lead to the rejection of the entire proposal without further review.

Only transnational projects will be funded. Each research consortium must involve a minimum of three (3) research groups and a maximum of seven (7) research groups. The groups must be from at least three (3) different countries participating in the call. In addition, a consortium must not involve more than two (2) research groups from one country (in such cases the minimum number of groups must be 4, coming from 3 different countries).

In order to strengthen the European translational cancer research area, a wide inclusion of research teams from all the countries/regions participating in the call is encouraged, with a particular attention to research teams from Estonia, Latvia, Slovakia.

A consortium may include one (1) research group (included in the maximum number of seven (7) from a country/region not partner in this call if, at the stage of the pre-proposal submission, this group can provide a written confirmation that its funding is already secured.

Each consortium must nominate a coordinator. The coordinator will be responsible for the scientific management (such as controlling, reporting, intellectual property rights issues, etc.) and will act as the interface with the JCS and the CSC. Each research team will be represented by one principal investigator only, who will be the contact person for the respective national/regional funding organisation.

Each consortium must involve at least one basic or pre-clinical research team and one clinical team. It is also recommended to include expert team in methodology, biostatistics or bioinformatics, depending on the type of work planned. Consortia may also involve other teams with specialised skills and know-how (biobanks, model systems, technological platforms, etc.) or expertise (epidemiology and molecular epidemiology, early phase clinical trials, public health, ELSI, etc.). Consortia should have sufficient critical mass to achieve ambitious scientific, technological and medical goals and, along with the particular contribution of each research team, should clearly demonstrate its transnational added value. The translational nature of the research results is the key goal of TRANSCAN-2 and, therefore, each consortium should also clearly demonstrate a knowledge transfer towards clinical, public health and/or industrial applications.

While applications will be submitted by the coordinator, the individual research groups will be funded by the funding organisation from their country/region that is participating in the TRANSCAN-2 JTC 2015. The applications are therefore subject to the eligibility criteria of national/regional funding organisations. Applicants should refer to the annexes containing all the specific national/regional eligibility criteria (see Annex 4, National/regional regulations and contact information) and should contact their respective national/regional funding organisation contact points for additional clarification (see Annex 1. Contact information of the national/regional funding organisations).

Please note that an eligibility check before the pre-proposal submission is mandatory for the Ministry of Health (MOH), Italy.

The duration of the projects shall not exceed three (3) years. According to the eligibility criteria of the funding organisations contributing to the TRANSCAN-2 JTC 2015, a research group may however receive funding for less than three years.

4.2. Submission of joint proposals

TRANSCAN-2 JTC 2015 will be implemented through a two-stage submission procedure: pre-proposals and full proposals. Both pre- and full proposals must be written in English and must be submitted to the JCS by the coordinator through the electronic submission system exclusively.

In preparing the proposals, applicants should strictly follow the rules described in this call text and in the document entitled “Guidelines for Applicants”, and use the application forms available from the electronic submission system or from the TRANSCAN website (www.transcanfp7.eu).

Applicants should take note of individual national/regional rules, and contact their national/regional contact points for specific questions.

The pre-proposals must be submitted to the electronic submission system no later than the **5th of February 2016, at 16:00 (Central European Time, CET)**. The information relating to the selected pre-proposal will be communicated to the coordinators by 14th of April 2016.

The information provided in the pre-proposal application is binding for the entire application process. Thus, any substantial changes between the pre-proposal and the full proposal (e.g. composition of the consortia, objectives of the project, etc.) must be communicated in advance to the JCS with detailed justification and will only be allowed by the CSC under exceptional circumstances.

The full proposals will have to be submitted to the electronic submission system not later than the **26th of May 2016 at 16:00 (Central European Summer Time, CEST)**. Please note that full proposals will only be accepted from applicants explicitly invited by the JCS to submit them.

The decision on the results of the full proposals evaluation meeting will be communicated to all the (successful and unsuccessful) coordinators in October 2016. The coordinators of the full proposals will receive a summary of the evaluation conclusions in due time.

5. EVALUATION

5.1 Evaluation criteria

Pre-proposals and full proposals will be assessed according to following criteria.

1. Excellence

a. Scientific quality of the proposal: soundness of the rationale including transdisciplinary considerations, clarity of the objectives, expected progress beyond the state-of-the-art, international competitiveness.

b. Relevance of the project regarding the topic (translational research on immunology and immunotherapy of cancer) and the overall objective (translational cancer research) of the call; availability and quality of preliminary data.

2. Impact

a. Potential impact with reference to the development, dissemination and use of project results: potential impact of the expected results on cancer control, in terms of translation into public health or clinical practices (enhancing innovation capacity and integration of new knowledge) and/or into pharmaceutical/industrial applications; appropriateness of measures for the dissemination and/or exploitation of project results including socio-economic aspects and anticipation of intellectual property issues (patenting, industrial exploitation, marketing, etc.).

b. Impact with reference to strengthening the translational capacity building activities:
This sub-criterion will be assessed at the level of the full proposal only and solely for the scientific proposals recommended for funding.

The assessment of the capacity building component and associated budget will be performed

under this sub-criterion after the scientific assessment of the proposal: hence, a proposal could be recommended for funding without the part related to capacity building activities if this part is evaluated as "poor".

The assessment under this sub-criterion will be performed independently using the following:

• Content: relevance and coherence of the capacity building activities with the proposal objectives.

• Candidate: background (scientific, medical, etc.), coherence with the CV, scientific production.

• Host team: expertise of the host team in the field, research qualification of the responsible person.

3. Quality and efficiency of the implementation

a. Coherence and effectiveness of the work plan: appropriateness and feasibility of the methodology (including the clinical trial if applicable) and associated technologies used, with particular regard to the study design, the study population(s), study endpoints.

b. Statistical/bio-statistical aspects and power calculation (including the clinical trial if applicable): study design; sampling calculations; appropriateness and robustness of statistical analyses; adequateness of endpoints.

c. Quality of the transnational research consortium: experience of the research partners in the field(s) of the proposal (for young teams: appropriateness of their current work and training of their members); quality of the collaboration between the research teams and added value of the research consortium as a whole.

d. Appropriateness of the management structures and procedures, including risk and innovation management.

d. Appropriateness of the allocation of tasks and resources to be committed (personnel, equipment, etc.) and of the estimated budget.

e. Compliance with ethical rules and regulatory aspects.

5.2 Scoring

5.2.1 Range and interpretation of the scores

A scoring system from 0 to 5 will be used to evaluate the proposals performance with respect to each evaluation criteria, as follows:
0: Failure. The proposal fails to address the criterion in question, or cannot be judged because of missing of incomplete information.
1: Poor. The proposal shows serious weaknesses in relation to the criterion in question.
2: Fair. The proposal generally addresses the criterion, but there are significant weaknesses.
3: Good. The proposal addresses the criterion in question well.

4: Very good. The proposal addresses the criterion very well.
5: Excellent. The proposal successfully addresses all aspects of the criterion in question.
Please note that half-marks may be given.

5.2.2 Thresholds and weighting

The threshold for individual criteria is 3. The overall threshold, applying to the sum of the individual scores, is 10.

5.3 Eligibility check of pre-proposals and first step of evaluation

5.3.1 Eligibility check

The JCS will examine all pre-proposals to ensure that they meet the call's formal criteria (date of submission, number of participating countries/regions and groups, inclusion of all necessary information in English, adherence to the application forms, document length). The JCS will forward the pre-proposals to the national/regional funding organisations, which will perform a formal check of compliance with their respective regulations.

