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LIST OF ACRONYMS

The lists of acronyms are included in each related document included in this report.

SUMMARY

This report contains all the documents issued for preparing and launching the 2023 Joint Transnational Call on “Aquatic Ecosystem Services”, including Early Career Researcher modality and the Knowledge Hub modality.

The documents have been published on the Water4All website (www.water4all-partnership.eu) managed by the Partnership Coordinator (ANR - French National Research Agency) and/or on the Online Submission Tool (<https://proposals.etag.ee/water4all/>) managed by the Call Secretariat (ANR - French National Research Agency).

The report contains the following documents:

- Call Pre-Announcement
- Call Announcement
- Annex A - List of national contact points (NCPs) and a matrix of the topics and modalities funded by each participating country/region
- Annex B - Using a Theory of Change
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CALL PRE-ANNOUNCEMENT

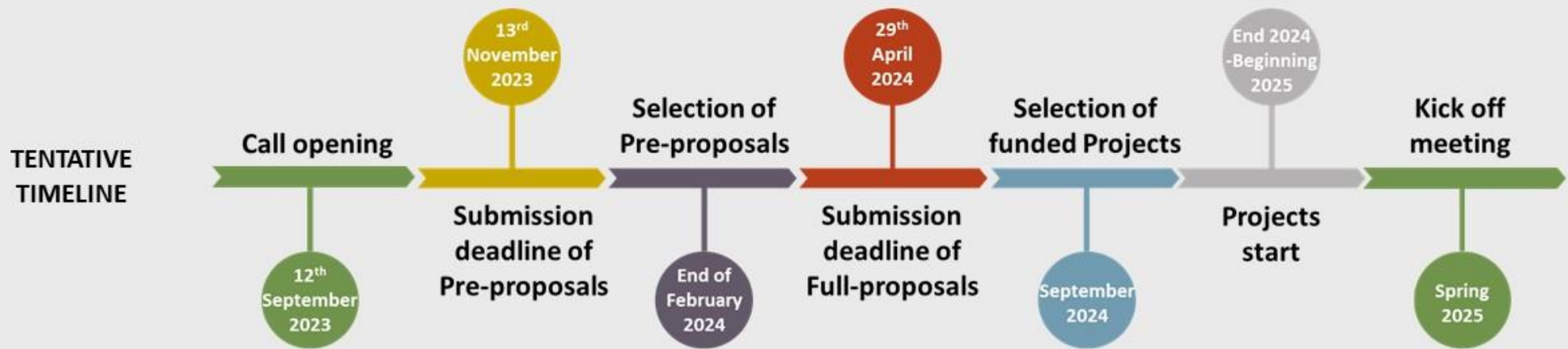
The pre-announcement of the Joint Transnational Call launched in September 2023 was prepared in form of a short leaflet containing the main information in relation to the tentative timeline of the call publication and evaluation steps, participating countries, tentative committed budget, topics of the call, main information on consortia composition and eligibility criteria. The call pre-announcement was published on 13th July 2023 on a dedicated page of the Water4All website and promoted in Water4All newsletter and social media.

Joint Transnational Call 2023 Pre-Announcement

Funding Organisations from 30 countries all over Europe and beyond are pleased to pre-announce a Joint Transnational Call for research and innovation projects on “Aquatic Ecosystem Services”.

This joint transnational call will be launched in the framework of the European Partnership [Water4All](#) and will support research and innovation projects to improve water security in the long term. The context for the general call topics are described in Theme II of the Water4All [Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda](#), “Water for ecosystems and biodiversity”. Likewise, Themes VI and VII in the SRIA on “International cooperation” and “Governance”, respectively, must be considered as they are cross-cutting issues to all other themes.

In line with the strategic objectives of Water4All, the results of the projects will contribute to the implementation of evidence-based, global, EU and national water management policies and strategies, within the frameworks of the Green Deal, the Water Framework Directive, Just Transition and the Water Action Agenda for UN Sustainable Development Goals. Proposals should show cognisance of appropriate legislation and policy frameworks at national and international levels that are meant to alleviate global change impacts on aquatic ecosystem services.



TOPICS

1. Mapping, monitoring, and assessment for a better understanding of ecosystem services in a context of changes, from local to global change.
2. Understanding and predicting multiple pressures (incl. anthropogenic pressures) - impact - response relationships in ecosystem services through advanced methods and techniques.
3. New tools and solutions for a better integration of ecosystem services into the management of water resources.

PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES



Please note that the information here provided is provisional and subject to the approval of the call text by the European Commission. Changes may occur in the official Call Announcement.

