ERA-NET on Translational Cancer Research (TRANSCAN)
First Joint Transnational Call for Proposals (JTC 2011) on:
"Validation of biomarkers for personalised cancer medicine"

Guidelines for Applicants

Submission deadlines

Pre-proposals: 10 February 2012

Full proposals: 05 June 2012

Useful links

Link to call text

Link to pre-proposal application form

Link to electronic proposal submission (available from 10 January 2012):

For further information

http://www.transcanfp7.eu

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Projektträger im DLR

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Background

Under the umbrella of TRANSCAN (ERA-NET for Research Programmes on Translational Cancer Research), 15 funding organisations have agreed to launch the first Joint Transnational Call (JTC) in 2011 for collaborative research projects on "Validation of biomarkers for personalised cancer medicine". The participating TRANSCAN funding organisations emphasise the promotion of innovative interdisciplinary collaboration and truly translational research projects.

For any such biomarker, subject matter of a proposal, basic and/or clinical research results must be available which provide sufficient evidence that the candidate marker has the potential – singularly or in combination with other markers – to function as preventive and/or diagnostic and/or prognostic and/or treatment response/resistance/toxicity predictive biomarker for a specific tumour disease. Such results/evidence must be clearly documented [publications or (pending) patents]. Already at the stage of proposal preparation and submission the (intended) respective intellectual property right for the biomarker (to be validated within the project) and/or the confirmation procedure, must be anticipated.

In order to ensure target-oriented projects, the availability of and/or access to clinical biomaterial banks (cells, tissue, blood, DNA, organs, fluids etc.) and the related clinical data of subjects (patient cohorts with comprehensive clinical documentation and characterisation) must be secured and explained. Respective biomaterial banks must be maintained with "Standard Operation Procedures" (SOPs for extraction, transport, processing, storage and further usage) and previous use and benefit documented by respective publications.

Proposal submission

There will be a two-stage submission procedure for joint applications: pre-proposals and full proposals. In both cases, a single joint proposal document, in English, should be prepared by the partners, and must be submitted electronically to the Joint Call Secretariat (JCS) by the project coordinator.

To apply, please use the pre-proposal application form provided on the TRANSCAN website (http://www.transcanfp7.eu).

Electronic versions of the joint pre-proposals must be submitted to https://www.pt-it.de/ptoutline/application/cancer11 and received by the JCS no later than 10 February 2012, at 5 p.m. Central European Time.

Joint full proposals will be accepted only from applicants explicitly invited by the JCS to submit them. Joint full proposal should be prepared, in English, using the application form provided on the TRANSCAN website (http://www.transcanfp7.eu). Full proposals must be sent electronically and received by the JCS no later than 05 June 2012, at 5 p.m. (Central European Summer Time).

Please fill in all fields and submit online your pre-proposal or full proposal in a PDF-format file comprising, in case of the full proposal only, a scanned version of the page with the signature of the project coordinator**,** by uploading it **within the deadlines mentioned above**. After this time, the server will not accept proposals anymore. Please take into account that the online data entry may be overloaded by the day of the deadline. It is therefore recommended to upload all the required material in due time.

Applicants from some countries/regions may also need to submit the proposal and/or other information directly to the relevant national/regional funding organisations,. Therefore, applicants are strongly advised to check their respective national/regional funding organisation for both eligibility and other specific information. For more details, applicants may also contact the respective funding organisations (see Annex 1. Contact information of the national/regional funding organisations). For additional information you can contact:

JTC 2011 Joint Call Secretariat (JCS)

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Pre-proposal structure

One joint pre-proposal document (in English) shall be prepared by the partners and must be submitted to the JCS by the project coordinator.

Please note that it is mandatory that the applicants use the **pre-proposal application form** provided on the TRANSCAN website (http://www.transcanfp7.eu), and that the pre-proposal document respect the format (Arial font, size 11, DIN-A4, single-spaced, margins of 2.5) and the length indicated. **Pre-proposals not complying with these rules will be rejected.**

Pre-proposals must include the following information:

1. Project title and acronym.
2. Project duration.
3. Name and full affiliation of the project coordinator designated by the consortium to act as its representative.
4. Names and full affiliations of the principal investigators (one per research group partner in the joint transnational project).
5. Total requested funding (€).
6. Keywords (between three and seven keywords representing the scientific content).
7. Summary of the project (once converted into PDF document: max. 5 pages). The summary should contain:
    a. Description of the medical problem and present state of the art in the research field.
    b. Description of the objectives, the research hypothesis, the rationale and the working program, including methodology, highlighting the novelty, originality and feasibility of the project.
    c. Information about relevant experience in the field, planned implementation of management structures and added value of the proposed transnational collaboration.
    d. Information about potential impact on personalised cancer medicine through development, dissemination and use of project results.
    e. References (one page maximum) and diagrams, figures, etc. (one page maximum) should be added in an appendix.
8. Brief CV for each research partner (i.e. the project coordinator and each principal investigator) including a description of the main domain of research and a list of the 5 most relevant publications within the last five years regarding the proposal (once converted into PDF document: max. 1 page).
9. Financial plan of the project.

Full proposal structure

The information given in the pre-proposal is binding. Thus, any fundamental changes between the pre- and full proposals, e.g. composition of the consortia, objectives of the project, must be communicated to the JCS with detailed justification and will only be allowed by the Call Steering Committee (CSC) under exceptional circumstances.