After completion of the eligibility check, the CSC will take the final decision; the pre-proposals not considered eligible will be rejected without further review. The coordinators of the non-eligible pre-proposals will be informed accordingly by the JCS.

5.3.2 Evaluation of pre-proposals

Pre-proposals passing the formal eligibility checks will be reviewed by the SEC panel.

All necessary steps will be taken by the JCS and the CSC to ensure that the SEC members have no conflict of interest for those proposals that they are asked to review. The SEC members will be required to formally declare that no conflict of interest exists at any time of their evaluation duty and will sign a confidentiality agreement concerning all documents and the entire process.

Each pre-proposal will be allocated to at least two (2) SEC members (one of whom will act as rapporteur). The SEC will meet, discuss the pre-proposals and establish a ranking list in accordance with the pre-proposals respective merit. Then, the CSC will decide, based on the SEC recommendations and budget consideration, how many pre-proposals will be invited to submit a full proposal. The JCS will communicate to each project coordinator the final decision with respect to their own application along with a summary of the evaluation. Successful applicants will be invited by the JCS to submit a full proposal, with possible recommendations on the project from the SEC and the JCS.

5.4 Eligibility check of full proposals and second step of evaluation

An eligibility check of the full proposals will be performed by the JCS so as to ensure that they meet the formal criteria of the call and have not changed substantially from the respective pre-proposals. A full proposal may be excluded from further review if criteria are not met or if the proposal objectives or the composition of the consortium deviate substantially from the previously

submitted pre-proposal. In any case, major changes must be communicated in advance to the JCS, which will contact the concerned national/regional funding organization to discuss the issue; a formal decision on whether such an exceptional change may be justified will be taken by the CSC.

Each full proposal will be allocated to two (2) SEC members, possibly those who had reviewed the corresponding pre-proposal, and to two (2) external reviewers.

One of the SEC members will be appointed as rapporteur. The SEC members and the external reviewers will independently assess the full proposals according to the evaluation criteria mentioned above, and will deliver their evaluation reports to the JCS (via an electronic evaluation system).

5.4.1 Rebuttal stage

Once the evaluation by both the SEC members and the external reviewers is completed, each proposal coordinator will have access, through the electronic submission system, to the anonymous evaluation reports (not to the assigned scores) by the SEC members and the external reviewers.. At this stage coordinators are allowed to reply to reviewers' questions and to comment on factual errors or misunderstandings on the evaluations. However, issues which are not related with reviewers' comments or questions can not be addressed and the work plan cannot be modified. The resubmission of the full proposal is not permitted in any case.

This response to reviewers' comments is optional and must be submitted exclusively by the coordinator of the proposal through the electronic submission system, which will be available from the **1st of August 2016 to the 10th of August 2016 at 16:00 (Central European Summer Time, CEST)**.

In preparation of the second SEC meeting, all SEC members will get access to the evaluation reports and to the optional responses submitted by the coordinators following the rebuttal stage. During the second SEC meeting, each full proposal will be presented by the rapporteur and discussed by the SEC members on the basis of the individual evaluation reports so as to reach consensus scoring. As a result of these discussions and as an outcome of the SEC meeting, a ranking list of the full proposals will be established.

5.5 Funding decision

After the end of the evaluation process, on the basis on the ranking list established by the SEC and on the commitment of available funds, the CSC will establish a final list of the projects to be funded.

The JCS will communicate to all project coordinators the final decision along with a summary of the evaluation conclusions.

6. FINANCIAL AND LEGAL ISSUES

6.1. Funding model and funding details

The TRANSCAN-2 JTC 2015 uses the “virtual common pot” funding model. This means that funding will be made available by each national/regional funding organisation according to its specific regulations, for research groups in its country/region.

Each research project partner (including the project coordinator) will get a separate funding contract/letter of grant according to national/regional regulations from his/her national/regional funding institution.

As a general rule, no changes to the composition of the research consortia or to the budget may occur during the contract/letter of grant. Any minor changes will have to be well justified and the relevant funding organisations will decide upon the proper action to be taken. However, in case of major changes, an independent expert may be consulted to help with the final decision of the funding organisations. The research partners shall inform the JCS and the funding bodies of that project of any event that might affect the implementation of the project.

Depending on the time needed for the administration of granting funds to the respective national/regional research groups, individual projects of a research consortium are expected to start by April 2017. The official start date shall be communicated by the project coordinator to the JCS and shall appear in the consortium agreement established in accordance to section 6.2 below.

6.2 Research consortium agreement, ownership of intellectual property rights, ethical issues

It is mandatory for a funded research project consortium to sign a consortium agreement (CA), addressing the issues indicated in the document "Guidelines for Applicants", including Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) issues. Research consortia are strongly encouraged to sign this CA before the official project start date. In any case the CA has to be signed no later than six months after the official project start date. Upon request, this consortium agreement must be made available to the concerned TRANSCAN-2 JTC 2015 funding organisations.

Results and new IPR resulting from projects funded through the TRANSCAN-2 JTC 2015 will be owned by the relevant organisations according to international/national/regional rules on IPR. If several participants have jointly carried out work generating new IPR, they shall agree amongst themselves (CA) as to the allocation of ownership of IPR, taking into account their contributions to the creation of those IPR as well as the European Commission´s guidelines on IPR issues.

The results of the research project and IPR created should be disseminated and made available for use, whether for commercial purposes or not, in order to maximize public benefit.

The TRANSCAN-2 JTC 2015 funding organisations shall have the right to use documents, information and results submitted by the research partners and/or to use the information and results for their own purposes, provided that the owners´ rights are kept.

Any ethical issues, arising for instance if a research project includes a study on patients, should be addressed at the proposal submission stage, and subsequent authorization presented at the latest, and upon request by the national/regional funding organisations, before the process of grant negotiation.

6.3 Confidentiality of proposals

Proposals and any relating information shall be kept confidential by the SEC members, the external reviewers and the CSC members. Proposals shall not be used for any purpose other than the evaluation and subsequent monitoring of the funded projects.

Full proposals will be required to include a publishable summary, which will clearly identify the main goals of the project. If a proposal is funded, this information will be published on the TRANSCAN website. All other project details shall remain strictly confidential.

7. REPORTING AND DISSEMINATION

The coordinator of a funded transnational research consortium must submit annual scientific project reports (within 2 months after the end of a calendar year), and a final scientific project report (within 3 months after the end of the project) to TRANSCAN-2. All reports must be written in English and comply with the reporting form templates (one for the annual reports and one for the final report) that will be provided to the coordinators of the funded projects in due time.

In addition to these centrally-administered TRANSCAN-2 reports, principal investigators may be asked to submit financial and/or scientific reports to their national/regional funding organisations. Each individual contract/letter of grant will be monitored by the respective national/regional funding organisations.

In case of serious difficulties in the conduct of the research project, the coordinator shall promptly inform the JCS and the relevant funding organisations. These funding organisations will decide upon the proper actions to be taken.

Funding recipients must ensure that all results (publications, etc.) arising from the project include a proper acknowledgement that the project is collectively supported by the national funding organisations under the framework of the ERA-NET TRANSCAN-2 initiative.

The coordinators and/or principal investigators may be invited to present the results of their projects at a TRANSCAN-2 symposium.

8. CONTACT AND FURTHER INFORMATION

The JCS is set up at the Ministero della Salute-Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Italy.

