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ALGERIA | Direction Générale de la Recherche Scientifique et du Développement Technologique

Who can apply?

- The call is open to Algerian researchers affiliated to research laboratories or centers.
- A multi-institutional consortium with Companies' involvement is strongly encouraged. They may be considered as additional consortium partners involved in the execution of the project from the full proposal development phase onwards.
- The industry partners are expected to meet their participation costs (salaries) in the joint project. Travel and subsistence costs can be requested for such partners when taking part in the consortium meetings and workshops.
- Balanced involvement of female is another requirement.

What type of costs are eligible for funding?

Support will be provided for collaborative multilateral basic and applied research projects. Funds can be used to cover the following costs:

- Research related costs: all expenses related to field work such as conducting interviews, research-related trips, research equipment (small equipment) and consumables, publication related costs, etc.
- Exchange Programme: mobility expenses (transport and accommodation costs) of the research team between the partnering countries.
- Knowledge sharing costs: This is to cover the costs of activities organized by the consortium, such as joint workshops, seminars, conferences, symposia, lecture presentations, capacity building sessions, meetings, local/regional dissemination of results aimed at involving stakeholders and/or end users from outside the consortium with a minimum of 10% of the grant budget.
- Joint LEAP-Agri workshops: travel costs for the kick-off, mid-term and final conference for all granted projects should be included in the knowledge sharing costs.

Upper funding limits for the eligible costs per project

- Max Budget per project (i.e. for 1 project): € 100.000 for 3-years, and will be paid in annual installments.

Additional Requirements

Socio-economic partnership is required for research and innovation projects.

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See LEAP-Agri website: www.leap-agri.com.



BELGIUM | Fund for Scientific Research (FNRS)

Who can apply?

The applicant must be affiliated to a research institution from the Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles. The applicant should also:

- be a permanent researcher of 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 of a federal scientific institution including the Ecole Royale Militaire in which case he can act as a co-promotor only, and
- 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.

What type of costs are eligible for funding?

The maximum amount allocated per project is 200.000 EUR. The following costs are eligible:

Personnel:

- Scientifique doctorant € 37.200/year
- Scientifique non postdoctoral € 63.300/year
- Scientifique postdoctoral € 73.800/year
- Technicien € 53.700 (full time/year) - € 27.200 (half time/year)
- Chercheur temporaire postdoctoral € 47.600/year

The categories «scientifique doctorant» and «chercheur temporaire postdoctoral» can only be Full time positions. 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 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: 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 FNRS. General rules and regulations of FNRS apply: www.frs-fnrs.be.



Upper funding limits for the eligible costs per project

- Max Budget per project (i.e. for 1 project): € 200.000.

Additional Requirements

- Basic research (low Technology Readiness Level) carried out in a research institution from the “Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles”.
- The FNRS will not fund industrial partners

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Link(s) to website(s) with information and documents on national funding regulations

<http://www.frs-fnrs.be>

<http://www.ncp.frs-fnrs.be/index.php/appels/era-nets>

BELGIUM /FLANDERS | Research Foundation Flanders (FWO)

Who can apply?

Article 9 of the FWO-regulations on the regular research projects is applicable. In this article is stated who can apply as a **supervisor or** co-supervisor for a research project:

1. The supervisor who is also the responsible spokesperson towards the FWO shall have a remunerated appointment of at least 10% at the relevant host institution, and additionally meet one of the following conditions:
 - an Independent Academic Staff member with an appointment of at least 10% at a Flemish university;
 - an Independent Academic Staff member of at least 10% with an appointment at the Evangelical Protestant Faculty in Leuven and the Faculty for Protestant Theology in Brussels, for research related to religious studies or theology;
 - a research director of FWO;
 - a designated beneficiary of an ERC Grant with a Flemish university or the Evangelical Protestant Faculty in Leuven, the Faculty for Protestant Theology in Brussels, the Hogere Zeevaartschool, the Vlerick Management School, the Antwerp Management School or the Institute of Tropical Medicine as host institution;
 - a designated beneficiary of an Odysseus II grant with a Flemish university as host institution;
 - an (associated) professor or (full) professor of at least 10% affiliated to the Hogere Zeevaartschool and holder of a PhD, if the application is related to research in nautical sciences;
 - an (associated) professor or (full) professor of at least 10% (or appointed in a position with an equivalent English title) at the Vlerick Management School and holder of a PhD, if the application is related to research in management sciences;
 - an (associated) professor or (full) professor of at least 10% affiliated to the Antwerp Management School and holder of a PhD, if the application is related to research in management sciences,
 - an (associated) professor or (full) professor of at least 10% at the Institute of Tropical Medicine and



holder of a PhD, Or

- an Independent Academic Staff member with a remunerated appointment of 5% at a Flemish university and with an appointment as (assistant) clinical head or an equal function in a university hospital;
2. All co-supervisors have to be researchers of at least postdoctoral level. Co-supervisors have a remunerated appointment at a host institution that can act as a main host institution as referred to in art. 3 or at an academic Programme of a Flemish School of Arts, or at another Flemish research institution or at a federal scientific institution, where the co-supervisor belongs to the Dutch-speaking community. (Foreign researchers can participate as co-supervisor in the Big Science Programme project without FWO funding, provided the collaboration is relevant for the project).
 3. If the project involves several institutions that can act as main host institution as referred to in art. 3, at least the supervisor or one co-supervisor of each of these institutions shall meet the requirements set out in §1 of this article, and moreover hold an appointment that fully covers the duration of the research project applied for.
 4. If the requirements set out in §1 are not met at the time of the application, the applicant needs to prove that this will be the case at the start of the agreement.

What type of costs are eligible for funding?

Funding money can be used for staff, consumables and infrastructure. The minimum and maximum 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. Overhead is not an eligible cost. Notwithstanding, FWO pays the host institutions of a project 6% overhead on top of the funding amount.

Upper funding limits for the eligible costs per project

- Max Budget per project (i.e. for 1 project): € 150.000.

Additional Requirements

Recommendation to contact FWO before submission with regard to eligibility.

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Link(s) to website(s) with information and documents on national funding regulations

Regulations:

<http://www.fwo.be/en/fellowships-funding/research-projects/research-project/regulations-for-research-projects/>

ERA-NET at FWO:

http://www.fwo.be/nl/mandaten-financiering/europese-programmas/era-net/#sliding_2826



BELGIUM | Belgian Science Policy Office (BELSPO)

Who can apply?

With respect to BELSPO's co-funding, research proposals may be submitted by scientific teams of non - profit institutions mentioning clearly scientific research as a mission or objective in their statute.

For promoters from other institutes than universities, university colleges or public scientific institutes, it is necessary to join with the proposal a copy of the statute of the public institute.

The participation of Federal Scientific Institutions and the cooperation between partners from different Communities is encouraged. For equal scientific quality of submitted proposals, the preference will be given to consortiums with participation of Federal Scientific Institutions or with partners from different communities.