The eligibility and evaluation criteria will be published at the official launch of the call in September 2023. More information is available at: www.water4all-partnership.eu

CALL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Water4All 2023 Joint Transnational Call on "Aquatic Ecosystem Services" and its modalities officially opened on 12th September 2023. The announcement of the Joint Transnational Call was published on a dedicated webpage of the Water4All website. The launch of the call was promoted in Water4All newsletter and through social media.

Call webpage: <https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/joint-activities/water4all-2023-joint-transnational-call>



2023 JOINT TRANSNATIONAL CALL “AQUATIC ECOSYSTEM SERVICES”

Including modalities of
EARLY CAREER RESEARCHERS
and
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE KNOWLEDGE HUB

Publication Date: 12/09/2023
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V3	26/10/23	Spain / AEI Brazil / FAPT	Budget update Budget update

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Glossary

- **Associated Countries:** Associated Countries are countries who signed an association agreement with the European Union and its Members. In Horizon Europe, legal entities from Associated Countries can participate under the same conditions as legal entities from the Member States. The list of Associated Countries is available [here](#)
- **Call Secretariat (CS):** The Call Secretariat, hosted by the French National Research Agency (ANR), will be in charge to prepare, coordinate and follow-up the joint call processes, both electronically and physically. It will work in cooperation and consultation with the Call Steering Committee (CSC) and provide the CSC with all documents needed for decisions. It is the central contact point for applicants regarding all technical and general issues of the submission.
- **Call Steering Committee (CSC):** The Call Steering Committee (CSC) will be composed of one representative per FPO and will be the decision-making body in the framework of this call.
- **Consortium/Consortia:** Transnational group(s) of partners, submitting a collaborative Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) proposal.
- **Consortium Coordinator (CC):** Coordinator of the transnational collaborative RDI proposal. Coordinates the submission of the proposal prepared by the partners in the online submission system, represents the Consortium before the CSC and the CS and, if funded, is responsible for the internal project management.
- **Early Career Researchers (ECR):** Refers to the [Modality of Early Career Researcher](#) of the 2023 Joint Transnational Call aimed at project proposals coordinated by early career researchers, who have obtained their PhD less than 10 year.
- **European Commission (EC):** European Commission is acting as a Funding Authority in the Water4All Partnership, co-funding the Transnational Projects selected for funding in the 2023 Joint Transnational Call
- **Evaluation Panel (EP):** Panel of internationally recognised scientific, industry and policy experts which will evaluate and rank the pre/full proposals submitted in the 2023 JTC in order of merit. EP members will not submit or participate in proposals within this 2023 JTC and will sign declarations on confidentiality, absence of conflict of interest and code of conduct. The members of the EP consist of Evaluators, Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.
 - **EP Chairperson:** Leads the EP meeting, by: ensuring active, all-inclusive and rich participation of all members; managing the collective decision-making by the EP; launching voting procedures if necessary; approving the EP meeting agenda and the minutes, proposed by the CS.
 - **EP Vice-Chairperson:** Takes the duties of the Chairperson if the Chairperson is absent, for example, due to a conflict of interest.
- **External expert:** Independent expert appointed for its independent evaluation of the submitted pre and full proposals to the 2023 JTC in case an expertise is missing within the EP. External experts are not members of the EP.
- **Funding Partner Organisation (FPO):** Party that has committed national/regional funds to participate in the 2023 Joint Transnational Call, to the modality of Early Career Researchers and the Knowledge Hub, if relevant.
- **Independent Observer:** External expert invited as observer to the EP meetings to assess the conformity of the evaluation procedure.
- **Joint Transnational Call (JTC):** A call for the funding of excellent transnational research and innovation projects, co-funded by the FPOs supporting the call and the European Commission.

- **Knowledge Hub (KH):** A network of experts jointly working on the dissemination of their project outcomes in various formats with the aim of supporting evidence-based decision-making processes for targeted stakeholders.
- **National Contact Point (NCP):** Each participating FPO in the 2023 Joint Transnational Call, the modality of Early Career Researchers and the Knowledge Hub has nominated NCP(s) to provide information on national/regional funding rules and procedures.
- **Principal Investigator (PI):** Researcher/Leader of the research team of a Project Partner in a Transnational Project.
- **Project Coordinator:** The Principal Investigator leading the consortium of Project Partners in a Transnational Project and is in charge of submitting the proposal in the call.
- **Project funding:** The total sum of the funding, which will be granted by the FPOs to the Project Partners. The amount of funding that each project partner can receive depending from the national funding rules.
- **Project Partner:** Independent legal entity participating in the Transnational Project.
- **Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA):** A key document of the Water4All Partnership that defines the strategic orientations of the programme.
- **Transnational Project costs:** The total sum of the project costs which is necessary for the implementation of the foreseen activities.
- **Transnational Project:** A project funded in the frame of the 2023 Joint Transnational Call and its modalities.

