



TRANSFORMING HEALTH
AND CARE SYSTEMS

FAQs JTC 2025

How many calls will the THCS partnership organise?

The THCS partnership aims to announce a call each year. The total number of the calls will be decided as the partnership evolves. No information is available regarding future topics, but they will be within the overall scope of THCS.

What if your country is not in the THCS partnership? Can you still participate in the call? Can partners from these countries participate with their 'own' money?

If there is no funding organisation from your country or region participating in this call, then you can only join a project consortium as a collaborator with your own funding. In a project consortium, a maximum of 2 collaborators can join. To see if your national/regional funding organisation joins the THCS call, please check Annex I of the call text on the website www.thcspartnership.eu.

What is the total budget for the 2025 call?

The total budget for call 2025 is around €35 million euros.

Is there a minimum and/or maximum amount of funding for each project?

The amount of funding depends on the proposal and budget needed for that. Moreover, funding organisations can have a minimum and maximum amount per project and/or per partner. Please, check the eligibility criteria for this in Annex I of the [call text](#).

Where does the funding for this call come from?

The majority of the budget will come from the participating funding organisations and, on top of that, the European Commission contributes to a maximum of 30%.

What kind of organisations/companies/charities/patient organisations/ etc. can apply?

The type of organisations which can apply for funding depends on the eligibility criteria of your corresponding funding organisation. Please check the eligibility criteria in Annex I of the [call text](#), and contact your national/ regional funding organisation.

How do I find partners for a consortium?

The THCS programme offers an online partner search tool. In this tool, you can make a request for partners and read proposals by others. Click [here](#) to enter the tool. Next to that you could use the [THCS LinkedIn page](#) to find potential partners. Of course, your own network is always good to use.

Can there be changes between the pre- and full-proposal?

Any fundamental changes between the pre- and full-proposal concerning the composition of the consortium, project objectives or requested budget must be communicated to the JCS and to the regional/national funding organisations. The request for the change must be submitted to the JCS at least one week before the deadline set for the submission of full proposals. Changes will be discussed on a case-by-case with the involved FPOs. Any change in the composition of the consortium must comply with the general eligibility rules of the call and the national/regional regulations of the relevant FPOs. The eligibility of the new partners must be verified with the relevant FPOs before submitting the full-proposal. The identity of the project coordinator cannot be changed from stage 1 to stage 2. This rule applies except in the event of "force majeure". A specific authorisation request must be sent to the JCS and explain the force majeure requiring a change of project coordinator. Changes to the consortium, project objectives or requested budget communicated to the JCS and to the regional/national funding organisations after the end of the stage 2 will not be accepted.

If a country has multiple funding organisations: how is it decided which funding organisation you should address for your funding?

This depends on the eligibility criteria of the different funding organisations. As long as you are eligible, it is up to you as partner to decide at which funding organisation you apply for funding. Please, check the eligibility criteria of the different funding organisations in the [call text](#) and contact them for more information.

Will applicants receive feedback on the 'pre-proposal' and 'full-proposal'?

Applicants will receive a final consensus report on their pre-proposal and full-proposal.

How to involve other stakeholders such as end-users, patient organisations, policy-makers, medical associations, regulatory authorities, health insurance providers etc.?

Operational stakeholders could participate either as partner and request funds if they are eligible to their relevant funding organisation or as collaborator with their own funds.

Stakeholders can also be involved not directly by participating as partner in a consortium but by being consulted to include their perspective into your project. The proposal should describe how these discussions could be approached and how they might impact the overall implementation of the project. These discussions may concern the planning, realisation and implementation of the project, to dissemination activities and/or to the planned utilisation of the results.

According to the funding organisation's rules for the partner leading these consultations, the costs associated with this activity could be eligible under one or several cost categories.

What is the definition of an SME used for this call:

That depends on the definition used in the national/regional eligibility criteria, please check the call text on the website www.thcspartnership.eu. As an indication you could use the following criteria of the European Commission:

Company category	Staff headcount	Turnover
Medium-sized	< 250	≤ € 50 m
Small	< 50	≤ € 10 m
Micro	< 10	≤ € 2 m

Is there any co-funding needed from the partners in a consortium?

This depends on the type of organization that seeks funding and it also depends on your national/regional funding organisation. Please check the eligibility criteria in Annex I of the [call text](#) and contact your national/regional funding organisation.

How many partners from the same country can be included in the consortium?

There is a maximum of two (2) eligible partners from the same country in a consortium.

Is there a minimum experience criteria for a principal investigator?

This depends on your national/regional funding organization. Please check the eligibility criteria in Annex I of the call text, and contact your national/regional funding organisation. Note that the capacity and role of each participant, including appropriate expertise of partners responsible for the proposed work, will be evaluated under the criteria quality and efficiency of the implementation.

Can collaborators receive funding from full partners in their consortium?

Collaborators are considered as full partners responsible for a dedicated task(s). They could either be:

a partner from a country not participating in the call;

a partner that cannot be funded according to the national/regional rules of the funding organisations participating in the call;

a partner from a country participating in the call who are not requesting funding within the framework of the project.

As such, collaborators must participate with their own funding and could not receive funding from another partner.

Can a consortium consist of partners from Israel, Canada and another EU country?

At least two members of the consortium should be legal entities from two different EU Member States or Horizon Europe associated countries. This constellation would therefore not meet the eligibility criteria.

Where can you find the pre-proposal form?

The pre-proposal form can be found on [our website](#).

What is the maximum total number of pages that can be submitted for the pre- and full-proposal?

In the submission platform and the pre-proposal form, length limitations are indicated by section.