List of Federal Scientific institutions within the frame of the present call:

- Belgian Institute for Space Aeronomy ((BIRA-IASB)
- Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences (RBINS)
- Royal Meteorological Institute of Belgium (RMI)
- Royal Museum for Central Africa (RMCA)
- Scientific Institute of Public Health (IPH)
- Veterinary and Agrochemical Research Centre (VAR)

What type of costs are eligible for funding?

- 1) Staff: Pre-tax wages tied to cost of living increases, employers' social security and statutory insurance contributions, as well as any other compensation or allowance due by law and secondary to the salary itself and tax free scholarships. Tax-free scholarships, means a grant subject to a tax exemption under the tax laws. BELSPO requires staff to be recruited under a labour contract.
- 2) General Operation costs: it includes all current expenditures related to the project implementation such as usual supplies and products for the laboratory, workshop and office, documentation, travel (domestic & international - economy class tickets -) and accommodation, use of computational facility, software... The total amount of those operation costs is set to a flat rate of maximum **20%** of the staff budget for the coordinator and maximum **15%** of the staff budget for the other partners.
- 3) Specific Operation costs (invoices required): all specific operating costs directly linked to the execution of the project such as costs for analysis, organisation of workshops, maintenance & repair of specific equipment used by the project, survey ...
- 4) Overheads: institutions' general overheads that cover, in one lump sum, administration, telephone, postal, maintenance, heating, lighting, electricity, rent, machine depreciation, and insurance costs. The total amount cannot exceed **5%** of the total, staff and operation costs.
- 5) Subcontracting: expenses incurred by a third party to carry out tasks or provide services that require special scientific or technical competences outside the institution's normal area of activity. The amount cannot exceed **25%** of the total budget.

Upper funding limits for the eligible costs per project

- Max Budget per project (i.e. for 1 project): € 150.000.



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Link(s) to website(s) with information and documents on national funding regulations

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BURKINA FASO | Fonds National de la Recherche et de L'Innovation Pour le Développement (FONRID)

Who can apply?

This call is open to working researchers residing in Burkina Faso and affiliated with a recognized Burkinabe research, higher education or innovation institution such as a research institutes/centers, universities, university of technology or science council. The head of the Burkinabe team applicant must be in possession of a PhD. A multi-institutional/ consortia approach is encouraged. Therefore, applicants are allowed to collaborate with other partners such as NGOs, Civil society bodies or private companies. However, the private companies/SMEs and/or industry participants are expected to meet their specific participation costs in the joint project. Joint projects that insole young scientists and pay attention to a balanced involvement of female researchers will be highly positively considered.

What type of costs are eligible for funding?

Support will be provided for collaborative multilateral basic and applied research projects and innovation projects. Funds can be used to cover the following costs:

- Research related costs: Activities to be supported here may include expenses relating to field work such as conducting interviews, research-related trips, research equipment (small equipment) and consumables (15% of the budget is allowed for consumables and accessories), publication related costs, etc.
- Exchange Programme: To support short term mobility or travel expenses (i.e. transport and accommodation costs) of the research team between the partnering countries.
- MSc and PhD (in sandwich), engineering research placements: The placements should enable young researchers to learn valuable new skills or techniques; access facilities or resources not readily available at home; build relationships with potential new collaborators and advance complementary collaborative research. The duration of each placement is expected to be max. 6 months a year for a PhD or 3 month for Engineer/MSc; with flexibility to split the placement into several shorter visits. These placements should be duly justified within the application.
- Knowledge sharing costs: This is to cover the costs of activities organized by the consortium, such as joint workshops, seminars, conferences, symposia, lecture presentations, capacity building sessions, meetings, local/regional dissemination of results aimed at involving stakeholders and/or end users from outside the consortium with a minimum of 10% of the grant budget.
- Joint LEAP-Agri workshops: Travel costs for the kick-off, mid-term and final meeting for all granted projects should be included in the knowledge sharing costs.

The following will not be funded from this allocation: salaries, consultant's fees, large Equipment, constructions, building. Funding is based on the funding rules of FONRID – Fond National de la Recherche et de l'Innovation pour le Développement.



Upper funding limits for the eligible costs per project

- Max Budget per project (i.e. for 1 project): € 50.000. Funding will be made available for a max period of 3-years, to be paid in annual equilibrated installments (approx. 15 000 EUROS per year) and exclusively for research activities commencing in 2018.

Additional Requirements

- Members of FONRID personnel are **NOT** eligible.
- The same person cannot lead two projects in a single call, but can be a leader for one project and member in a maximum of one other project.
- All team partners must have their institutional rights and official documents from national authorities.
- In the non-scientific sector Burkinabe small-scale enterprises and local NGOs are eligible to funding. All other institutions may participate in the project at their own costs.
- Companies, SMEs or NGOs involved in the joint projects are expected to cover their own costs of participation in the project.

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CAMEROON | Ministry of Scientific Research and Innovation (MINRESI)

Who can apply?

Research proposals may be submitted by individual researchers affiliated to a recognized research institution or University from the Republic of Cameroon. The applicant should also:

- be a permanent researcher, recognised and classified by MINRESI (Attaché de recherché , Chargé de Recherches, Maître de recherches or Directeur de recherches) and the Ministry of Higher Education (Professor, Associate Professor, Lecturer and Assistant Lecturer),
- or be a permanent research staff member of a scientific institution including duly registered Non-Governmental Organisation, in which case he/she can act as a co-promotor only, and
- should not have reached retirement age according to his/her grade by the start date of the project. If the applicant reaches the age of retirement in the course of the project leadership will have to be changed to the co-Principal investigator who should be clearly indicated in the grant agreement.

What type of costs are eligible for funding?

The following costs are eligible:

- Personnel:



- Doctoral Research Assistants € 20.000/year
- Postdoctoral Research Associates € 35.000/year
- Postdoctoral Research Scientist € 42.000/year
- Technician € 22.000 (full time/year) - € 11.000 (half time/year)
- Temporal Rechercher € 12.000/year

The categories of researchers should be preferably full time employees. The usual duration of ERA-NET research Programme is three years. However, when the project involves a PhD student, the principal investigator can apply for an additional one year no cost extension in order to complete the fourth years PhD Programme. Such a request should be submitted to MINRESI at least six months before the end of the project.

- Equipment (max 30.000 EUR/year)
- Running costs: travel expenses; organization of scientific events in Cameroon including LEAP-Agri events such as workshops at the start, mid-term and at the end of the project.
- consumables and the following support costs:
 - Production of thesis /Dissertation and manuals;
 - Scientific journal Article purchase
 - Purchase of textbooks
 - Software packages purchase and rentals
 - Registration for meetings/conferences
 - Computers purchase
 - Vehicle Rentals
- Other direct costs associated with the project will be discussed and agreed with the project manager of LEAP-Agri Cameroon.
- Follow-up of data collection in the field by the supervisor.
- Organization of the PhD public defense fees (Review fees, jury fees, cocktail fees, etc.).
- “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 MINRESI. General rules and regulations of MINRESI funding through CD2 unit apply.