The JCS will assist the CSC during the implementation of JTC 2015 as well as during the monitoring phase (until 3 months after the funded research projects have ended). The JCS will be responsible for the central management of the call evaluation and monitoring. The JCS will be the primary contact referring to the TRANSCAN-2 JTC 2015 procedures towards the research consortia, the funding organisations (CSC) and the peer reviewers (SEC members and external experts).

Further information on TRANSCAN-2, the TRANSCAN JTC 2015 and its planned time schedule is available at the TRANSCAN website: http://www.transcanfp7.eu. Before submitting a proposal, it is strongly advised to contact the national/regional funding organisations for any questions regarding JTC 2015 (see Annex 1).

ANNEX 1. CONTACT INFORMATION OF THE NATIONAL/REGIONAL FUNDING ORGANISATIONS PARTICIPATING IN TRANSCAN-2 JTC 2015

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Portugal	Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT)	www.fct.pt	**Marta ABRANTES** Department of International Relations Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT) Av. D. Carlos I, nº126 - 7º 1249 - 074 Lisboa, Portugal Tel. +351 213911596 marta.abrantes@fct.pt **Rui DURÃO** Departamento de Relações Internacionais (DRI) Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia Av. D. Carlos I, 126 1249-074 Lisboa Portugal Tel.: +351 213 911 543 rui.durao@fct.pt
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Spain	National Institute of Health Carlos III (ISCIII)	http://www.isciii.es/	**Ms. Elsa Moreda** Deputy Directorate of International Programmes for Research and Institutional Relations National Institute of Health Carlos III Email: emoreda@isciii.es Tel.: +34 91 822 2874

Spain	The Foundation for the support of the Applied Scientific Research and Technology in Asturias (FICYT)	http://www.ficyt.es	**Inés Rey HIDALGO** Innovation Management Department E-mail: inesrey@ficyt.es Tel: +34 985 20 74 34
Taiwan	Ministry of Science and Technology (MoST)	http://www.most.gov.tw	**Dr. Louis CHEN** Ministry of Science and Technology (Taiwan) No. 106, Sec 2 Heping E. Road, Taipei, 106,Taiwan, R.O.C Tel:+886-2-2737-7959 E-mail: ymchen@most.gov.tw

ANNEX 2. INDICATIVE FUNDING COMMITMENT OF THE FUNDING ORGANISATIONS PARTICIPATING IN TRANSCAN-2 JTC 2015

Country/ Region	Participating funding organisation	Envisioned amount of funding (Mio € for 3 years)	Anticipated number of fundable research groups
Belgium: Flemish region	Research Foundation - Flanders (FWO)	0,200	1
Belgium: French speaking region	Fund for Scientific Research (FNRS)	0,200	1
Estonia	Estonian Research Council (ETAg)	0,100	2
France	National Cancer Institute (INCa)	1,500	5-10
	ARC French Foundation for Cancer Research (ARC Foundation)	0,500	1-3
Israel	The Chief Scientist Office of the Ministry of Health (CSO-MOH)	0,200	2
Italy	Ministry of Health (MoH)	3,000	10
Italy	Alliance Against Cancer (ACC)	0,250	1-2
Latvia	State Education Development Agency (VIAA)	0,300	2
Poland	National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR)	0,500	1-3
Portugal	Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT)	0,250	1-2

Slovakia	Slovak Academy of Sciences (SAS)	0,210	1-2
Spain	National Institute of Health Carlos III (ISCIII)	0,250	1-2
Spain	The Foundation for the support of the Applied Scientific Research and Technology in Asturias (FICYT)	0,200	2
Taiwan	Ministry of Science and Technology (MoST)	1,000	4-5

ANNEX 3. ELIGIBILITY OF BENEFICIARY INSTITUTIONS FOR THE FUNDING ORGANISATIONS PARTICIPATING IN TRANSCAN-2 JTC 2015

Country/ Region	Participating funding organisation	Eligible beneficiary institution [1]		
		Academia	Clinical/ public health	Enterprise
Belgium: Flemish region	Research Foundation - Flanders (FWO)	Yes (only clinics associated with universities are eligible)	Only official research institutions and university hospitals, and always in cooperation with a Flemish university (Cf. art. 9 of the Regulations on New Research Projects of FWO)	No
Belgium: French speaking region	Fund for Scientific Research (FNRS)	Yes	Wallonie-Bruxelles	No
Estonia	Estonian Research Council (ETAg)	Yes	Yes	Yes
France	National Cancer Institute (INCa)	Yes	Yes	No

	ARC French Foundation for Cancer Research (ARC Foundation)			
Israel	The Chief Scientist Office of the Ministry of Health (CSO-MOH)	Yes	Yes	Only on their own budget
Italy	Ministry of Health (MoH)	No	Yes	No
Italy	Alliance Against Cancer (ACC)	No	Yes	No
Latvia	State Education Development Agency (VIAA)	Yes	Yes, should be conform with EC R 651/2014 Should possess resources in Latvia for specific type of research	Yes, should conform with EC R 651/2014. Should possess resources in Latvia for specific type of research
Poland	National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR)	Yes, according to the national regulations	Yes, according to the national regulations	Yes, according to the national regulations
Portugal	Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT)	Yes, according to the national rules	Yes, according to the national rules	Yes, according to the national rules (max. of 50% of the total budget)
Slovakia	Slovak Academy of Sciences (SAS)	Yes	No	No
Spain	National Institute of Health Carlos III (ISCIII)	Yes, only those specified in national rules	Yes	No
Spain	The Foundation for the support of the Applied Scientific Research and Technology in Asturias (FICYT)	Yes, always according to regional regulations	Yes, only private for profit entities, always according to regional regulations.	Yes. Companies and Private entities (for profit)

Taiwan	Ministry of Science and Technology (MoST)	Yes	Yes, but limit to those endorsed by the MoST	No

Please note that the information on this table is only indicative. Applicants are encouraged to contact their national/regional contact points for further information.

(1) The eligibility of companies and institutions is subject to different regulations in the participating country/region. Further details regarding the eligible beneficiaries and other national eligibility criteria and requirements are available on the "Guidelines for Applicants" and the TRANSCAN website (http://www.transcanfp7.eu/).

ANNEX 4. NATIONAL/REGIONAL REGULATIONS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Country	Belgium: Flanders
Funding organisation	Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO) http://www.fwo.be/
National contact persons	**Dr. Olivier BOEHME** Senior Science Administrator Research Foundation - Flanders Egmonstraat 5 B-1000 Brussels, Belgium Tel. +32 2 550 15 45 E-mail: eranet@fwo.be **Toon MONBALIU** Advisor Research Affairs Tel. +32 2 550 15 70 E-mail: eranet@fwo.be
National programme	New Research Projects
Funding commitment	€ 200.000
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	1
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	€ 200.000
Eligibility of projects	Art. 9 of the FWO-regulation on the regular research projects is applicable. In this article is stated who can apply as a Principal Investigator for a research project: - an Independent Academic Staff (ZAP) member with an appointment of more than 10% at a Flemish university; - an Independent Academic Staff member with an appointment of 10% at a Flemish university and whose main task is research; - an Independent Academic Staff member with an appointment of 5% at a Flemish university and with an appointment as (assistant) clinical head or an equal function in a university hospital; - an academic staff member with an appointment at the Evangelical Protestant Faculty in Leuven and the Faculty for Protestant Theology in Brussels;