Please note that it is mandatory that the applicants use the **full proposal application form** provided on the TRANSCAN website (www.transcanfp7.eu), and that the full proposal document respects the format and the length indicated. **Full proposals not complying with these rules will be rejected.** Full proposals must include the following information:

- Project title and acronym.
- Project duration.
- Total requested funding.
- Keywords (3 to 7).
- Project abstract (max. ½ page).
- Name and signature of the project coordinator.
- Names and full affiliations of each principal investigator partner in the research consortium.
- Project description:
    1. Background and present state of the art in the research field (max. 2 pages).
    2. Description of the objectives.
    3. Work plan (max. 15 pages):
        a. Description of the working program including a general overview of the entire consortium, the work packages, the objectives, the rationale and the methodology of the subprojects, highlighting the novelty, originality and feasibility of the project.
        b. Description of the relevant infrastructures and resources to be used for the implementation of the work plan, concept of data and material acquisition and storage, availability of biological resources, data management and elaboration (including assessment of statistical power aspects).
        c. Definition of the responsibilities and project effort of each participating research group per work package (expressed in person months); time plan; project coordination and management.
        d. References.
        e. Diagrams and figures.

4. Diagram which compiles the work plan, the contribution of the partners to each work package and their interactions (Pert diagram) (max. 1 page).
5. Added value of the proposed transnational project collaboration (max. 1 page).
6. Description of past and ongoing research projects of each participating group related to the present topic, indicating funding sources (include at least: ID number, amount and duration of funded project; funding agency) and possible overlaps with the proposal (max. ½ page per research group).
7. Potential medical impact and exploitation/dissemination of project results (max. ½ page).
8. Description of patents and present/future position with regard to intellectual property rights (IPR), both within and outside the consortium, if applicable (e.g. barriers to sharing materials or results) (max. ½ page).
9. Justification of requested budget; when applicable co-funding from other sources necessary for the project should be specified (max. ½ page per research group).
10. Ethical and legal issues of the project proposal, according to national/regional regulations, if applicable (e.g. informed consent, data protection, use of animals) (max. ½ page).
11. Brief CV for each research partner (i.e. the project coordinator and each principal investigator) including a description of the main domain of research and a list of the five most relevant publications within the last five years, demonstrating the competence to carry out the project (max. 1 page each).
12. Capacity building and training activities (optional section) (max. 1 page). If the scientific proposal is selected for funding within the JTC 2011, the optional component of capacity building and training activities will be evaluated for an additional separate budget, in compliance with the rules of the respective national/regional funding organisations concerning the funding of the training activities. The training component will be evaluated independently and will not have an impact on the overall assessment of the proposal. A proposal could be recommended for funding without the part related to capacity building and training activities if the evaluation of this part is poor.

    This section must include: a) description of capacity building and training activities and relevance to the proposal objectives; b) description of the candidate [CV, background (scientific, medical, etc.); scientific production; current work; coherence of the training with the CV,]; c) description of the host team (expertise in the field, qualification in research of the responsible person); d) justification of the additional separate budget needed for these specific activities.
13. Financial plan for each research consortium partner.
14. Number of person months of personnel participating in the project for which no funding is requested (if applicable).

15. Signatures of the project coordinator and all project partners principal investigators (signed PDF) declaring they keep records with evidence that each of their respective team members agreed to participate in the proposal submitted.

Applicants may request to exclude reviewers with perceived competing interests from refereeing their proposal. The CSC will respect these requests provided that they do not interfere with the objective and thorough evaluation of the proposal.

A signed statement declaring in advance that project partners from TRANSCAN countries/regions not participating in the JTC 2011 or from non-TRANSCAN countries/regions are or will be able to secure their funding. Indeed they may participate in projects if they are able to secure their own funding before the recommendation of funding is taken by the TRANSCAN CSC. Such project partners must provide a written confirmation that the funds are already secured or a written declaration of how they plan to obtain funding in advance of the project start.
Additional information must be provided if requested by national/regional funding organisations, based on the respective eligibility criteria.

Important reminders for all applicants

Applicants should refer to the national eligibility criteria and requirements (Annex 2) and should contact their respective national/regional funding organisation contact persons (Annex 1) prior to submitting the application. An **eligibility check** may be offered to applicants by some national/regional funding organisations (Annex 2) before the submission deadline.
The JCS will assess proposals to ensure that they meet the call's formal criteria [e.g. date of submission; number of participating research groups, type of project partners (academic, clinical/public health and industrial/SMEs), and inclusion of all necessary information in English]. In parallel, the JCS will forward the proposals to the relevant TRANSCAN national/regional funding organisations that will perform a formal check of compliance with their respective eligibility criteria. Proposals passing both checks will be forwarded to independent international scientific experts for evaluation.
Please note that after submission of the proposal once the joint transnational call has been closed it is not possible to amend the proposal or to add further documents.

Project start and Consortium Agreement

A Consortium agreement (CA) should be signed between the partners of funded projects for a proper conduct of the project activities, finances, intellectual right properties (IPR) and to avoid disputes which might be detrimental to the completion of the project.

The research consortium is strongly encouraged to sign the CA before the official project start date. Upon request, the CA must be made available to the concerned TRANSCAN JTC 2011 funding organisations.