Upper funding limits for the eligible costs per project

- Max Budget per project (i.e. for 1 project): € 200.000.

Additional Requirements

The funding will apply to innovative basic and applied research (low Technology Readiness Level) carried out in a research institution from the Republic of Cameroon. MINRESI will not fund industrial partners though they are encouraged to be involved with the projects as much as possible.

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Link(s) to website(s) with inform and documents on national funding regulations

www.minresi.cm

EGYPT | Science and Technology Development Fund (STDF)

Who can apply?

- Research proposals may be submitted by an Egyptian PhD holder, affiliated to an Egyptian research institution (Universities, Research Centers/institutes ...etc.).
- An applicant, who is already participating as a principal investigator (PI) in two running STDF projects or participating as a team member in three running STDF projects, is not eligible for funding.

Note:

- Upon proposal acceptance, project contracts are made between three parties: STDF, the legal representative of the host institution, and the PI of the project.
- The fund is allocated to both the host institution and the PI, administered by the host institution's financial department, and managed by the PI of the project. Non-governmental host institutions are requested to either submit a Letter of Guarantee against the amount of fund, or follow a post-activity milestone payment schedule.

What type of costs are eligible for funding?

- Incentives for the project's team/Personnel cost: incentives are allowed for members of the project team, in accordance with their academic credentials and the percentage of time spent on performing project activities.
- Equipment, spare parts, expendable supplies and material: funds required for the purchase of equipment, spare parts, expendable supplies and material required to fulfil the objectives of the project are allowed.
- Services: services necessary for fulfilling the objectives of the project are allowed. These include manufacturing of specimens & prototypes, registration and protection of the IP and publication, acquiring access to specialized reference source databases or computer software, fees for use of facilities in other national institutions, etc.
- Events: in general all costs directly related to the preparation, implementation and/or attendance of events like workshops, conferences, training courses etc. are eligible.
- Travel: the most economical means of transport consistent with effective pursuit of the project should be used. Upgrades to business class are to be done at one's own expense.
- Daily subsistence (per diem) allowance: calculated according to the current governing rules of the Mission Directorate - Ministry of Higher Education- and depending on the visited country. Sometimes it's limited by the internal regulations of the PI's institution.
- Indirect cost: costs incurred by the PI's institution in order to facilitate performing project activities, support financial administration, manage the facilities, etc. (overheads).

Upper funding limits for the eligible costs per project

- Max Budget per project (i.e. for 1 project): € 100.000.

Incentives for the project's team must not exceed 25% of the Egyptian Total Project Budget. Also, STDF abides by its approved scheme for incentives which takes into consideration each team member's academic



credentials and the percentage of time spent on performing the project's activities. Indirect Cost must not exceed 20% of (Total Direct Cost minus Equipment cost).

Note:

Egyptian Total Project Budget is equal to the Total Direct Cost plus the Indirect Cost

Additional Requirements

Before Contracting:

- The proposals of the Egyptian partner must include a scanned copy of the signed and stamped endorsement letter by the legal representative of the applicant's institution stating the project title, the name, position and affiliation of the applicant in charge of the proposal, that the project idea was not funded or submitted to another agency (national or international), or otherwise declare, and that the institution approves the project.
- The applicant must submit evidence of obtaining all the clearances and permits needed by the relevant national authorities.

According to STDF rules, STDF must be acknowledged in all the published results and outcomes of its funded projects.

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Link(s) to website(s) with information and documents on national funding regulations

www.stdf.org.eg

FINLAND | Academy of Finland (AKA)

Who can apply?

The leader of the Finnish sub-project (the principal investigator, or PI) must have the qualifications of a professor or adjunct professor (docent).

What type of costs are eligible for funding?

The Academy of Finland funding is granted under the full cost model where Academy's funding can be up to 70% of the total costs of a project. Academy funding can be used to cover both direct project costs (e.g. direct salaries) and indirect costs (e.g. costs for premises). Both types of costs are covered with the same percentage. The call follows the funding rules of the Academy project funding.

Direct Costs:

Academy funding can be used to cover direct costs of the research team arising from, for example, the following: working hours (salary), research, travel, national and international collaboration and mobility, work and researcher training abroad, preparation of international projects, publishing (e.g. open access publishing). Academy funding for research projects is primarily intended for the salaries of full-time researchers working on the projects and for other research costs. The salary costs of the PI can, with certain limitations, be incorporated into the total project costs.

Indirect Costs:



Academy funding can be used to cover indirect costs e.g. costs for premises, overheads, indirect employee costs.

Upper funding limits for the eligible costs per project

- € 1 000 000 has been reserved by the Research Council for Biosciences and Environment of the Academy of Finland to fund Finnish research groups in LEAP-AGRI joint projects. Academy of Finland aims to fund 3-4 Finnish coordinators/partners.

Additional Requirements

The Academy of Finland will only be funding proposals submitted within the following 2 thematic areas of this call:

- Sustainable intensification
- Agriculture and food systems for nutrition

Proposals submitted within the following theme will not be supported by the Academy:

- Expansion and improvement of agricultural markets and trade

If the PI does not have an employment relationship with, for example, a university or research institute, they must explain in the application how their salary will be covered during the project's funding period. Applicants must describe this at the application stage.

The Academy of Finland funding is granted under the full cost model where Academy's funding can be up to 70% of the total costs of a project. Draft the LEAP AGRI online application so that only funding requested from the Academy (max 70 % of total costs) is included. After all proposals have been evaluated the Academy of Finland will invite the successful Finnish candidates to submit their proposal to the Academy of Finland's online service in which you need to include also the funding share of the site of research (at least 30 % of total costs).

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Link(s) to website(s) with information and documents on national funding regulations

<http://www.aka.fi/en/funding/how-to-apply/>

<http://www.aka.fi/en/funding/how-to-use-the-funding/>

FRANCE | French Development Agency (AFD)

- All sub-Saharan countries are eligible but priority will be given to Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Madagascar and Senegal.
- For Senegal and Burkina Faso (*members of LEAP-Agri consortium*), organizations from these countries are eligible to AFD funding directly or through a French organization (cf. "who can apply").
- For any other sub-Saharan countries, projects have to be submitted by French Organization as leader of a partnership with an African country. As previously mentioned, priority will be given in Ivory Coast and Madagascar.

Who can apply?

Research proposals may be submitted by



- Research institutes
- Farmers organization
- NGOs
- Private firms working with family farmers

Associations / consortium between these groups are strongly encouraged. A balanced involvement of female and young researchers (or other partners) will be positively considered.

What type of costs are eligible for funding?