	- a research director of the FWO; - a designated beneficiary of an ERC Starting Grant, an ERC Advanced Grant or an Odysseus II grant, with a Flemish university as a host institution. If more than one university is involved in the project, at least one promoter of each university has to fulfill the above mentioned eligibility criteria as well as to occupy a position covering entirely the period of the project that is applied for. The criteria have to be met with at the start of the project at the latest, which has to be proven at the date of the submission. If more than one universities are involved in the project, at least one promoter or co-promoter of each university has to fulfill the above mentioned eligibility criteria as well as to occupy a position covering entirely the period of the project that is applied for. The criteria have to be met with at the start of the project at the latest, which has to be proven at the date of the submission.
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Universities in the Flemish Community. If the research is conducted in collaboration with a non-university institute, it shall be carried out under the supervision and responsibility of a Flemish university.
Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	See under 'Eligibility of projects'.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Funding money can be used for staff, consumables and infrastructure. The minimal and maximal amounts of money allowed per cost category, as applicable for the regular FWO-projects, are not applicable for the projects funded by FWO in ERA-NET. Moreover, FWO pays the host institutions of a project 6% overhead on top of the funding amount.
National phase	The FWO-funding scheme for regular research projects is opened up once a year.
Further guidance	

Country	Belgium: French speaking community
Funding organisation	Fund for Scientific Research (FNRS)
National contact persons	**Dr. Arnaud GOOLAERTS** Scientific Officer FRS-FNRS Rue d'Egmont 5 B-1000 Brussels Belgium Tel. +32 2 504 93 28 E-mail: arnaud.goolaerts@frs-fnrs.be
National programme	Projets de Recherche - PDR
Funding commitment	0.200 Mio. €
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	1
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	
Eligibility of projects	Basic research (low Technology Readiness Level) carried out in a research institution from the "Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles" The FNRS will not fund industrial partners or any activity related to the private sector.
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	The applicant must be affiliated to a research institution from the Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles. The applicant should also: be a permanent researcher of F.R.S. - FNRS (Chercheur qualifié, Maître de recherches or Directeur de recherches), or hold a tenure track position (or an assimilated position including pending tenure track) within a research institution from the Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles, or be a permanent research staff member in the 'Ecole Royale Militaire', or be a permanent research staff member of a federal scientific institution in which case he can act as a co-promotor only. The applicant should not have reached retirement at the starting date of the project. If the applicant reaches the age of retirement in the course of the project, he should precisely describe in the proposal how the handover will be managed.

Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	See: http://www.ncp.frs-fnrs.be/index.php/17-appels/131-fnrs-eligibility-criteria-transcan-2014
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	The maximum amount allocated per project is **200.000 EUR**. The following costs are eligible: **Personnel:** Scientifique doctorant € 36.400/year Scientifique non postdoctoral € 62.000/year Scientifique postdoctoral € 72.300/year Technicien € 52.600 (full time/year) - € 26.600 (half time/year) Chercheur temporaire postdoctoral € 46.600/year The categories « scientifique doctorant » and « chercheur temporaire postdoctoral» can only be Full time positions. The category « vétérinaire clinicien-chercheur spécialiste » is a part-time position. The three other positions can be filled in either Full time or part-time. The usual duration of ERA-NET research programmes is three years. However, when the project involves a PhD student, the principal investigator can apply for an additional one year funding in order to complete the four years PhD programme. This request should be submitted to F.R.S.-FNRS six months before the end of the project, together with the written agreement from the "Comité d'accompagnement". **Equipment (max. 30.000 EUR/year)** **Running costs: (max. 15.000 EUR/year**): travel expenses; organisation of small scientific events in Belgium; consumables and the following support costs: Conception d'ouvrage, Réalisation de dictionnaire, Achat de livre, Encodage, Location de licence de logiciel, Inscription à un congrès, Ordinateur, Scannage "Overhead" is not an eligible cost. If the project is selected for funding, these costs will be subject to a separate agreement between the institution of the beneficiary and the F.R.S.-FNRS. General rules and regulations of FNRS apply: www.frs-fnrs.be
National phase	
Further guidance	See: http://www.ncp.frs-fnrs.be/index.php/17-appels/131-fnrs-eligibility-criteria-transcan-2014

Country	Estonia
Funding organisation	Estonian Research Council (ETAg) http://www.etag.ee
National contact persons	**Mr Argo SOON** Estonian Research Council Soola 8 51013 Tartu Estonia Tel: +372 7300 372 E-mail: argo.soon@etag.ee **Mr Aare IGNAT** Estonian Research Council Tel: +372 731 7364 E-mail: aare.ignat@etag.ee
National programme	
Funding commitment	0.100 Mio. €
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	2
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	50 000 €
Eligibility of projects	According to call text
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Legal bodies such as universities, research institutions, enterprises, NGOs and other, provided availability of research staff that meets eligibility criteria described below.
Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	1. The Principal Investigator 1.1. Principal Investigator is the applicant of the grant, to whom the grant has been allocated within an open competition and who shall be responsible for the use of the grant for specified purpose and for the productive realisation of the grant project. The Council shall enter into a grant agreement with the Principal Investigator 1.2. Has as a rule entered into an employment relationship with the legal person (hereinafter Institution), which is the basis of the realisation of the grant project and through which the grant shall be allocated to the Principal Investigator 1.3. Must be a holder of the doctoral degree of Estonia or an equivalent academic degree (both awarded by the deadline of submission of the grant application, at the latest).

	1.4. Must have published within the last five years prior to the proposal's submission deadline at least three publications, which comply with the requirements of clauses 1.1 of the classification of publications of the Estonian Research Information System (ETIS), or at least five public ations, which comply with the requirements of clauses 1.1, 1.2, 2.1 and 3.1 of the classification of publications of the ETIS; the monographs are equalised to each author with three publications mentioned in clause 1.1 if the number of its authors is three or less. If the applicant has been on the parental leave or in the compulsory military service within these last five years, the deadline of the publication requirement shall be extended by the time stayed on the parental leave or compulsory military service. 2. The main participant of the project 2.1. The main participant of the project is a person who participates in the substantial performance of the project. 2.2. The main participant of the project shall either possess at least the master's degree or the respective qualification and must have published at least one publication within the last three years prior to the proposal's submission deadline, which comply with the requirements of clauses 1.1, 1.2, 2.1 or 3.1 of the classification of publications of the ETIS; or be a doctoral candidate.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	3. A budget of proposal shall consist of the research expenses and the overhead costs of the institution, through which the grant project is to be carried out. 4. The research expenses consist of personnel costs (incl. scholarships), travel costs, other direct costs and subcontracting costs. The expenses on research are clearly required to carry out the project and respectively identifiable. 5. Remuneration may be only paid out of the grant to the Principal Investigator, main participants in the project and auxiliary staff according to the time they participate in the grant project and their total salary cost for Institution (comprising basic monthly salary plus social security charges and other statutory costs). Double funding of activities already have contributions is not acceptable. 6. Scholarship equal to the state grant may be paid out of the grant to doctoral and master's candidates not paid any salary by Institution. The scholarship for a master's candidate may not exceed 300 euros and for a doctoral candidate 400 euros a month. The scholarship of the doctoral candidate along with the State education allowance may not exceed 600 euros a month. Should a doctoral or master's candidate participate in several projects financed by the Council, the total amount of the scholarship received from different projects may not exceed the aforementioned amounts. It means that maximum of the scholarships per doctoral candidate and master's candidates are respectively annually 4800 euros and 3600 euros. 7. Travel costs cover expenses for transport, accommodation and daily allowances (except in case of internal travel). 8. Subcontracting costs cover generally only additional or complementary tasks (e.g. costs for translation, analyses, etc.) to the third parties. Core project research tasks should not be subcontracted. 9. Other direct costs are: 9.1. Consumables related to the project 9.2. Costs for publishing and dissemination of project results (fair distribution of costs between partner should be followed); 9.3. Costs for organising the meetings/seminars/conferences (only in Estonia)