Introduction

The Joint Transnational Calls in the context of Water4All partnership

The [Water4All partnership](#) started in 2022 under the auspices of the European Union Horizon Europe programme for research and innovation, to concentrate research and innovation on water in Europe and beyond. Water4All's Vision is to “boost the systemic transformations and changes across the entire research – water innovation pipeline, fostering the matchmaking between problem owners and solution providers for ensuring water security for all in the long term”.

Water security stands for the capacity of a population to safeguard sustainable access to adequate quantities of acceptable quality water for sustaining livelihoods, human well-being, and socio-economic development, for ensuring protection against water-borne pollution and water-related disasters, and for preserving ecosystems in a climate of peace and political stability. Water security and ‘Just’ access to clean water for all of society are an essential aspect for Sustainable Development. This is reflected specifically in the UN Sustainable Development Goals¹ (SDGs), in first instance SDG 6 “Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all”, which is interconnected with SDGs addressing Poverty (1), Hunger (2), Health (3), Clean Energy (7), Cities (11), Responsible Consumption and Production (12), Climate (13), Life below Water (14) and on Land (15), Peace, justice and strong institutions (16) and Partnership for the Goals (17).

Reaching Water4All's objectives require an inclusive and systemic approach, with a logical chain from problem analysis and the identification of knowledge gaps to the uptake of solutions and their concrete applications by the relevant stakeholders. The direct connection between stakeholders and problem owners with solution providers from the RDI field is required to make decisive contributions towards the objectives of Water security: *improved access to water; availability of adequate water supplies for all economic uses; ecosystems health and delivery of ecosystem services; resilience to global changes and water-related hazards*. This approach will be implemented through a broad range of activities, aiming together at achieving the following outcomes:

- Deliver sound knowledge, tools, and evidence basis on water for policy- & decision-making.
- Improve consideration of water impacts in all relevant policies.
- Enhance the field/market use of innovative solutions to water challenges.
- Increase citizens' awareness and engagement for an inclusive water governance.

Among its activities to produce these outcomes, Water4All will launch a series of annual co-funded Joint Transnational Calls (JTCs) pooling national financial resources through the participation of ministries, authorities and funding organisations, together with the support of the European Commission (EC). These calls primarily aim at strengthening the water RDI collaboration and producing and sharing top class water-related knowledge and data. The topics for the calls are drawn from the water challenges identified in the [Water4All Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda](#) (SRIA) (Figure 1).