All costs incurred during the lifetime of the project under the following categories are eligible:

- Research work expenditure: this broadly encompasses the cost of carrying out the core research activities e.g. laboratory experimentation, purchase of small equipment and consumables and trips to study areas to gather data and analyze the data.
- Personnel costs: salaries for personnel, which should be guided by the organizations' norms and legal regulations.
- Travel and accommodation: travel and accommodation expenses for team members directly related to the project up to a maximum of 20% of the grant budget.
- Knowledge sharing costs and publication: activities organized by the consortium, such as workshops, conferences, capacity building sessions, local/regional dissemination of results. Joint LEAP-AGRI workshops (travel costs for the kick-off, mid-term and final conference) for all granted projects are included in the knowledge sharing costs.

Indirect costs (Taxes and duties as well as overheads) are not eligible.

Upper funding limits for the eligible costs per project

The maximum budget per project (i.e. for 1 project) is € 600 000 (over a 3 year period).

Additional Requirements

The French Development Agency will only be funding proposals submitted within the following 2 thematic areas of this call:

- Sustainable Intensification (priority theme)
- Agriculture and Food systems for nutrition (secondary theme)

Proposals submitted within the following theme will not be supported by the AFD:

- Expansion and improvement of agricultural markets and trade

- Each member of the consortium must clearly present their goals and work within the project, global and local (country-specific), the financial and time tables and the points of actual collaboration with the international partners.
- Co-funding of a minimum of 15% of the project total amount is required.
- AFD will carry out checks regarding Anti-Money Laundering / Terrorism Financing on each beneficiary. The beneficiaries will provide the requested information.

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Link(s) to website(s) with information and documents on national funding regulations

www.afd.fr



France / Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR)

Who can apply?

All French organizations, both public as private can apply, but the French teams needs at least one public research organization.

What type of costs are eligible for funding?

Eligible costs are based on ANR rules: <http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/RF>.

Upper funding limits for the eligible costs per project

The maximum funds allocation is 200.000 € (250.000 € if the French teams are coordinating the project). If many French teams are part of one project, they would then share the total maximum 200.000 € (or 250.000 € if coordinator).

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GERMANY | Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL) represented by Federal Office for Agriculture and Food (BLE = Funding Manager) which mandated for the management and participation in LEAP-Agri & German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) represented by the German Aerospace Center – Project Management Agency (DLR-PT = Funding Manager) mandated for the management and participation in LEAP-Agri

In Germany, two funders contribute to the transnational LEAP-Agri Call:

1. BMEL (Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL)
The BMEL is represented by the Federal Office for Agriculture and Food (BLE = Funding Manager) which is mandated for the management and participation in LEAP-Agri
2. BMBF (Federal Ministry for Education and Research)
The BMBF is represented by the German Aerospace Center – Project Management Agency (DLR-PT - Funding Manager) which is mandated for the management and participation in LEAP-Agri

Who can apply?

Research proposals may be submitted by higher education institutions, non-university research institutions, commercial companies that have a commercial unit or a branch office in Germany at the time of the pay-out of a possible granted funding, particularly small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) (see the EC definition for SME at http://ec.europa.eu/growth/smes/business-friendly-environment/sme-definition/index_en.htm), territorial authorities and associations of such authorities, and any other institutions which contribute to



research and comply with the purpose and prerequisites of funding. Research institutions which receive joint basic funding from the Federal Government and the Federal States can only be granted project funding supplementary to their basic funding to cover additional project-related expenditure or costs under certain preconditions. An individual German participant/organisation could participate in max two different projects of the LEAP-Agri Call.

What type of costs are eligible for funding?

Funds will be awarded in the form of non-repayable project grants. Within the framework of the transnational LEAP-Agri announcement, German research institutions are funded with by BMBF and BMEL. Both ministries fund costs for personnel, travel, and material. The BMEL / BLE funding rules are defined in BMEL's funding directive "Directive on the funding of international research cooperation for global food security"¹.

The funding rules of BMBF are described in detail below.

BMBF / DLR-PT Funding regulation:

According to the State Aid Regulations of the European Commission, grants for commercial companies will be calculated on the basis of the eligible project-related costs, up to 50% of which can as a rule be covered by government grants, depending on the project's relevance to the topics of the call for proposals. The BMBF's policy requires an appropriate own contribution of at least 50% towards the eligible costs incurred.

The calculation of the respective rate of funding must take account of the General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER). The GBER allows various additional payments for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), which could in some circumstances lead to a higher rate of funding. In this context, funding is provided only for aid types set out in Article 25 of the GBER. The rates of funding and minimum thresholds set out in the GBER may not be exceeded.

The basis for calculating the grants for higher education institutions, research and science institutions and similar establishments as well as for territorial authorities and associations of such authorities is the eligible project-related expenditure (in the case of the Helmholtz centres and the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft (FhG), eligible project-related costs), which can receive up to 100% coverage in individual cases. In the case of research projects at higher education institutions and teaching hospitals, a flatrate grant ('Projektpauschale') amounting to 20% of total expenditure could be awarded.

As a rule, German institutions that are eligible for funding can receive up to € 1 million (including a 20% flat-rate grant for higher education institutions and teaching hospitals for a maximum period of up to three years). Please also see: **Upper funding limits for the eligible costs per project from Germany.**

The following expenditure/costs will be eligible for funding:

a) Workshops

Workshops can be funded as follows:

With regard to the organization of bilateral and multilateral workshops in Germany, grants can be provided towards expenses such as the accommodation of the foreign guests, transfers within Germany, thematic preparation of the workshop, hospitality and rental of the venue. The exact amount of the grant depends on the size of the event and the number of foreign guests. In such cases, no per diem allowances will be provided.

In well-founded exceptional cases, grants can also be provided towards expenses and costs of events.

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http://www.ble.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/05_InternationaleZusammenarbeit/09_Forschungskooperationen_International/RichtlinieWelternaehrung.pdf?__blob=publicationFile



b) Staff costs/expenditure:

Project-related expenditure/costs incurred on the German side for student assistants and/or research staff can be funded up to 36 months to a certain extent. As a rule, no funding will be provided to cover standard basic equipment such as:

1. Expenses for office supplies, communication, etc.
2. Laboratory and IT equipment

c) Flat-rate project grants

Higher education institutions (both public and private) and teaching hospitals (irrespective of legal form) can also obtain a flat-rate project grant ('Projektpauschale') equivalent to 20% of direct project expenditure. It should be noted that this project grant is included in the above-mentioned usual maximum funding amount.

d) Project-related resources and equipment

Project-related grants for non-cash resources (such as expendables, appliances, project specific phone and office supplies, transport, literature, rent, contracts, etc.) can be provided for German partners. Detailed reasons must be given to establish the need.

e) Travel and stays by German researchers and experts:

The following applies to funding for expenditure/costs incurred for travel by German project participants: Funding is provided for the expenditure/costs incurred by German experts for travel to and from and stays at the destination in the countries of the African project partners (air tickets: economy class) including necessary visas. A flat-rate daily allowance will be paid for accommodation and meals in accordance with the relevant country list (http://internationales-buero.de/media/Tagespauschalen_neu.xls).