	9.4. Fees for participating in scientific forums and conferences; 9.5. All other costs which are clearly required for the implementation of the project and respectively identifiable. 10. Overhead costs of the institution must not exceed a maximum of 20% of eligible direct costs and should be cover general expenses of the institution. 11. Participants' personal expenses or expenses not directly related to the project are not eligible, including costs for equipment and services intended for public use (copying machine or printer publicly used, phone bills, copying service, etc.). Such expenses shall be covered from the overhead fee
National phase	The grant will be awarded if: • the submitted project proposal of the partner of Estonia is in accordance with the criteria at the present document; • the submitted project proposal is selected for the award by the TRANSCAN Call Steering Committee; • the project Consortium Agreement is signed. The decision will be made by the Estonian Research Council on the base of the project ranking list by the TRANSCAN Call Steering Committee. The available budget will be taken into account.
Further guidance	Estonian Research Council funds basic and applied research in terms of Organisation of Research and Development Act. Proposals may be submitted by the Estonia based research and development institutions in terms of Organisation of Research and Development Act.

Country	France	
Funding organisations	National Cancer Institute (INCa)	ARC Foundation for Cancer Research (Foundation ARC)
National contact persons	**For INCa:** **Estelle GERBAUD, PharmD** **Research and Innovation Division** 52 avenue André Morizet 92513 Boulogne Billancourt Cedex Email : egerbaud@institutcancer.fr Phone: + 33 (0)1 41 10 14 16	**For ARC Foundation:** **Nancy ABOU-ZEID, PhD** **Translational Research & Innovation** Fondation ARC pour la recherche sur le cancer 9 Rue Guy Moquet – BP 90003 94803 Villejuif Cedex, France Tel : +33 (0)1 45 59 58 44 E-mail: nabou-zeid@fondation-arc.org mailto:
National programme	French National Cancer Plan 2014-2019	
Funding commitment	INCa: 1.5M euro	ARC Foundation: 0.5M euro
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	INCa : From 5 to 10 research teams	ARC Foundation: From 1 to 3 research teams
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	INCa and ARC Foundation do not have a maximum funding per grant; the amount depends on the scientific and medical needs and should be justified in the requested budget. However it is recommended to respect the available budget and anticipated number of fundable research groups mentioned above.	
Eligibility of projects	Please refer to the call text	
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	- Public research institutions (university, EPST, EPIC, etc.) - Non-profit organisations (associations, foundations, etc.) - Hospitals or other health care providers (CHU, CRLCC, etc.)	
Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	*Reminder: Each transnational consortium must nominate a coordinator from one of the JTC 2014 countries/region. The coordinator will be responsible for the internal scientific management and for the external representation towards the JCS and the CSC. Each consortium partner will be represented by one principal investigator, who will be the contact person for the respective national/regional funding organization.* - Public research institutions (university, EPST, EPIC, etc.) - Non-profit organisations (associations, foundations, etc.) - Hospitals or other health care providers (CHU, CRLCC, etc.) *Please note that for the reason that a personal investment is necessary for the good progress of the project, the PI is not allowed to*	

	coordinate simultaneously more than 3 projects funded by INCa.
Eligibility of costs, types Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	**For the research project:** - Equipment: up to 150 000 € including taxes per equipment; the total amount of the "equipment" expenses could not exceed a maximum of 30% of the total grant awarded - Consumables and subcontracting - Personnel costs • Salary costs for permanent staff may be included in the budget with the exception of civil servants • Please note that salary for PhD student is not eligible outside activities for capacity building - Travel and accommodation: only for the partner team members and for project management meetings; the total amount of the "Travel and accommodation" expenses could not exceed a maximum of 8% of the total grant awarded (Travel and accommodation costs to attend the intermediate and/or final TRANSCAN status symposium as specified in the Call text could be included in addition to the 8%) - Indirect costs/overheads: not eligible **For the capacity building and training activities** (Important reminder: These additional expenses should be asked to specifically reach the objectives mentioned in the dedicated section of the application forms): - Part of salary costs for support staff (technician, engineer, etc) - Part of salary for scientist, physician, veterinarian or pharmacist (short term training, PhD student, post-doctoral fellowship) - Travel and accommodation for exchanges programme Costs for project management workshops and dissemination events such as symposium are not eligible in this section.
National phase	Not required. Only the submission of the joint proposal is required.
Further guidance	Not applicable

Country	Israel
Funding organisation	CSO-MOH http://www.health.gov.il/Subjects/research/Pages/Research-Foundation.aspx
National contact persons	**Dr. Ahmi BEN-YEHUDAH** The Medical Research Administration Chief Scientist Office Israeli Ministry of Health 39, Yirmiyahu St. Jerusalem 91010, Israel Tel: +972-2-5082163 E-mail: ahmi.by@moh.health.gov.il
National programme	Medical Research Administration
Funding commitment	Up to 0.20 Mio €
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	Up to 2
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	Up to 100,000 €
Eligibility of projects	Bio-Medical research at large
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Position in a university, research center or hospital. Research authority must approve position prior to submission
Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	PI should hold a Ph.D., M.D., D.M.D. or equivalent degree and employed by an eligible institution. Research will not be funded simultaneously by CSO-MOH on more than one grant (ERA-NET or national). Researchers can not apply for more than one grant from any ERA-NET funded by CSO-MOH or submit more than one proposal for any single program.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Personnel (students, technicians, applicants excluded); Animal, Materials and consumables; Travel (up to 10%); Institutional overhead 10%. No permanent equipment.
National phase	Prior to submission, researchers will submit to CSO-MOH an abstract approved by their research authority including detailed budget distribution. No submission of abstract can lead to disqualification of the whole application, as well as the consortium. Bioethics approvals, if applicable should be submitted with the application or within 4 months later. Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level is required annually.
Further guidance	Please see detailed instruction at: www.health.gov.il/research-fund

Country	Italy
Funding organisation	Ministry of Health (Ministero della Salute) www.salute.gov.it
National contact persons	**Dr. Gaetano GUGLIELMI** Directorate General for Health Research and Innovation Ministry of Health – Ministero della Salute Viale Giorgio Ribotta, 5 00144 Rome, Italy Phone: +39 065994.3528 E-mail: g.guglielmi@sanita.it **Dr. Silvia PARADISI** Directorate General for Health Research and Innovation Ministry of Health – Ministero della Salute Phone: +39 064990 6553 E-mail: silvia.paradisi@iss.it
National programme	Framework National Programme "Health Research" of the Ministry of Health.
Funding commitment	3 Mio. €
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	10
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partne	0.3M€
Eligibility of projects duration	Max 3 years
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	**ONLY** IRCCS (The Italian Scientific Institutes for Health Research and Health Care) **Non fundable:** University, research institutes The simultaneous participation in proposals submitted in 2016 to different transnational research calls, funded by the Ministero della Salute, is not allowed to Italian Principal Investigators included WP leaders

Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	All applicants have to submit, mandatory, the pre-proposal to the Ministry of Health through IRCCS Scientific Directorate, by Research Workflow IT System, max 10 days before the pre-submission deadline, in order to confirm eligibility matter, in relation to their own institutional recognized scientific area. Fill out the Pre-submission eligibility check form
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	**Direct Costs** Personnel (only temporary contracts) (max 50%); Consumables; Animals; Subcontracts (Max 20%); Equipment (only on hire); Travel (max 10%): Documentation (Max 1%) **Indirect Costs** Overhead (max 10%); **other indirects cost aren't eligible**
National phase	After the joint TRANSCAN JTC 2014 peer review has been completed and the final (scientific) ranking list has been performed and endorsed by the Call Steering Committee, the Ministry of Health will invite the principal investigators of the projects approved for funding to enter the formal national negotiations (according to national regulations). Submission of annual scientific and financial reports at the national level will be required according to the rules of the Ministry of Health.
Further guidance	Further information on the rules of the Ministry of Health can be found at http://www.salute.gov.it, section "Ricerca Sanitaria", or requested to the national contact persons.