Consortium partners of projects selected for funding must fix a common project start date, which would be the reference date for yearly and final reports and extensions. This common project start date must appear in the CA.

ANNEX 1. CONTACT INFORMATION OF THE NATIONAL/REGIONAL FUNDING ORGANISATIONS

Country/Region	Participating Funding Organisations	Website	National Contact Points
Austria	Austrian Science Fund (FWF)	http://www.fwf.ac.at/	**Dr. Stephanie RESCH** Austrian Science Fund Haus der Forschung, Sensengasse 1 1090 Vienna, Austria Tel: +43-1-505 67 40-8201 E-mail: stephanie.resch@fwf.ac.at
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France	Institut National du Cancer (INCa)	http://www.e-cancer.fr/	**Ms. Estelle GERBAUD, PharmD** Cancer Biology Department/Research Division 52 avenue André Morizet 92513 Boulogne Billancourt Cedex, France Tel : + 33 (0)1 41 10 14 16 E-mail: egerbaud@institutcancer.fr
Germany	Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) / PT-DLR	http://www.gesundheitsforschung-bmbf.de	**Project Management Agency of the German Aerospace Centre** (PT-DLR) - Health Research-Heinrich-Konen-Str. 1 53227 Bonn, Germany Tel: +49 (0)228/3821-1210 Fax: +49 (0)228/3821-1257 E-mail: gesundheitsforschung@dlr.de
Greece	General Secretariat for Research and Technology, Ministry of Education, Life Long Learning and Religious Affairs (GSRT)	http://www.gsrt.gr	Ministry of Education, Life Long Learning & Religious Affairs General Secretariat for Research & Technology International S&T Cooperation Directorate-European Union Division 14-18 Messogion Ave., 11527 Athens, Greece **Dr. Vassiliki PLETSA** Tel: +30 2107458096 E-mail: vpletsa@gsrt.gr **Dr. Sossanna KOLYVA** Tel: +30 2107458094 E-mail: skolyva@gsrt.gr
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ANNEX 2. NATIONAL/REGIONAL REGULATIONS

Country	**AUSTRIA**
Funding organisation	Fonds zur Förderung der Wissenschaftlichen Forschung (FWF) / Austrian Science Fund / http://www.fwf.ac.at
National contact persons	Stephanie Resch (stephanie.resch@fwf.ac.at) +43-1-505 67 40-8201
National programme	
Funding commitment	1 Mio€
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	4
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	no limit / amount of typical (sub)projects: ~0.3 Mio. €
Eligibility of projects	joint research projects
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	
Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	individual researcher or teams of researchers, working in any kind of nonprofit organization: e.g. University, University hospital, Non-university research institute *Please refer also to the general FWF Funding Guidelines: http://www.fwf.ac.at/de/downloads/pdf/fwf_funding_guidelines.pdf*
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Personnel, Consumables, Animals, Subcontracts, Equipment, Travel, Documentation (Note: publication costs are handled according to FWF stand-alone projects) *Please refer also to the general FWF Funding Guidelines: http://www.fwf.ac.at/de/downloads/pdf/fwf_funding_guidelines.pdf*
National phase	Submission of the proposal at the national level will be required in parallel to the international evaluation
Further guidance	

Country	**BELGIUM: FLANDERS**
Funding organisation	Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO)
National contact persons	Dr. Olivier Boehme
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 (co-)promoter for a research project (here only those cases that are relevant for cancer research are listed): Promoter: – a professor with an appointment of more than 10% at a Flemish university; – a professor with an appointment of 10% at a Flemish university and a main task as researcher; – a professor 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; – a research director of FWO; – a Flemish beneficiary of an ERC Starting Grant, an ERC Advanced Grant or an allowance in the FWO-funding programme Odysseus II. Co-promoter: All co-promoters have to be researchers at at least postdoctoral level in at least one of the following types of organizations: – a Flemish university; – a Flemish research institution; – a Flemish university hospital; – the Transnational university Limburg; – a federal scientific institution, if the co-promoter belongs to the Dutch language register. Researchers from outside Flanders can be involved as co-promoter without being entitled to receive funding from the FWO and insofar this cooperation is relevant for the project. 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	See under 'Eligibility of projects'.
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. However, for staff costs the same lump sums are applicable as in the regular projects, i.e.: 60.000 € for a scientific staff member and 50.000 € for a technical staff member. Moreover, FWO pays the host institutions of a project 6% overhead on top of the funding amount. Funding cannot be used for training activities, apart from the opportunity for a researcher appointed within the project to obtain a PhD on the basis of the results from his/her project research.
National phase	The FWO-funding scheme for New Research Projects is opened one time a year.
Further guidance	http://www.fwo.be/Nieuw-onderzoeksproject.aspx For more information also the NCP can be contacted.