Furthermore, funding will be provided for specific LEAP-Agri meetings and in well-founded exceptions for the expenditure/costs incurred by German project partners for project-related travel (e.g. launch event and status seminar of the funding measure and for international conferences related to the thematic field of the funding measure).

The day of arrival and day of departure are always counted as one day.

Contributions to health insurance and, if applicable, other types of insurance are included in this flat-rate allowance and must be paid by the grant recipients themselves.

Other travel

Furthermore, funding will be provided for specific LEAP-Agri meetings and in well-founded exceptions for the expenditure/costs incurred for project-related travel (e.g. launch event and status seminar of the funding measure and for international conferences related to the thematic field of the funding measure).

The day of arrival and day of departure are always counted as one day.

Contributions to health insurance and, if applicable, other types of insurance are included in this flat-rate allowance and must be paid by the grant recipients themselves.

Upper funding limits for the eligible costs per project

Approx. € 300.000

BMBF / DLR-PT: Including the flat-rate project grant ('Projektpauschale') equivalent to 20% of direct project expenditure for higher education institutions and teaching hospitals.

Additional requirements

Both BMBF and BMEL grants are approved of on the basis of the General Administrative Regulations (VV)



governing Art. 44 of the Federal Budget Code (BHO), The granting of funds is subject to the availability of the budgeted funds.

Disclaimer: For all applicants in the LEAP-Agri-Call who apply for funding from the BMBF, only the eligibility criteria and funding regulations that will be published soonest in the 'Bundesanzeiger' are legally binding.

For more information contact the LEAP-Agri BLE & DLR-PT information points as follows:

BLE (Federal Office for Agriculture and Food)

International Cooperation and Global Food Security
Deichmanns Aue 29, 53179 Bonn, Germany

Mr Henning Knipschild | Phone +49 228 6845-3538 | Fax: +49 228 6845-3739 | Henning.Knipschild@ble.de

Internet: www.ble.de

DLR-PT (German Aerospace Center - Project Management Agency)

German Aerospace Center - Project Management Agency (DLR-PT) | European and International Cooperation | International Bureau

Post Address: Heinrich-Konen-Str. 1 | 53227 Bonn, Germany

Mr Stefan A. Haffner | Phone: +49 228 -38 21- 18 99 | Stefan.Haffner@dlr.de

Mr Valéry Anton | Phone: +49 228 -38 21- 18 48 | Valery.Anton@dlr.de

DLR-PT.de | <http://www.internationales-buero.de>

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https://foerderportal.bund.de/easy/easy_index.php?auswahl=easy_formulare&formularschrank=bmbf

https://foerderportal.bund.de/easy/easy_index.php?auswahl=easy_formulare&formularschrank=ble

GHANA | Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)

Who can apply?

Research proposals may be submitted by researchers of the CSIR of all categories. Proposals indicating collaboration among researchers within the CSIR and with researchers in other research institutions, universities and polytechnics are encouraged. Collaboration with actors in stakeholder organizations including ministries, NGOs and private sector are also acceptable. Of special interest are proposals with research team members of young researchers below the age of 32 years and women scientists especially below the age of 40 years.

What type of costs are eligible for funding?

Funding for the research projects will be available to cover the following:

- Research work expenditure: This broadly encompasses the cost of carrying out the core research activities e.g. laboratory experimentation, purchase of small equipment and consumables and trips to study areas to gather data and analyse the data. Thus field work can be done in the relevant disciplines of physical and natural sciences, applied sciences and social sciences.
- Human resources costs: Whilst the cost of salaries of members of the research team are NOT eligible for funding, some additional allowances to incentive the research team members and payment for enumerators and research assistants are eligible for funding subject to the limitation of a total maximum of 30% of the total budget proposed.
- Organisation of workshops, seminars and similar events: The costs for organizing workshops, seminars and meetings are eligible for funding.
- Publications: Publications as journal articles, books, reports, policy briefs and others as are relevant to the



theme of the proposals can be funded.

The funding scheme specifies the following as direct costs, which are eligible for funding:

- Travel and lodging costs (i.e. local and external travel and lodging directly relating to the research activities).
- Purchases of equipment and consumables specifically for the proposed research without which the research cannot be executed.

Most institutions in Ghana impose charges of administration overheads on projects carried out in their institutions. Given that institutions are expected to contribute to the funding of proposed research, administration overheads can be charged only up to a maximum of 10%.

Upper funding limits for the eligible costs per project

- Max Budget per project (i.e. for 1 project): € 150.000.

Not more than 30% of total budget can go into human resources costs and not more than 10% for administration overheads. Besides, even though more than one proposal can be submitted from one research institute, only ONE award will be made to each institute

Additional Requirements

In kind or cash contributions are expected to be indicated in all research proposals submitted to LEAP-AGRI.

For more information contact the LEAP-Agri CSIR information point as follows:

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Financial Administration Act, 2003 (Act 654)
Public Procurement Act, 2003 (Act 663)
Internal Audit Agency Act, 2003, (Act 658)

**ITALY | Centre International de Hautes Etudes Agronomiques Méditerranéennes, (CIHEAM-Bari),
Bari, International Organisation**

Who can apply?

Post graduates young researchers from NON EU Countries which are contributing countries in LEAP-AGRI, are entitled to be included in a mobility plan foreseen in a collaborative research project.

What type of costs are eligible for funding?

Each grant will foresee and cover the following activities:

- Mobility (including within project areas)
- Research
- Training



- Direct Costs:
 - Travel, accommodation and subsistence
- Indirect Costs:
 - Medical insurance, VISA release costs

Upper funding limits for the eligible costs per project

- Up to four mobility grants per project, of the duration of one year (9 months effective secondment) at € 30.000 each.

Additional Requirements

Grants will be assigned to individuals (selected among young post graduate researchers attending the 1st year course at CIHEAM-Bari), whose name has been identified by the project coordinator in agreement with the partner(s) from the above mentioned countries participating in the successful project and CIHEAM-Bari, on the base of a clear research mobility module included in the research proposal(s). Two or more researchers might be seconded simultaneously in the frame of the same project.

For more information contact the LEAP-Agri CIHEAM-Bari information point as follows:

Dr Maroun Elmoujabber

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Link(s) to website(s) with information and documents on national funding regulations

<http://www.iamb.ciheam.org/>

KENYA | Ministry of Education Science and Technology (MOEST)

Who can apply?

Research proposals may be submitted by:

Researchers from public and private institutions (Universities, Research Organizations, NGO's and Private Sector)

What type of costs are eligible for funding?