Country	Italy
Funding organisation	Alliance Against Cancer (ACC)
National contact persons	**Dr. Gennaro CILIBERTO** Tel: +39 065994.3412 Email: g.ciliberto@istitutotumori.na.it **Dr. Maddalena BARBA** Tel: +39 065994.3412 Email: maddalena.barba@gmail.com
National programme	Framework National Programme "Health Research" of the Ministry of Health.
Funding commitment	0.250 Mio. €
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	1-2
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	~ 0.125 M€
Eligibility of projects	Maximum 3 years
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	**Based on the D.Lgs 229/99, the following partners will be eligible:** Scientific Institutes for Research, Hospitalization and Health Care (Istituti di Ricovero e Cura a Carattere Scientifico pubblici e privati, IRCCS). **Not fundable:** Universities, research institutions other than the aforementioned; Companies
Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	In full agreement with the procedures applied by the Italian Ministry of Health, Alliance Against Cancer will grant an eligibility clearance to the applicants prior to the submission of the pre-proposals. The eligibility check will be performed based on the use of a dedicated pre-eligibility check form to be filled out before submitting the pre-proposals to the Joint Call Secretariat. Potential applicants will be requested to return this form in its completed and duly signed version at least 10 working days before the pre-proposal submission deadline. A written notification will be sent to clarify the applicant eligibility status.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Only costs generated during the lifetime of the project will be considered eligible. Personnel (only temporary contracts) (max 50%); Consumables; Animals; Subcontracts (Max 20%); Equipment (only on hire); Travel (max 10%); Overhead (max 10%); Publications (Max 1%); (all according to national regulations). Travel expenses and subsistence allowances associated with training activities linked to the project.

National phase	Once a definitive ranking list will be generated and endorsed by the Call Steering Committee, the coordinators and principals investigators of the research projects granted for funding will enter the formal national negotiations (in agreement with the national regulations). Annual scientific and financial reports at the national level will be required.
Further guidance	Further details will be provided by the national contact persons upon request.

Country	Latvia
Funding organisation	Valsts izglītības attīstības aģentūra
National contact persons	**Dr. Maija BUNDULE** Tel: +371 67785423 E-mail: maija.bundule@viaa.gov.lv **Dr. Uldis BERKIS** Tel: +371 29472349 E-mail: uldis.berkis@viaa.gov.lv Valsts izglītības attīstības aģentūra Vaļņu iela 1, LV-1050 Rīga
National programme	Support is provided according to Provisions Nr 259, 26.05.2015 of the Latvian Cabinet of Ministers http://likumi.lv/ta/id/274671-atbalsta-pieskirsanas-kartiba-dalibai-starptautiskas-sadarbibas-programmas-petniecibas-un-tehnologiju-joma Limitations and requirements of these provisions apply without exceptions.
Funding commitment	300.000 €
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	1-2
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partne	210 TEUR (max 70 TEUR / year)
Eligibility of projects	The projects should correspond to the priorities of the TRANSCAN Call. Duration of the project - up to 3 years. The activities must correspond to “research” according to Latvian law on Scientific Activity.
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Legal bodies: universities, state research institutes, other research institutions: should be listed in the Latvian register of research institutions. Enterprises entered into the Latvian Commercial registry are eligible, assumed they are eligible to do the specific research and can prove possession of research resources in Latvia. Limitations of EU legislation apply (R 651/2014) together with financial reporting requirements. None of the supported activities should be subject to state aid scrutiny.
Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	Principal investigator – researcher holding a doctoral degree and experienced in the field related to the project thematic. Other research team members - researchers, physicians, technicians, assistants and supporting staff.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Project eligible costs are as follows: **For the research project:** 1. Personnel costs (researchers, technicians and other supporting staff to the extent employed on the research project) and relevan

	personnel taxes, maximum rates must be respected, 2. Other direct costs such as consumables, equipment (only depreciation costs), reagents, animals etc., 3. Subcontracting (up to 25% of total direct costs), with justification, includes also external patents and licenses and all external services 4. Travels and allowances, 5. Overheads can reach a maximum of 25% of the direct project costs exempt subcontracting, and must be shown to include only indirect cost categories **For the capacity building and training activities:** 1. Short term training related to the project needs – covering possible only to direct travel costs. Core activities cannot be subcontracted.
National phase	No special national procedures in application phase In the contract phase annual scientific and financial reports will be required. Final research project cost statement must be audited by a sworn auditor in Republic of Latvia. Ethics and regulatory permissions are responsibility of the consortium. **Latvian legislation requires conclusion of Consortium Agreement in order Latvian partner to be fundable.**
Further guidance	http://likumi.lv/ta/id/274671-atbalsta-pieskirsanas-kartiba-dalibai-starptautiskas-sadarbibas-programmas-petniecibas-un-tehnologiju-joma

Country	Poland
Funding organisation	National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR) www.ncbir.pl
National contact persons	Robert Lesiuk Section for Research Projects BIOMED, +48 22 39 07 109, e-mail: robert.lesiuk@ncbr.gov.pl Marcin Chmielewski Section for Research Projects BIOMED, +48 22 39 07 109, e-mail: marcin.chmielewski@ncbr.gov.pl
National programme	National Scientific Research Programme *(Krajowy Program Badań)*
Funding commitment	0.5 Mio €
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	1-3
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partne	The NCBR does not have a maximum funding per grant. The amount depends on the scientific needs and justification for the budget.
Eligibility of projects	All proposals must be aligned with National regulations, inter alia: • The Act of 30 April 2010 on the Principles of Financing Science, published in Journal of Laws No. 96 item 615, 2010; • The Act of 30 April 2010 on the National Centre for Research and Development, published in Journal of Laws No. 96 item 616, 2010;
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Following entities are eligible to apply: • Research organizations • Micro, Small, Medium and Large Enterprise • Research consortia (according to The Act of 30 April 2010 on the Principles of Financing Science, published in Journal of Laws No. 96 item 615, 2010) • Organization must be registered in Poland.
Eligibility of principal investigator or other	