¹ <https://sdgs.un.org/goals>

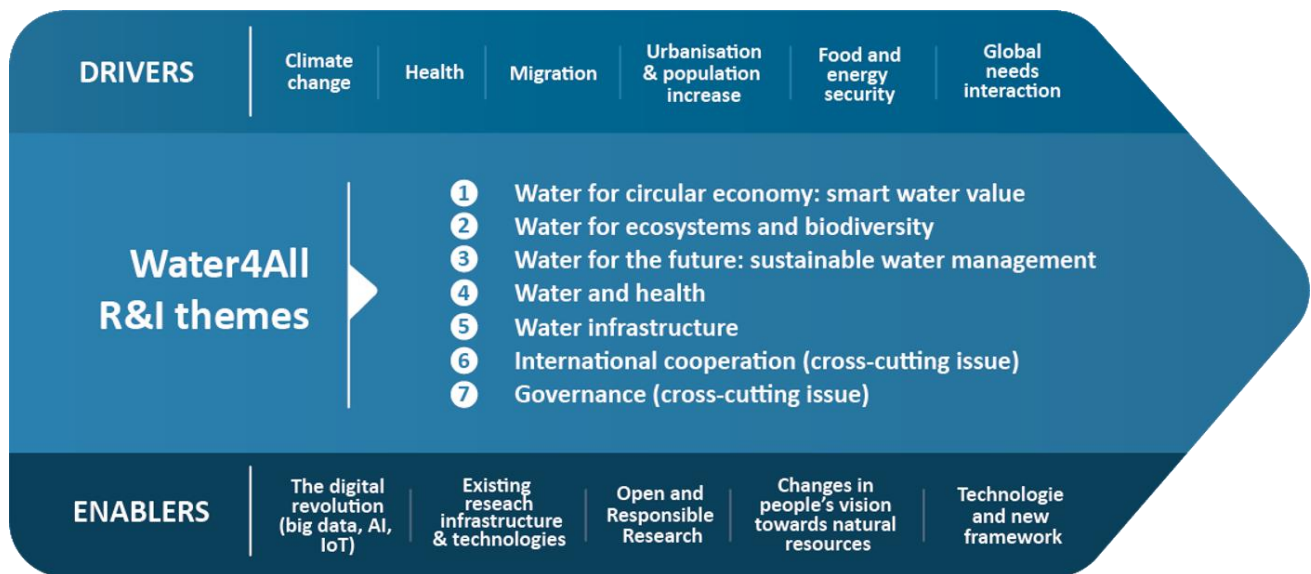


Figure 1 – Water4All RDI themes, drivers and enablers

The 2023 Joint Transnational Call (JTC) is the second in the series of the Water4All co-funded calls. It is jointly launched by 36 Funding Partner Organisations (FPOs) from 30 countries responsible for funding research and innovation actions in the field of water, with the financial support from the EC.

With the aim of developing the capacities of the talented young researchers and giving them the opportunity to act as leaders of the project consortia, Water4All also integrates an independent modality of the Early Career Researchers (ECR) in this JTC. The thematic focus of the ECR modality is aligned with the JTC topics. The applicants can choose whether to apply under the regular JTC or under the modality of ECR, provided they comply with the requirements.

This call also foresees a modality to support the activities of the Knowledge Hub (KH) for the researchers from Transnational Projects funded in the JTC and the ECR modality. The KH will function as a networking platform for the researchers with the aim to synthesize and disseminate the JTC and ECR projects' outcomes in various formats to support evidence-based decision-making processes for targeted stakeholders. The thematic scope of KH is bounded by the JTC topics. The applicants submitting their proposals under the regular JTC and the ECR modality can choose if they wish to include the KH activities in their proposal, provided they comply with the requirements.

Objectives of the 2023 Joint Transnational Call

Ecosystems provide environmental, health, social and economic benefits to humans called ecosystem services (Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MEA) in 2005). Goods and services provided by ecosystems are diverse, including i) Provisioning services, such as the production of food and water; ii) Regulating services, e.g., flow regulation during flooding episodes; iii) Supporting services, e.g., nutrient cycles and retention; and iv) Cultural or recreational services, such as navigation or bathing. The value of healthy and functioning ecosystems in providing these free services to beneficiaries has been demonstrated and there is growing recognition of their importance to human well-being at multiple scales (TEEB, 2010, Dasgupta, 2021).

Ecosystem services and water security are closely related, as healthy ecosystems provide services related to water availability and quality, playing a critical role in the regulation of water cycles and flows. There are no clear boundaries in the type of ecosystems contributing to services, such as nature-based solutions,

ecological infrastructure, built or hard infrastructure, etc. However, in this case the call focuses specifically on ecosystem services relevant to water security. At the same time, water quality and availability are fundamental for ensuring the ecosystem services and ecosystem health, considering that many ecosystems are not only water-related but also water dependent. This applies for both surface water and groundwater dependent ecosystems.

The degradation of aquatic ecosystems due to climate change, pollution, biodiversity loss, hydrological alterations, the overexploitation of resources for rising demands and the combination of multiple stressors is currently jeopardising their ability to deliver essential goods and services to beneficiaries. Measures for coping with pressure(s) include mitigation through reduction of stressors, adaption to stressors, and providing solutions to increase resilience for going back to functioning. Some of the mechanisms are developed naturally as an evolutionary response to pressure, whereas in other cases intervention such as restoration is mandatory for ecosystems continuing to provide services to beneficiaries. Likewise, the creation of new aquatic habitats, e.g., in urban areas where natural ecosystems are already lost, can serve as a partial compensation, and effectively fulfil similar roles as natural habitats depending on how they are managed.

Given the importance of ecosystem services to human well-being, environmental quality, and economic prosperity, it is crucial to consider them in all the different stages of the decision-making process, i.e., definition of policy targets at the conception phase, prioritisation of investments, and the systematic review of the consequences of policy measures for services beyond conventional assessments. In this context, the assessment/mapping of ecosystem services as well as their status and social and economic valuation are of particular relevance. Whereas the biophysical status of aquatic ecosystems is regularly monitored, the status of aquatic ecosystem services is not ([Water JPI AquaTAP-ES Policy Brief, 2020](#)). Integration of ecosystem services approach into policy and management requires recognition of their values at appropriate scales. Also, transboundary regulations related to water, biodiversity and habitats do not always take into consideration ecosystem services due to diplomatic and governance issues. Despite the progress made to map, monitor, assess and achieve good ecosystem conditions, there are still significant gaps as regards the status and trends of aquatic ecosystems².