- Personnel costs
- Travel
- Subsistence
- Equipment and materials
- Publication and dissemination
- Research exchange visits
- Project meetings (at least 2 to include the LEAP-AGRI stakeholder forum meetings)

Upper funding limits for the eligible costs per project

- Max Budget per project (i.e. for 1 project): € 60 000 to € 80 000 (6-8 million Kenya shillings)

Additional Requirements

Evidence of previous experience in managing donor funded scientific research and innovation collaborative projects involving partners outside Kenya.

For more information contact the LEAP-Agri MOEST information point as follows:



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See LEAP-Agri website: www.leap-agri.com

THE NETHERLANDS | Netherlands Organization of Scientific Research (NWO), Ministry of Economic Affairs

Who can apply?

Senior researchers who are employed at a Dutch research organisation may participate in a LEAP-AGRI consortium as Main Applicant or as Co-Applicant. Note that the employment can be a tenured appointment or a temporary appointment for the course of the application process and the research project.

Research organisations are institutions that:

- have as one of their main objectives to carry out independent research or provide higher education;
- have no profit motive other than that for the purposes of further research or higher education; and
- whose researchers enjoy freedom of publication in the international academic literature.

What type of costs are eligible for funding?

Please contact Dr Monika Brassler or Dr Cora Govers at NWO if you have questions about the eligibility of budget items well before the deadline. You are advised to e-mail your budget to LEAP-Agri@nwo.nl for a check before submission. The following reimbursable cost categories are distinguished:

• **Personnel and overhead:**

Salaries for personnel, which should be guided by the organisations' norms and legal regulations. Salaries may be calculated in one of two following ways, with one option to be used for all personnel, depending on the position of the Dutch (main or co-) applicant:

- For an applied research institute or university (TO2 & HBO) the following applies: on a full costs base, based on the tariff per hour and the expected amount of hours per category employee/function level. You must make a distinction in the composition of the hourly tariff (gross wage, social security, employer contributions) and any possible overhead costs which are attributed to this tariff;
- For a university the following applies: monthly salaries based on the full-time month rates for the support staff, junior staff and senior staff employed. Overhead costs are allowed (for the employing organisation(s), including office space, basic facilities, administrative and technical assistance, consumables and depreciation costs, with a total up to a maximum of 10% of the grant budget).

NWO reserves the right to ask for the wage specification in their own organisation of the project employees.



- **Personnel costs of PhD/postdoc researchers (for both options):**
 - The maximum tariffs for a PhD/post-doc in the Netherlands are based upon the NWO-VSNU contract and are subject to change.
 - Alternatively, PhD/postdoc researchers based in LMICs can be provided with a net monthly living allowance. The living allowance is expected to cover all personal costs, including housing, medical costs, insurances and travel to and from work. The regulations of the main applicant's institute should be guiding for determining the amount of the living allowances.
- **Bench fee:** (other costs) of maximum € 5.000 per Dutch funded PhD/post-doc is made available that is paid directly to the main applicant's institute, as a contribution to the personal costs in support of the research conducted.
- **Travel and accommodation:** Travel and accommodation expenses for Dutch consortium partners and of the expenses incurred in short trips (<3 months) of the Dutch funded team members directly related to the project up to a maximum of 20% of the grant budget. Travel expenses for consortium partners are excluded from the other categories and covered only via this category.
- **Research costs:** Equipment (buildings excluded), consumables and other costs, e.g. research equipment, materials, laboratory (materials), fieldwork, research trips (longer than 3 months), assistance, interviewers and their research related expenses.
- **Knowledge sharing costs:** activities organised by the consortium, such as workshops (including stakeholder workshops), capacity building, meetings, local/regional dissemination of results aimed at involving stakeholders and/or end users from outside the consortium with a minimum of 10% but not exceeding 15% of the grant budget.
- **Joint LEAP-AGRI workshops:** travel costs for the kick-off, mid-term and final conference for all granted projects are included in the percentage of the knowledge sharing costs. The Dutch budget for the knowledge sharing costs (including travel costs to the joint LEAP-Agri workshops) may include costs for African consortium partners.

Upper funding limits for the eligible costs per project

- Max Budget per project (i.e. for 1 project): € 250.000 for three years.

Additional Requirements

Stakeholder involvement from a Dutch private partner is required. For-profit and not-for-profit partners are eligible, with a preference for Dutch business. This may be as an additional consortium partner or as a stakeholder who is involved in the execution of the project from the full proposal development phase onwards. A letter of commitment is required from the private partner, detailing the involvement in the project. This letter has to be addressed to the main applicant of the consortium. Travel and subsistence costs can be requested for such partners or stakeholders. Salary costs will not be reimbursed, but may be included in the budget as co-funding.

Co-funding is not required.

MA/MSc students may be part of the team, and their research costs (including travel costs) for the project can be included in the budget, but no other costs.

The team funded by the Netherlands must include at least one researcher based in an African Union country (not necessarily from the partner countries of the consortium). Please indicate this in the personnel costs of the Dutch budget with a minimum of 5%.

For the Dutch funded team members the NWO and NWO-WOTRO Regulations apply, including on Open Access, Open Data Management and Intellectual Property Rights. In case of granting your project will be registered in



NWO's online system (ISAAC). You will then be informed about further administrative procedures.

For more information contact the LEAP-Agri NWO information point as follows:

Dr Monika Brasser and Dr Cora Govers
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Email: LEAP-Agri@nwo.nl

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See LEAP-Agri website for general information: www.leap-agri.com
Specific information for Dutch applicants: [LEAP-Agri website NWO-WOTRO](#)

NORWAY | Research Council of Norway

Who can apply?

Research proposals may be submitted by Norwegian research institutions (universities, university colleges, research institutes, or other institutions at which research constitutes an important activity), and Nordic research-performing institutions funded by the Nordic Council of Ministers, or Nordic research institutions that receive public funding from at least three Nordic countries, including Norway.

What type of costs are eligible for funding?

Salary subsidies, travel & accommodation, small equipment and other running expenses in accordance with RCN's "General application requirements" and "Researcher project requirements". Private companies participating in projects must comply with the "State aid rules" (Statsstøttereguleringen) - see links below.

Upper funding limits for the eligible costs per project

- Max Budget per project (i.e. for 1 project): € 250.000.

Additional Requirements

Same as listed under "General application requirements" and "researcher project" requirements (see links below).

For more information contact the LEAP-Agri RCN information point as follows:

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[General application requirements](#)
[Researcher project requirements](#)
[Payroll and indirect costs](#)
[State Aid Rules](#)

PORTUGAL | Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia, I.P. (FCT)



Who can apply?

For detailed information consult the Regulations governing access to funding for scientific research and technological development projects — 2016 (Only entities with Portuguese VAT):

<https://www.fct.pt/apoios/projectos/regulamentofundosnacionais.phtml.pt>.

What type of costs are eligible for funding?