Country	**FRANCE**
Funding organisation	French National Cancer Institute (Institut National du Cancer - INCa) http://www.e-cancer.fr/
National contact persons	**Estelle GERBAUD, PharmD** **Cancer Biology Department / Research Division** 52 avenue André Morizet 92513 Boulogne Billancourt Cedex Email : egerbaud@institutcancer.fr Phone: + 33 (0)1 41 10 14 16
National programme	French National Cancer Plan 2009-2013 – Action 1.1: Strengthen translational research through dedicated funding based on calls for proposals
Funding commitment	2 M€
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	From 5 to 15 research teams
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	INCa does not have a maximum funding per grant; the amount depends on the scientific and medical needs and should be justified in the requested budget.
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 2011 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.) - Industrial companies could participate if the group is able to secure its own funding however the Project Coordinator could not come from an industrial partner. *In order to guarantee that the project will run well, it is necessary that the principal investigator spends the time needed to the follow-up of the work performed in the frame of the project, the communication between partners and the writing of the appropriate reporting documents. The PI commits to spend at a minimum of 30% of his/her activity to the submitted project and therefore he/she could not be responsible for the simultaneous coordination/ co-coordination of more than 3 projects funded by INCa.*

Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	**For the research project:**
	- Equipment (up to 150 000 € including taxes)
	- Consumables and subcontracting
	- Personnel costs
	  • Salary costs for permanent staff may be included in the budget with the exception of civil servants
	  • For students or fellowships, please refer below.
	- Travel and accommodation (only for the partner team members and for project management meetings or for results presentation)
	- Indirect costs/overheads (up to a maximum of 4% of the grant awarded by INCa).
	The above cost categories are indicative and will have fungibility throughout the project.
	
	For the capacity building and training activities:
	- Salary of temporary staff with a specific expertise
	- Short term training dedicated to support staff (technician, engineer, etc)
	- Short term training dedicated to scientist, physician, veterinarian and pharmacist
	- PhD
	- Post-doctoral fellowship
	- Exchanges programme

National phase	Not required. Only the submission of the joint proposal is required.
Further guidance	Not applicable

Country	**GERMANY**
Funding organisation	German Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF); www.gesundheitsforschung-bmbf.de
National contact persons	Project Management Agency of the German Aerospace Centre (PT-DLR) -Health Research- Heinrich-Konen-Str. 1 53227 Bonn Phone: 0049 (0)228/3821-1210 Telefax: 0049 (0)228/3821-1257 E-Mail: gesundheitsforschung@dlr.de
National programme	Framework Programme "Health Research" of the Federal Government
Funding commitment	About 3 Mio. €
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	10 – 12 research groups
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	-
Eligibility of projects	-
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Legal body: university, university hospital, non-university public research institute, industry (note: industry is funded with a maximum of 50%-60% of the total project cost)
Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	-
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Personnel, consumables, animals, subcontracts, equipment, travels, training costs, documentation (all according to national regulations).
National phase	After the joint TRANSCAN JTC 2011 peer review has been completed and the final (scientific) ranking list has been performed and endorsed by the Call Steering Committee, PT-DLR will invite those principal investigators to be funded to enter the formal national negotiations. That is, a formal proposal (written in German) must be submitted, which will formally be granted after an administrative and scientific processing (according to national regulations).
Further guidance	http://www.gesundheitsforschung-bmbf.de/de/2713.php

Country	**GREECE**
Funding organisation	General Secretariat for Research and Technology, Ministry of Education, Life Long Learning and Religious Affairs
National contact persons	Vasiliki Pletsa (vpletsa@gsrt.gr) , Sossanna Kolyva (skolyva@gsrt.gr)
National programme	Strategic Plan for the Development of Research, Technology and Innovation 2007-2013, European S&T Cooperation-ERANETS Joint Transnational Calls
Funding commitment	500.000 €
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	3-5
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	no limit
Eligibility of projects	joint research projects
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Higher Education Institutions, Research Centres, Public entities, Enterprises (private sector entities are funded up to 70% of their budget depending on their size and kind of research).
Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	personnel cost, consumables, equipment, sub-contracting (provided that it is justified), dissemination and exploitation of results, travelling connected to the project, additional costs up to 5% of the total budget (see relevant “Guide for applicants”, www.gsrt.gr)
National phase	
Further guidance	

Country	**ISRAEL**
Funding organisation	CSO-MOH
National contact persons	Dr. Benny Leshem
National programme	Medical Research Administration
Funding commitment	Up to 300,000 €
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	Up to 5
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	Up to 60,000 €
Eligibility of projects	Medical research at large
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	**Hospitals and all Research institutes in Israel**
Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	PhD, MD or equivalent
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Consumables, personnel (excluding PI and Co-PI), animals travel (ERA-Net related only), overhead, NO training costs
National phase	No need
Further guidance	Contact +972-2-568-1208