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<tr><td>research team member</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</td><td>The eligible costs shall be the following:
1. personnel costs (researchers, technicians and other supporting staff to the extent employed on the research project);
2. costs of instruments and equipment, technical knowledge and patents to the extent and for the period used for the research project; if such instruments and equipment 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;
3. costs for buildings and land, to the extent and for the duration used for the research project; with regard to buildings, 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. cost of contractual research, costs of consultancy and equivalent services used exclusively for the research activity; this cost type cannot account for more than 70% of all eligible costs of a project; the subcontracting can be obtained from consortium partner only in justified case, this need will be verified by a national experts panel;
5. other operating costs including costs of materials, supplies and similar products incurred directly as a result of the research activity;
6. additional overheads incurred indirectly as a result of the research project; that costs cannot account for more than 25% of eligible project costs; That costs (6) are counted as a multiplication by percentage given above (called x%) and the rest of direct costs, excluding subcontracting (4); It means 6=(1+2+3+5)*x%.</td></tr>
<tr><td>National phase</td><td>Polish Participants will be informed and invited to submit Polish proposal once the international evaluation and the ranking list has been established.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Further guidance</td><td>Funding quota of Polish participants can be up to 100% for universities or research organisations. In the case of enterprises, funding quota will be decided on a case-by-case basis depending on the size of the company, type of research/development, risk associated with the research activities and commercial perspective of exploitation. Organization must be registered in Poland
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<tr><th></th><th>Large Enterprises</th><th>Medium Enterprises</th><th>Small Enterprises</th><th>Universities and research organizations</th></tr>
<tr><td>Fundamental/Basic Research</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>-</td></tr>
<tr><td>Industrial/Applied Research</td><td>Up to
50+15 (max 65 %)</td><td>Up to
50+10+15 (max 75 %)</td><td>Up to
50+20+15 (max 80 %)</td><td>Up to
100 %</td></tr>
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		Experimental development	Up to 25+15 (max 40 %)	Up to 25+10+15 (max 50 %)	Up to 25+20+15 (max 60 %)	Up to 100 %
	In case of enterprises only Industrial/Applied Research and Experimental Development will be funded. Other type of activities (e.g. coordination, dissemination, management) is not eligible for funding as separate research tasks in the project schedule.					

Country	Portugal
Funding organisation	Foundation for Science and Technology (Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia – FCT)
National contact persons	**Marta Abrantes** +351 213 911596 marta.abrantes@fct.pt
National programme	
Funding commitment	0.250 Mio €
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	1-2
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partne	250.000 € (Up to **250,000** € **per project** if the Applicant is the transnational project consortium coordinator. Up to **150,000 € per project** if the Applicant is NOT the transnational project consortium coordinator).
Eligibility of projects	All proposals must be aligned with National regulations (https://www.fct.pt/apoios/projectos/regulamento.phtml.pt).
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	National regulations apply.
Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	National regulations apply.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	**For the research project as well as for the capacity building and training activities:** National regulations apply. Capacity building is part of normal project activities; there is no dedicated budget to this item, it should be included in the other items of the budget.
National phase	In the pre-proposal and in the full proposal phases no national application is needed, the electronic transnational application to the central TRANSCAN-2 Joint Call Secretariat is sufficient. Nevertheless, the Portuguese teams will need to send a statement of commitment (https://www.fct.pt/apoios/cooptrans/eranets/docs/Declaracao_Compromisso_FCT_Editavel.pdf) to the National Contact Point at FCT, duly signed, dated and stamped by the Head of the Portuguese applicant organization and by the Principal Investigator, at the stage of pre-proposals. The national teams participating in the transnational projects that will be selected for funding by the TRANSCAN-2 Call Steering Committee will have to submit their application to the Foundation of Science and Technology (FCT), for management of the project.
Further guidance	Please consult the TRANSCAN-2 information at FCT's website: http://www.fct.pt/apoios/cooptrans/eranets/transcan/index.phtml.pt National regulations: http://www.fct.pt/apoios/projectos/regulamento.phtml.en

Country	Slovak Republic	
Funding organisation	Slovak Academy of Sciences http://www.sav.sk	
National contact persons	**Mr. Jan BARANCIK,** PhD Department for International Cooperation of SAS, Slovak Academy of Sciences, Štefánikova 49 814 38 - Bratislava, Slovak Republic Tel: +421 2 5751 0137 E-mail: barancik@up.upsav.sk	**Martin NOVAK,** PhD. Department for International Cooperation of SAS, Slovak Academy of Sciences, Štefánikova 49 814 38 - Bratislava, Slovak Republic Tel: +421 2 5751 0179 E-mail: mnovak@up.upsav.sk
National programme	Research in the field of biological, medical and pharmaceutical sciences	
Funding commitment	0.21 Mio € (to be confirmed)	
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	1-2	
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	up to 105 000 € for 3 year project period	
Eligibility of projects	▪ 3 year transnational projects with 3 or more eligible project consortium partners and from at least 3 different TRANSCAN joint transnational call 2011 funding countries ▪ Translational projects are encouraged	
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Only research Institutes of the Slovak Academy of Sciences are eligibile organisations for funding by SAS (up to 100%). Applicants from other Slovak R&D centres (universities and/or other organisations) have to cover the project costs from their own sources (letter of Commitment). In addition to this, the teams outside of SAS can be consortium members but not the coordinator of the consortium.	
Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	▪ Each researcher of the core research team of a project consortium Slovak partner (other than the Principal Investigator) must have a job contract with or a fellowship with such a Slovak project partner, lasting until the end of the project or beyond ▪ The principal Investigator of the research team of a project consortium Slovak partner must be a senior researcher having a job contract with such a project partner, lasting until the end of the granted project or beyond.	
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Direct costs (DC) : Personnel (max. 15% of DC), Consumables, Equipment (max. 40% of DC) and Travel costs will be as eligible costs. Indirect costs (IC - overheads): max. 20 % of DC. Total eligible costs = DC + IC Training costs shall not be defined as a separate category, but included in other costs items. (www.sav.sk/index.php?lang=sk&charset=&doc=services-news&source_no=25&news_no=5570)	
National phase	Submission of the proposal at a national level will be carried out once the international evaluation and the ranking list have been performed	

	and endorsed by the Call steering committee (CSC) and the Slovak project partner has been informed by the project consortium coordinator and invited by SAS to submit the proposal to it. The Presidium of SAS makes the final decision concerning the approval of funding (according to internal rules of SAS).
Further guidance	http://www.sav.sk/; 133 Act of February 19, 2002 on the Slovak Academy of Sciences, Financial rules for awarding SAS grants for research projects in frame of ERA.Net Programme for research institutes of SAS Principles of allocation of funds for the institutes of SAS to support projects in the field of international scientific cooperation (http://www.sav.sk/index.php?lang=sk&charset=&doc=services-news&source_no=25&news_no=5570)

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<tr><td>Country</td><td>Spain</td></tr>
<tr><td>Funding organisation</td><td>National Institute of Health Carlos III (Instituto de Salud Carlos III, ISCIII) www.isciii.es</td></tr>
<tr><td>National contact persons</td><td>Elsa Moreda
Email: emoreda@isciii.es
Tel: (+34) 91 822 28 74</td></tr>
<tr><td>National programme</td><td>Acción Estratégica en Salud (AES 2016)
www.isciii.es/ISCIII/es/contenidos/fd-investigacion/fd-financiacion/convocatorias-ayudas-accion-estrategica-salud.shtml</td></tr>
<tr><td>Funding commitment</td><td>Up to 0.25 Mio (up to 150.000 € for extramural ISCIII, up to 150.000 € for intramural ISCIII: both appropriations cannot be mixed and the maximum between both is 250.000 €).</td></tr>
<tr><td>Anticipated number of fundable project partners</td><td>1-2 research groups</td></tr>
<tr><td>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner</td><td>Up to 100.000 € per partner (overheads included); Intramural ISCIII up to 75.000 €
Up to 150.000 € per coordinator (overheads included); Intramural ISCIII up to 90.000 € + personnel up to 60.000 €</td></tr>
<tr><td>Eligibility of projects</td><td>Only 3-year projects</td></tr>
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<tr><td>Hospitals, primary health care or public health settings of the Spanish National Health System (SNS)[1]</td><td>YES</td><td>YES</td></tr>
<tr><td>Public Cancer Research Centres (those working exclusively in the field of Cancer)</td><td>YES</td><td>YES</td></tr>
<tr><td>Accredited Health Research Institutes (Institutos de Investigación Sanitaria acreditados, IIS)[2]</td><td>YES</td><td>NO</td></tr>
<tr><td>CIBER or CIBERNED</td><td>YES</td><td>NO</td></tr>
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- These institutions may manage research via a foundation regulated in accordance to the Spanish Act 50/2002, of December 26th (a copy of the foundation's statutes may be submitted).
- Accredited according to the RD 339/2004, of February 27th (These institutions may manage research via a foundation regulated according to the Spanish Act 50/ 2002, of December 26th) http://www.eng.isciii.es/ISCIII/es/contenidos/fd-investigacion/fd-institutos-investigacion-sanitaria/listado-de-iis-acreditados.shtml.