Please consult Article 8 Eligible Expenses and Article 9 Non Eligible Expenses on Regulations governing access to funding for scientific research and technological development projects – 2016 at:

<https://www.fct.pt/apoios/projectos/regulamentofundosnacionais.phtml.pt>.

Upper funding limits for the eligible costs per project

Maximum requested funding for a consortium coordinated by Portugal: € 170.000. Maximum requested funding for a consortium with Portuguese participation: € 80.000.

Note:

If more than one Portuguese institution participates in a given consortium, the budget has to be shared. FCT encourage the inclusion of researchers from Portuguese-speaking African countries in consortia coordinated / participated by Portugal, which may be carried out through: inclusion of the team as “Consultants” or “Acquisition of services” by means of expenditure eligible for FCT.

Additional Requirements

Each Portuguese institution must sign a “Statement of Commitment” which must be sent, by e-mail, to the FCT’s contact person no later than one week after the pre-proposal submission deadline.

For more information contact the LEAP-Agri FCT information point as follows:

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Link(s) to website(s) with information and documents on national funding regulations

<https://www.fct.pt/apoios/cooptrans/eranets/LEAPAgri/>

SENEGAL | Fond d’impulsion de la Recherche Scientifique et technique (FIRST) / Direction du Financement de la Recherche et du Développement technologique (DFRSDT)

Who can apply?

Research proposals may be submitted by:

- researchers, inventors, research institutions of senegalese nationality
- Public and private sectors which support research and popularise research results
- Activities related to technological innovation and the intellectual protection of research results.

A multi-institutional approach is encouraged and pay attention to a balanced involvement of female and young researchers. This will be positively considered.

What type of costs are eligible for funding?

Funds can be used to cover the following costs:

- Research related costs: Activities to be supported here may include related costs to communication and



publication, research-related trips, research equipment (small equipment) and consumables etc.

- Doctoral and postdoctoral research placements: Activities to be support here concern young researchers
- Salaries for technicians
- Travel costs, Meeting costs
- Exchange programmes: To support transport and accommodation costs of the research team between the partnering countries.
- Knowledge sharing costs: Cover the costs of activities organised by the consortium, such as joint workshops, seminars, conferences, symposia, lecture presentations, capacity building sessions, meetings.

Upper funding limits for the eligible costs per project

- Max Budget per project (i.e. for 1 project): € 75.000.

Funding will be made available for a maximum of 3-years, to be paid in equal annual installments and exclusively for research activities commencing in 2018.

Additional Requirements

Companies or NGOs involved in the joint projects are expected to cover their own costs of participation.

For more information contact the LEAP-Agri DFRSDT information point as follows:

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Web site Ministère de l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la recherche du Sénégal (MESR)

SOUTH AFRICA | National Research Foundation (NRF)

Who can apply?

- This call is open to working researchers residing in South Africa and affiliated with a recognised South African higher education or research institution such as a university, university of technology or science council. The South African applicant (i.e. the main Principal Investigator) must be in possession of a PhD.
- A multi-institutional/ consortia approach is encouraged. Therefore, applicants should collaborate with other partners such as science councils, universities, NGOs, and especially private companies/ SMEs. However, the NGO and/or industry/ SME participants are expected to meet their own participation costs in the joint project.
- Joint projects that involve young and/or emerging scientists (through exchange programmes or short placements) and pay attention to a balanced involvement of female and black researchers will be positively considered.
- In terms of South Africa's transformation agenda, applications from historically disadvantaged higher education institutions and the involvement of previously disadvantaged individuals will be prioritised.

How do I apply?

Full proposal applications must be submitted electronically to LEAP-Agri Call Secretariat through the PT-Outline.



At the completion of full proposal reviews, the NRF will send communication on the successful proposals to the South African researchers and their respected institutions. South African applicants partnering in the successful proposals will then be required to submit their proposals electronically to the NRF on the NRF Online Submission System at <https://nrfs submission.nrf.ac.za/> for granting purposes.

What type of costs are eligible for funding?

Support will be provided for collaborative, multilateral basic and applied research projects. Funds can be used to cover the following costs:

- **Research related costs:** Activities to be supported may include expenses relating to field work such as conducting interviews, research-related trips, research equipment (small equipment) and consumables (15% of the budget is allowed for consumables and accessories), publication related costs, etc. Please note that the NRF does not cover employment costs (i.e. salaries) however, a daily travel allowance (i.e. *per-diem*) can be provided to research assistants (or fieldworkers) conducting fieldwork within the project. The rate to be provided for this daily travel allowance should be aligned to and be within the travel policy of the institution of the awarded South African Principal Investigator.
- **Exchange programmes:** To support short term mobility or travel expenses (i.e. transport and accommodation costs) of the research team between the partnering countries.
- **Doctoral and postdoctoral research placements:** The placements should enable young researchers to (1) learn valuable new skills or techniques; (2) access facilities or resources not readily available at home; (3) build relationships with potential new collaborators; and (4) advance complementary collaborative research. The duration of each placement is expected to be 3-6 months; with flexibility to split the placement into several shorter visits. Longer placements may be undertaken where this would add value and these should be justified within the application. Placements must enhance, not replace, the standard training and study support that both the doctoral and postdoctoral researchers receive.
- **Knowledge sharing costs:** In support of activities organised by the consortium, such as joint workshops, seminars, conferences, symposia, lecture presentations, capacity building sessions, meetings, local/regional dissemination of results aimed at involving stakeholders, and/or end users from outside the consortium with a minimum of 10% of the grant budget.
- **Joint LEAP-Agri workshops:** To support travel costs for the kick-off, mid-term and final conference for all granted projects. It is not a requirement that all consortium partners attend the kick-off, mid-term and final conferences but a minimum of **TWO** consortium partners (one of which should be the Project Consortium Coordinator) are required to attend these three conferences.

The following will **NOT** be funded from this allocation:

- Employment costs – i.e. salaries, temporary staff fees and consultant's fees
- Educational expenses – i.e. scholarships and/or bursaries, etc.
- Large equipment
- Project management/ administration fees

Upper funding limits for the eligible costs per project

- Max Budget per project (i.e. for 1 project): € 170.000 (around R2.5 mil).

Funding will be made available for a maximum of 3-years, to be paid in equal annual installments and exclusively for research activities commencing in 2018.

Additional Requirements



NGO and/or industry/ SME participants are expected to meet their own participation costs in the joint project.

For more information contact the LEAP-Agri NRF information point as follows:

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See LEAP-Agri website: www.leap-agri.com

SPAIN | Ministry of Economy, Industry and Competitiveness – through the State Research Agency

Who can apply?

The Ministry of Economy, Industry and Competitiveness participates in Topic 1. *Sustainable intensification of agriculture*.

The eligible entities for the Ministry of Economy, Industry and Competitiveness funding are non-profit research organizations according to the APCIN call 2018 or equivalent (Acciones de Programación Conjunta Internacional 2018 o equivalente).