Country	**ITALY**
Funding organisation	Ministry of Health (Ministero della Salute) www.salute.gov.it
National contact persons	Dr. Maria Ferrantini, Ministry of Health (Directorate General Health and Technological Research), phone: +39 065994.2684. Dr. Tiziana Catena, Ministry of Health (Directorate General Health and Technological Research), phone: +39 065994.3528. Address: Viale Giorgio Ribotta, 5 - 00144 Rome - ITALY **E-mail:** transcan@sanita.it
National programme	Framework National Programme "Health Research" of the Ministry of Health.
Funding commitment	About 2 M€
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	6-7
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	~ 0.3 M€
Eligibility of projects duration	Max 3 years
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	**On the basis of the D.Lgs 229/99:** 1. Regions (Regioni e Province Autonome). 2. National Institute of Health (Istituto Superiore di Sanità, ISS). 3. National Institute for Occupational Safety and Prevention (Istituto Superiore per la Prevenzione e la Sicurezza sul Lavoro, INAIL ex ISPESL). 4. National Agency for Regional Health Care Services (Agenzia Nazionale per i Servizi Sanitari Regionali, AGENAS). 5. Scientific Institute for Research, Hospitalization and Health Care (Istituti di Ricovero e Cura a Carattere Scientifico pubblici e privati, IRCCS).
Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	In order to expedite the eligibility check process, the Ministry of Health will grant an eligibility clearance to the applicants prior to the submission of the pre-proposals. To this end, it is mandatory that the applicants fill out and return a pre-eligibility check form before submitting their pre-proposals to the Joint Call Secretariat. It is strongly recommended that the form, completed and duly signed, is returned at least 10 working days before the pre-proposal submission deadline. Applicants will be sent a written notification of their eligibility status.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Only costs generated during the lifetime of the project can be eligible. Personnel (ad hoc contracts/consultants/fellowship), travel costs and subsistence allowances, equipment (rent/leasing only), consumables, dissemination of results (publications, meetings/workshops etc.), data handling and analysis, overhead (maximum 10% of the budget requested to the Ministry of Health) (all according to national regulations). Travel expenses and subsistence allowances associated with training activities linked to the project.

National phase	After the joint TRANSCAN JTC 2011 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 www.salute.gov.it, section “Ricerca Sanitaria”, or requested to the national contact persons.

Country	**LATVIA**
Funding organisation	Latvian Academy of Sciences www.lza.lv
National contact persons	**Dr. Maija Bundule** maija.bundule@lza.lv +37167227790 **Dr. Uldis Berkis** uldis.berkis@rsu.lv +371 67409242 Latvian Academy of Science 1 Akademijas laukums Riga, LV-1050, Latvia
National programme	Program "Provision of participation in EU research and technology development programs"
Funding commitment	250 000 €
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	~ 2
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	150 000 €
Eligibility of projects	The projects should correspond to the priorities of the TRANSCAN Call. Duration of the project - up to 3 years
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Legal bodies: universities, state research institutes, other research institutions, hospitals listed in the register of research institutions and industry (small and medium enterprises).
Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	Principal investigator – researcher holding Dr. Or PhD 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: 1. Personnel costs (researchers, technicians and other supporting staff to the extent employed on the research project) and relevant taxes, 2. Other direct costs such as consumables, equipment (only depreciation costs), reagents and etc., 3. Subcontracting (up to 20% of total direct costs), 4. Travels and allowances, 5. Short term training related to the project needs,

	6. Project management, 7. Overheads can reach a maximum of 10% of the total project costs. R&D related costs should reach 75% of the total project funding.
National phase	– The grant will be awarded if: ✓ the submitted project proposal of the partner of Latvia 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 Latvian Academy of Sciences on the base of the project ranking list by the TRANSCAN Call Steering Committee. The available budget will be taken into account.
Further guidance	The funding of RTD activities is provided pursuant in accordance with the Commissions Regulation (EC) No 800/2008 of 6 August 2008 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the common market in application of Articles 87 and 88 of the Treaty (General block exemption Regulation), the Law on Research Activity (adopted on 14 April 2005 and as amended on 21 June 2007) and Regulations of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Latvia No. 722 on the procedure for providing support for participation in international cooperation programs for research and technology (adopted on 8 September 2008).

Country	**LUXEMBOURG**
Funding organisation	Fonds National de la Recherche, Luxembourg
National contact persons	Dr. Frank Glod Programme Manager +352 26192533 frank.glod@fnr.lu
National programme	
Funding commitment	500.000 €
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	1-3
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	
Eligibility of projects	
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	The University of Luxembourg, the Public Research Centers, the CEPS/INSTEAD and public bodies, services and establishments authorised to undertake research and development. Full details of eligibility conditions can be found on the FNR website: http://www.fnr.lu
Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Personnel including PhD students, Consumables, Animals, Subcontracts, Equipment, Travel and Documentation
National phase	
Further guidance	

Country	**POLAND**
Funding organisation	National Centre for Research and Development www.ncbir.pl
National contact persons	- **Marcin Chmielewski**, Section for Research Projects BIOMED, Nowogrodzka Str. 47a, 00-695 Warsaw, Poland, +48 22 24 42 858 (109), e-mail: m.chmielewski@ncbir.pl; - **Malgorzata Zieminska**, Section for Research Projects BIOMED, Nowogrodzka Str. 47a, 00-695 Warsaw, Poland, mobile: +48 785 661 475, e-mail: m.zieminska@ncbir.pl
National programme	National Scientific Research Programme *(Krajowy Program Badań)*
Funding commitment	1,5 M€
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	3-6
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	The NCBiR 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; • The Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 28 October 2010 on criteria and rules on **granting state aid and "de minimis" aid** by the National Centre for Research and Development, published in Journal of Laws No. 215 item 1411, 2010.
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	According to The Act of 30 April 2010 on **the National Centre for Research and Development** following entities are eligible to apply, i.a.: • Scientific institution; • Scientific consortia; • Scientific network; • Industrial Scientific Centre; • Scientific units of the Polish Academy of Sciences; • Legal entities with a registered seat in Poland; • Enterprises having the status of R&D centre; • Enterprises conducting R&D activity in other than aforementioned organizational form.

Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	The cost of scholarship is not eligible.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Eligible costs i.a: Personnel, consumables, subcontracts, equipment, travel and subsistence, overhead, documentation, materials (see *guide for applicants*: www.ncbir.pl) The cost of training is eligible up to 6 months. The cost of scholarship is not eligible. The maximum rate of support for research organizations is 100% of total costs (for all type of R&D); for SEs : 100% for fundamental research, max. 80% for Industrial research and max. 60% for Experimental Development of total costs; for Mes: 100% for fundamental research, max. 75% for Industrial research, max. 50% - for Experimental Development; for LE's: 100% for fundamental research, max. - 65% for Industrial research and max. 40% for Experimental Development.
National phase	Polish Participants will be informed and invited to submit Polish proposal once the international evaluation and the ranking list has been established.
Further guidance	• 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; • The Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 28 October 2010 on criteria and rules on **granting state aid and "de minimis" aid** by the National Centre for Research and Development, published in Journal of Laws No. 215 item 1411, 2010. All eligible entities, invited to submit Polish proposal are obliged to use the rate of exchange of The European Central Bank dated on the day of opening the call.

Country	**ROMANIA**
Funding organisation	Institute of Oncology Prof.Dr. Alexandru Trestioreanu (IOB) http://www.iob.ro
National contact persons	-Prof. Dr. Rodica ANGHEL, PhD MD Institute of Oncology "Prof Dr Al Trestioreanu" Bucharest 252 Fundeni street, Sector 2, Bucharest, Romania Tel: +40 212271400 Email: rodicamanghel@gmail.com -Ms. Adina STANCIU Ms. Laurentia GALES Tel: +40 722651583 Email: lminea51269@yahoo.ca
National programme	
Funding commitment	250.000 €
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	1-2
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	125.000 € for partner / 250.000 € for coordinator
Eligibility of projects	Joint projects
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Public institutions: clinical and non-clinical hospitals; universities; research institutes

Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	Public institutions: clinical and non-clinical hospitals; universities; research institutes
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Personnel cost, consumables, equipment, sub-contracting (max 5%), dissemination and exploitation of results, travelling connected to the project, additional costs (max 20% of direct costs)
National phase	
Further guidance	http://www.iob.ro

Country	**SLOVAK REPUBLIC**
Funding organisation	Slovak Academy of Sciences http://www.sav.sk/
National contact persons	1) Mr. Jan Barancik, PhD Department for International Cooperation of SAS Slovak Academy of Sciences, Štefánikova 49, 814 38 Bratislava, Slovak Republic e-mail: barancik@up.upsav.sk tel.: +421 2 5751 0137 2) Ms. Anna Gábelová, PhD Cancer Research Institute Slovak Academy of Sciences Vlarska 7 833 91 Bratislava Slovak republic e-mail: exongaba@savba.sk tel.: +421 2 59327-512, 202, 502, 526 3) Ms. Iveta Hermanovská Department for International Cooperation of SAS Slovak Academy of Sciences, Štefánikova 49, 814 38 Bratislava, Slovak Republic e-mail: hermanovska@up.upsav.sk tel.: +421 2 5751 0136
National programme	Research in the field of biological, medical and pharmaceutical sciences
Funding commitment	0,21 (M€ for 3 years)
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	3-5 TRANSCAN transnational project partners
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	up to 105 000 € for 3 year project period for an applicant from the Slovak Academy of Sciences, applicants from other Slovak R & D centres should cover the project costs from their own sources
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	Research institutes of SAS
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.
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

Country	**SLOVENIA**
Funding organisation	Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology (MHEST)
National contact persons	Kim Turk Križanec, Marta Šabec
National programme	Projects of international scientific cooperation
Funding commitment	1,5 million €
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	4-8
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	70.000 €/ year if the Slovenian researchers participate as partners, 150.000 €/ year if a Slovenian researcher is the coordinator of the transnational project
Eligibility of projects	As in the international call text
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Research organizations (universities, research institutes, SMEs etc.), defined as eligible in the national Research and Development Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia No. 22/2006 (UPB-1), 61/2006 (ZDru-1), 112/2007 and 9/2011) are eligible to apply. All participating institutions have to be registered in the Slovenian Research Agency evidences of research institutions.
Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	The primary investigator has to fulfill the requirements for project leader as defined in Art. 29 of the national Research and Development Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia No. 22/2006 (UPB-1), 61/2006 (ZDru-1), 112/2007 and 9/2011). The criteria are determined in the Rules on Determining the Fulfillment of Conditions for a Research Project Leader (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia No.41/2009) - must have a PhD, internationally comparable research results in the last five years (COBISS data base)... All participating researchers have to be registered in the national Slovenian Research Agency evidences of researchers. Participating researchers must have available research hours.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	MHEST will fund the eligible costs of Slovenian partners for successful transnational collaboration in accordance with the Decree on criteria and standards for allocating resources for the implementation of the National Research and Development Program (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia No. 74/2004, 32/2005, 26/2006, 80/2007 and 102/2009). Eligible costs are defined according to the Slovenian Research Agency's value of research hours for a project: Personnel, Material costs (including travel, equipment and subcontracting), Amortization, Training. Funding is subject to the availability of national funds in accordance with the Community Framework for State Aid for Research and Development and Innovation (http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2006:323:0001:0026:SL:PDF) (http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2006:323:0001:0026:EN:PDF). The funding quota of Slovenian participants can be up to 100 % for universities or research organisations. In the case of companies, the