NOTE:

A. Only one partner per beneficiary institution may be funded within the same proposal, and up to two when any of the Clinical Trials Central Units of the Spanish Clinical Research Network (SCReN) is also involved.

B. SMEs and other private companies are encouraged to participate at their own cost, as subcontractors or funded by other sources including CDTI's open calls for internationalization</td></tr>
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<tr><td>Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team members</td><td>The Principal Investigator (PI) and all members of the research group must belong to the eligible institution or be affiliated to CIBER, CIBERNED or an IIS.
Excluded personnel as Principal Investigator (PI):
Those undergoing a postgraduate training in Health Specialization (MIR, FIR, QIR, BIR, PIR)
Those undergoing research training (e.g. PhD students, or “Río Hortega” contracts)
Researchers contracted by a RETIC or a CONSOLIDER
Those undergoing postdoctoral training (e.g. “Sara Borrell“ or “Juan de la Cierva” contracts)</td></tr>
<tr><td>Additional eligibility criteria</td><td>Only one proposal per partner is allowed
Researchers with ongoing TRANSCAN projects in 2017 cannot apply to the current call except if the applicant is the coordinator
Only members of ECRIN-ERIC via the Spanish Clinical Research Network (SCReN) are allowed to carry out Clinical Trials within the project. Their institution must also be consortium partner
NOTE:
There is no other incompatibility with AES 2016. Incompatibilities with other calls are subject to their respective specifications</td></tr>
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<tr><td>Personnel
Up to 3-year, full-time or part-time contracts (only for additional personnel)
Excluded: Students and fellowships</td><td>Total cost per annual full-time contract:
Technical expert, higher degree: 29.500 €
Technical expert, medium degree: 24.500 €
Technical expert, FP II: 20.500 €</td><td>Not eligible</td></tr>
<tr><td>Small Equipment</td><td>Up to 40.000 €</td><td>Up to 20.000 €</td></tr>
<tr><td>Travel and Allowance</td><td>Up to 9.000 €</td><td>Up to 4.500 €</td></tr>
<tr><td>Consumables</td><td colspan="2">Up to 100% of direct cost</td></tr>
<tr><td>Subcontracting and other services</td><td colspan="2">Up to 50% of direct cost
Private (bio)companies and SMEs included</td></tr>
<tr><td>Overheads</td><td colspan="2">Up to 21% of direct cost</td></tr>
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<tr><td>National phase</td><td>National applications will be required from applicants officially invited by ISCIII</td></tr>
<tr><td>Mandatory acknowledgement</td><td>Any publication resulting from the granted projects must acknowledge “Award no. XX by ISCIII thorough AES 2016 and within the TRANSCAN framework” even after the end of the project</td></tr>
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Country	**Spain**
Funding organisation	The Foundation for the support of the Applied Scientific Research and Technology in Asturias (FICYT) http://www.ficyt.es
Regional contact persons	**Ms. Inés REY HIDALGO** Tel: +34 985 20 74 34 E-mail: inesrey@ficyt.es
Regional programme	Regional Programme for funding Science, Technology and Innovation
Funding commitment	0.2 Mio. €
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	2 TRANSCAN-2 transnational project partners
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	Only one three year grant per fundable project partner: • Up to 150,000 € (overheads included) per project coordinator (up to 200.000 € per project for the whole Asturian part funded by the Regional Ministry in case one Asturian eligible institution coordinates the project consortium); • Up to 100,000 € (overheads included) per project partner (up to 150.000 € per project for the whole Asturian part funded by the Regional Ministry in case more than one Asturian partner participates in the same proposal). *Funding by FICYT is subject to the approval of the relevant annual appropriations by the Regional Parliament in Asturias*
Eligibility of projects	• Transnational projects with 3 or more eligible project consortium partners and from at least 3 different TRANSCAN-2 joint transnational call 2014 funding countries. • Minimum duration of the project: 12 months for industrial research / 9 months for experimental development. • Maximum duration of the project: 36 months. • Industry must demonstrate incentive effect of the aid.
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Applications must be submitted by entities located in Asturias or, in case of companies, with a production center in Asturias.
Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	There will be a contact person taking part in the project to act as intermediary with the funding agency.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	• Expenses can only be committed and invoices charged with dates of each year in which the Asturian aid is granted • Own staff: only that employees dedicated to the research project submitted to TRANSCAN-2 international call. • Equipments: depreciation costs. • Consumables. • Subcontracts: up to 50% of the direct costs of the regional project.

	• Other costs: travels, accommodation costs and allowances (only for staff appearing in the Personnel area of the proposal that directly takes part in the project); patenting costs; audit costs. • Overheads
Regional phase	The submission of the proposal at regional level will be carried out once the international evaluation and the ranking list have been performed and endorsed by the Call Steering Committee (CSC) and the Spanish project partner IP has been informed by the project consortium coordinator.
Further guidance	All applicants must comply with all the Regulations applicable to public funding at European, National and Regional level, and with all those Regulations indicated in the Regional Regulatory Bases and calls.

Country	Taiwan
Funding organisation	Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) http://www.most.gov.tw
National contact persons	**Dr. Louis CHEN** Ministry of Science and Technology (Taiwan) Tel:+886-2-2737-7959 E-mail: ymchen@most.gov.tw
National programme	
Funding commitment	1 Mio. €
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	4-5
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partne	NTD 3Mio/Year (roughly €70,000/Year)
Eligibility of projects	The standard funding policy and eligibility rules set by the Ministry of Science and Technology applied.
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	All research institutes, universities, hospitals, public organisations in Taiwan endorsed by the Ministry of Science and Technology as beneficiary institution.
Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	The standard funding policy and eligibility rules set by the Ministry of Science and Technology applied.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Personnel, Consumables, Hosting expenses for foreign researchers, Travel expenses for international destinations-joint research & overseas studies
National phase	No official national application is needed in the pre-proposal or full proposal phase. But must notify the national contact person in the Ministry of Science and Technology of your submission to the TRANSCAN-2 joint transnational call via email, together with your application as an attachment. A formal proposal must be submitted electronically via the Ministry's web submission portal together with an official missive sent from your institution, submission should be done after the joint TRANSCAN JTC 2014 peer review has been completed and the final (scientific) ranking list has been performed and endorsed by the Call Steering Committee. The submitted proposal will formally be granted by the Ministry of Science and Technology after an administrative and scientific processing.

Further guidance	Refer to the official announcement by the Ministry of Science and Technology for more information (http://www.most.gov.tw/)