Spanish investigators are encouraged to include the Spanish industrial sector in the transnational consortia. For profit may apply for funding to national (CDTI) or regional innovation agencies.

- Final rules on eligibility will be defined in the APCIN 2018 call (or equivalent), to be published here

What type of costs are eligible for funding?

- Personnel costs for temporary employment contracts (scholarships are not eligible).
- Current costs, small scientific equipment, disposable materials, travelling expenses and other costs that can be justified as necessary to carry out the proposed activities.
- Indirect costs (overheads) or clinical trials (proofs of concept, proofs of principle) are not eligible for funding in the APCIN call.

Upper funding limits for the eligible costs per project

Initial funding pre-commitment:

Maximum funding for the ERA-NET Cofund LEAP-AGRI: 300,000€ (National funds)

The following funding limits are considered eligibility criteria. Proposals not respecting these limits can be declared ineligible.

The maximum amount of funding is 100,000 € per proposal and legal entity (additional 50,000 € if the Spanish group leader is the coordinator of the international consortium).

When two Spanish legal entities participate in the same proposal, the total funding of the Spanish part should not exceed 150,000 € per proposal (additional 50,000 € if the coordinator of the international consortium is based in Spain).

Centres formed by different Spanish legal entities will be considered as one unique entity, and thus the maximum funding should not exceed 100,000 € per proposal (for example, mixed centres).



The final funding will take into account the transnational evaluation of the collaborative proposal, the scientific quality of the Spanish group, the added value of the international collaboration, the participation of the industrial sector and the financial resources available.

Additional Requirements

Mandatory:

Spanish Principal Investigators **must be** eligible according to the APCIN 2018 call or equivalent and must have experience as investigators in projects funded by the *Plan Nacional I+D+i 2008-2011*, the *Plan Estatal I+D+i 2013-2016*, ERC Grants, European Framework Programmes or other relevant international programmes.

Not allowed:

- **Principal Investigators** are not allowed to apply for funding in more than one proposal of this ERA-NET Cofound LEAP-AGRI call.
- **Principal Investigators** are not allowed to apply for funding in more than one proposal in the APCIN 2017 call or its equivalent. This must be taken into account when participating in different ERA-Nets or other international initiatives, especially in SUSFOOD and CORE-Organic.
- **Principal Investigators** have to remain unchanged between the pre-proposal stage, the full proposal stage, and the National APCIN 2018 call or equivalent.

- A maximum of two Spanish entities per proposal are allowed to apply for funding in the National APCIN 2018 or its equivalent for this transnational LEAP-AGRI call.

- **Important: Principal Investigators** who obtained funding in the APCIN 2017 call are not allowed to apply neither in APCIN 2018 or its equivalent nor in this transnational LEAP-AGRI call.

The Ministry of Economy, Industry and Competitiveness will avoid double funding (overlapping with other EU or National funding), and will not grant projects or parts of projects already funded.

Further instructions:

Any publication or dissemination activity resulting from the granted projects must acknowledge the Ministry of Economy, Industry and Competitiveness funding: "Project (reference nº XX) funded by the Ministry of Economy, Industry and Competitiveness through APCIN 2018 (or its equivalent)".

Funding Programme:

Programa Estatal de Investigación, Desarrollo e Innovación Orientada a los Retos de la Sociedad, Plan Estatal de Investigación Científica y Técnica y de Innovación 2013-2016. [Enlace a Plan Estatal](#)

The instrument for funding the Spanish groups will be the Spanish Call on International Joint Programming Actions 2018 (*Acciones de Programación Conjunta Internacional 2018*) or equivalent. Only as a reference, the beneficiaries are advised to read the call. [APCIN 2016](#)

The Spanish legal entities granted are obliged by the regulations established in this international call and in the APCIN call (or its equivalent).

Call will be managed by the [Subdivisión de Programas Científico-Técnicos Transversales, Fortalecimiento y Excelencia](#).

For more information contact the LEAP-Agri MINECO information point as follows:

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Link(s) to website(s) with information and documents on national funding regulations

Esquemas ERA-NETS:

<http://www.idi.mineco.gob.es/portal/site/MICINN/menuitem.7eeec5cd345b4f34f09dfd1001432ea0/?vgnnextoid=f1c6579ecc1c1410VgnVCM1000001d04140aRCRD>

TURKEY | The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK)

Who can apply?

Legal body: university, university hospital, public research institutes, industry and SMEs

What type of costs are eligible for funding?

Personnel, consumables, animals, subcontracts, equipment, travel, documentation, funding workshops of all the LEAP AGRI funded projects: kick-off, mid-term and final.

Upper funding limits for the eligible costs per project

- 1001 Programme ≈ 95.000 Euro (360.000 TL) + Overhead + Other Costs
- 1509 Programme (There is no maximum amount per proposal or partner)

Additional Requirements

The Research Projects in the context of this call will be assessed and supported by TÜBİTAK, considering the rules of “1001-Scientific and Technological Research Projects Funding Program” and “1509-International Industrial R&D Projects Grant Program” for Turkish participants.

The organisations which are eligible for funding by TÜBİTAK, the eligibility criteria for cooperation and the national rules on eligible costs are given in the national guidelines under;

<http://www.tubitak.gov.tr/tr/destekler/akademik/ulusal-destek-programlari/icerik-1001-bilimsel-ve-teknolojik-arastirma-projelerini-destekleme-pr>

- Submission of the proposal for 1001 Program at the national level:
Proposals should be submitted online through <http://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr/>
And
<http://www.tubitak.gov.tr/tr/destekler/sanayi/uluslararasi-ortakli-destek-programlari/icerik-1509-tubitak-uluslararasi-sanayi-ar-ge-projeleri-destekleme-programi>
- Submission of the proposal for 1509 Program at the national level:
Proposals should be submitted using the online application tool PRODİS (<https://eteydeb.tubitak.gov.tr>)

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Link(s) to website(s) with information and documents on national funding regulations

www.tubitak.gov.tr



UGANDA | Uganda National Council for Science and Technology (UNCST)

Who can apply?

Ugandan researchers, innovators and institutions with research projects that have gone beyond proof of concept nearing industrial production and commercialization stages (i.e. projects whose final outputs are tangible products or services with an apparent industrial/societal application).

What type of costs are eligible for funding?

- Direct Costs:
 - Salary costs for research staff
 - Equipment costs
 - Consumables/supplies
 - Travel/subsistence costs
 - Communication costs
 - Workshops/conferences/meetings

- Indirect costs:
 - Utilities
 - Overheads

Upper funding limits for the eligible costs per project

- Max Budget per project (i.e. for 1 project): € 200.000.

Additional Requirements

The Grantees to submit quarterly technical and financial project implementation progress reports within 10 calendar days following expiration of the reporting period. The Grantees to submit a Final Project Report not later than 90 calendar days following expiration date of the grant.

For more information contact the LEAP-Agri UNCST information point as follows:

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