	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, commercial perspective of exploitation, typically up to a range of max. 50 %. In the case of small and medium enterprises an additional bonus of 10-20 % funding quota can be awarded.
National phase	In the pre-proposal and in the full proposal phase no national application is needed, the electronic transnational application to the central TRANSCAN Joint Call Secretariat is sufficient. The applicants must however send MHEST a written statement declaring they have read and agree with the national eligibility criteria. The statement is available on the Ministry's webpage (http://www.mvzt.gov.si/si/javni razpisi/) and must be sent to the national contact person in parallel to sending the pre-proposal application. The national application by the Slovenian primary investigator to the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology will be mandatory for Slovenian participants, participating in those transnational projects that will be proposed for funding by the TRANSCAN Call Steering Committee. The rules and forms for transnational applications are available on the TRANSCAN web page, the rules and application forms for the national application are available on the Ministry's webpage (http://www.mvzt.gov.si/si/javni razpisi/).
Further guidance	The official national call announcement will be published in the Official Gazette of Republic of Slovenia (Uradni list Reublike Slovenije) and on the MHEST website (LINK: http://www.mvzt.gov.si/si/javni_razpisi/). The applicants are strongly advised to contact the national contact persons.

Country	**SPAIN** **
Funding organisation	Institute of Health Carlos III-Fund for Health Research (**ISCIII** - FIS)** www.isciii.es
National contact persons	1) Mr. **Juan E. Riese,** PhD, MBA Oficina de Proyectos Europeos Subdirección General de Programas Internacionales de Investigación y Relaciones Institucionales email: jriese@isciii.es Tel.: +[34] 91 82 22181 2) Mr. **Gaspar Giner –Abati Bache** Subdirección General de Evaluación y Fomento de la Investigación email: gginer-abati@isciii.es Tel.: +[34] 91 82 22477 3) Ms**. Maria Druet** Subdirección General de Evaluación y Fomento de la Investigación email: mdruet@isciii.es Tel.: +[34] 91 82 22530. Instituto de Salud Carlos III Monforte de Lemos, 5 E-28029 Madrid – Spain
National programme	The Strategic Action for Health Research (= *Acción estratégica en Salud ["AES"]*) of the R&D&I National Plan of Spain 2008-2011
Funding commitment	0.5 M€
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	3-5 TRANSCAN transnational project partners
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	Only one 3 year grant per fundable project partner : • Up to **250,000 €** if the Spanish Applicant is the TRANSCAN transnational project consortium coordinator. • Up to **100,000 €** if the Spanish Applicant is not the TRANSCAN transnational project consortium coordinator.
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. • A researcher of a Spanish project partner can only be involved in one submitted proposal. Additional proposals will be rejected.
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	**Public R&D centres:** • Hospitals, other health care settings as well as other public organisations with a health mission. [Any of them within the National Health System that manages Research through a Foundation (according to the Act 50/ 2002, of December 26th) must also present the foundation's statutes]. • A **CIBER** (= Biomedical Research Center in network with legal personality)**,** just only if it is the consortium coordinator partner in a Transcan project proposal. **Private R&D centres**, **non for profit:**

	• Hospitals or other health care settings. [They must submit their statutes in which it must be stated a mission and aims in relation to a capacity and activities in R&D actions on a non for profit basis]. Only **ONE** partner per Institution and per project
Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	- Each researcher of a TRANSCAN transnational project consortium can only be a research team member of one alive TRANSCAN project in 2012. Compatibility regarding to alive projects or parallel applications within the R+D+I National Plan of Spain, European Union or international frameworks, is subjected to the specification stated in the corresponding calls for proposals. Further over submission of any Spanish project partner as applicant within other transnational project consortium will be rejected after, according to the date and time of reception of the respective application in the corresponding call secretariat. - Private R&D centres must present a proof of the legal link between it as a project consortium Spanish partner and every respective researcher included as research team. - Each researcher of the core research team of a project consortium Spanish partner (other than the Principal Investigator) must have a job contract with or a fellowship with such a Spanish project partner or a documented relationship with a CIBER, lasting until the end of the project or beyond. - The Principal Investigator of the research team of a project consortium Spanish partner must be a senior researcher having a job contract with such a project partner or a documented relationship with a CIBER, lasting until the end of the granted project or beyond.. - Excluded personnel as Principal Investigator: • Those on training as Health Specialist. • Those on research training (e.g. PhD students, or on contracts “Rio Hortega”). • Research personnel contracted by a CIBER (if such a CIBER is not the project coordinator partner), a RETICS or a CONSOLIDER. • Those on post-doctoral improving training (e.g. contracts “Sara Borrel“ or contracts “Juan de la Cierva”).
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	• Expenses can only be committed and invoices charged with dates within the time the Spanish grant is alive. • [Small] Equipment (up to 40,000.00 € of the Spanish funds per project Spanish partner grant). • Consumables. • Commissions [Subcontracts]: up to 50% of the Spanish funds per project Spanish partner grant. • Travel and allowance just only for the partner research team members, if for presenting results (with a maximum cap of 10,000.00 €) and for field studies and coordination. • Hiring technical manpower (other than core research team members, excluded: Students or fellowships). Prefixed bulk cost (salary + taxes + socials security, etc.) per contract up to 3 years: • Technical expert, higher degree: 27,550.00 € • Technical expert, medium degree: 22,800.00 € • Technical expert, FP II: 19,000.00 € Overheads (ex officio): up to + 21% of the Spanish national funds over the approved grant. **-Training costs cannot be included as eligible cost**
National phase	• Submission of the proposal at a national level will be carried out (by using an on-line application) 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 and invited by ISCIII to submit the proposal to it.

Grant delivery of awarded funds by ISCIII to projects partners and its requirement	• Every year pre-financing, to the beneficiary (TRANSCAN transnational project consortium partner) with legal address placed in Spain: after report of scientific progress and justification of expenses charged to this one, as well as to previous grant pre- financing, their checks and assessments.
Further guidance	The Strategic Action for Health Research (= *Acción estratégica en Salud ["AES"] call 2012*. • Participation guidelines and rules are published in the corresponding issue of the Official Gazette of Spain (= "Boletín Oficial del Estado" ["BOE"]). • http://aes.isciii.es • *Legal frame* [mandatory to fulfil as other applicable legal requirements, as appropriate]: • Act 14/2007 of July 3rd, 2007, of Biomedical Research. • Organic Act 3/2007, of March 22nd, for Effective equality of Men and Women [of Spain]. • Act 40/2002, of December 26th, on Foundations • Act 30/1992, 26 November 1992, on the Legal System of the Public Administrations and Common Administrative Procedure • Act 30/2007 of 30th October, for Public Sector Contracts • Annual General Budget Acts. • General Act 47/2007, of November 26, for Budgeting. • General Act 38/2003, of November 17 th, 2007, of Grants. Among other issues: to be up to date in payments of taxes and social security contributions: This requirements must be fulfilled just before paying. • Legal requirements to obtain the beneficiary status of collaborative institution: according to articles 12, 13.2, 15 and 16. • Subcontracting: according to articles 29.2 and 29.7. • Community Framework for State Aid for Research and Development and Innovation (2006/C 323/01).
Spanish funding delivery by ISCIII and its grant pre – and post- requirements	• ISCIII may be unable to award with a grant for a partner placed in Spain of a successfully assessed TRANSCAN transnational project, if the final decision concerning all consortium partners´ grants is taken after October 2nd, 2012, and the administrative documents required for funding have not been provided to ISCIII before October 20th, 2012 • Just in this case, it may be applied as appropriate the provisions referring to transnational projects with partners with unavailability of funds due the corresponding TRANSCAN funding body partner's funds are exhausted. • If the TRANSCAN transnational project after awarded does not start or after starting is cancelled or no project partners´ consortium agreement copy is provided to ISCIII in due term or project partner consortia or research team composition is changed, the grant awarded by ISCIIII also stops and the remaining Spanish national funds must be returned, exception made of a specific ISCIII's permission for the project partner's continuation and within the boundaries of such permission. • Granted projects must state "Awarded within TRANSCAN framework by ISCIII (grant nº …) upon the AES (R+D+I National Plan of Spain)"

** Due to the elections held in Spain (November 20, 2011) the annual National Budget for 2012 has not been approved and so there is no appropriations yet for the ISCIII to carry the above mentioned activity. It is expected it will be approved during 2012 by the new Spanish Parliament in due time.

Country	**TURKEY**
Funding organisation	TUBITAK The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey
National contact persons	**Main contact** Name: Nihan ERYILMAZ Title: Ms. Postal Address: EU Framework Programmes National Coordination Office Atatürk Bulvari, 221 06100 Kavaklidere ANKARA TURKEY Tel (country code): +90- (0)312- 468 53 00 (1007) E-mail: cancer_eranet@tubitak.gov.tr **Other key persons:** Name: Begum SARGIN Title: Ms. Postal Address: EU Framework Programmes National Coordination Office Atatürk Bulvari, 221 06100 Kavaklidere ANKARA TURKEY Tel (country code): +90- (0)312- 468 53 00 (2186) E-mail: cancer_eranet@tubitak.gov.tr
National programme	The Support Programme for Scientific and Technological Research Projects (1001)
Funding commitment	Max. 0,6 Mio €
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	4 projects
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	Maximum funding per grant is 120.000 TL / year which is approximately 48.000 EUR / year (for 3 years maximum funding per grant is 360.000 TL which is approximately 144.000 EUR)
Eligibility of projects	All necessary documents and eligibility criteria can be checked via TUBITAK's web page on the national programme: http://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sid/367/pid/364/cid/9907/index.htm

Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Legal body: university, university hospital, public research institutes, industry
Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	Principal investigators from universities and university hospitals should at least have a PhD degree. Principal investigators from public research institutes and industry should at least have a university degree. There are other requirements related to principal investigator and other research team members. This information should be checked thoroughly by the Turkish partner from the web site http://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sid/367/pid/364/cid/9907/index.htm before organising the research team.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Personnel, consumables, animals, subcontracts, equipment, travel, documentation.
National phase	• During the international submission phase, national submission will not be required. • Submission of the proposal at the national level will be required as soon as the funded projects list announced after the international evaluation • **Letter of Applications for ECA** should be submitted to TUBITAK in parallel to the international submission. • **Original version of the "Ethics Committee Approvals - ECA"** should be submitted for the projects in which ECA is needed during the national submission.
Further guidance	Further information should be checked via TUBITAK's web page on the national programme: http://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sid/367/pid/364/cid/9907/index.htm