Water4All's 2023 Joint Transnational Call aims to deliver knowledge, models, approaches, tools, and methodologies to better achieve:

- The integration of ecosystem services into the governance and management of water resources in the context of changes, from local to global.
- Mitigation, adaptation and resilience of aquatic ecosystems and the corresponding ecosystem services.
- Support to the implementation of EU and international water and biodiversity policies and strategies, such as the European Commission 'Biodiversity Strategy to 2020', the United Nations Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030, the EU proposal for a Nature Restoration Law, and the establishment of an international natural capital accounting initiative.
- Enhancement of the participation of stakeholders, communities, and society at large in the co-design of water governance and management systems related to ecosystem services. This includes

² The MAES (Mapping and Assessment of Ecosystems and their Services) initiative was launched in 2012. MAES has benefited from the work carried out in several EU-funded projects such as ESMERALDA, OpenNESS or OPERA, and the ERA-NET Cofund BiodivERsA.

activities in the field of communication, public awareness and education, and involvement of stakeholders, indigenous communities, and citizen scientists in research.

- More comprehensive approaches for the valuation of ecosystem services, with mapping and assessment as a crucial step in the achievement of policy objectives.

Description of the aims and themes of the 2023 Joint Transnational Call and its modalities

IMPORTANT: The aim and the thematic framework are the same for the proposals submitted in the regular 2023 Joint Transnational Call and for the proposals submitted under the Early Career Researchers modality, both with the optional expression of interest for participation in the Knowledge Hub. **More information on the call structure is included in Chapter 3.**

Strategic aim of the Joint Transnational Call and its modalities

The 2023 Joint Transnational Call “Aquatic Ecosystem Services” within the Water4All partnership is aimed at research and innovation to improve water security in the long term. In line with the strategic objectives of Water4All, the results should contribute to the implementation of evidence-based, global, EU and national water management policies and strategies, including the Green Deal, the Water Framework Directive (WFD), Just Transition and the Water Action Agenda for UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Proposals should show cognisance of appropriate legislation and policy frameworks at national and international levels that are meant to alleviate global change impacts on aquatic ecosystem services.

Theme of the Joint Transnational Call and its modalities

The general theme of the call is “Ecosystem Services”, with aquatic ecosystems as the focus, including inland surface water, groundwater, transitional and coastal water, and having water security on top of the objectives.

Research and innovation proposals submitted under the Water4All 2023 Joint Transnational Call and its modalities are required to address at least one of the following topics:

Topic 1. Mapping, monitoring, and assessment for a better understanding of ecosystem services in a context of changes, from local to global change. Proposals may cover the following subtopics:

- 1.1 Enhancing the added value of data on the state and trends of ecosystem services: promoting meta-analyses across scales and syntheses of existing data sets.
- 1.2 Supporting a transnational network of harmonized monitoring schemes building upon the work conducted under other initiatives (MAES - <https://publications.jrc.ec.europa.eu/repository/handle/JRC120383>; TEEB - <https://teebweb.org/>) and previous EU projects.
- 1.3 Developing, testing, and comparing methodologies for the biophysical and monetary valuation of ecosystem services in aquatic ecosystems, including intrinsic social and economic values. Valuation methodologies should reflect stakeholders’ perceptions of value and ensure that users of ecosystem services are involved in the process.
- 1.4 Identifying operational ecosystem services metrics that consider the interactions between people and ecosystems.

Topic 2. Understanding and predicting multiple pressures (including anthropogenic pressures) - impact – response relationships in ecosystem services through advanced methods and techniques. Proposals may cover the following subtopics:

- 2.1 Assessing the effect of different anthropogenic pressures from human activities and cumulative effects on ecosystems and ecosystem services.
- 2.2 Improving/Developing approaches aimed at improving our understanding of the impacts of policy interventions for the protection or restoration of ecosystem services at relevant temporal and spatial scales.
- 2.3 Developing innovative approaches for the restoration of aquatic systems (e.g. habitat dynamics, nutrient cycling, trophic relations, morphological conditions, river continuity and connectivity, sediment flows, hydraulic connectivity, groundwater flow, and ecological flow) and ecosystem services. Opportunities provided by new technological developments should be seized.
- 2.4 Analysing the potential for upscaling in space and time successful ecosystem services restoration approaches.

Topic 3. New tools and solutions for a better integration of ecosystem services into the management of water resources. Proposals may cover the following subtopics:

- 3.1 Innovative management and governance strategies for integrating ecosystem services into conservation policies and restoration measures. Proposals should build upon the ecological knowledge of indigenous and local communities to enable their involvement in the co-design and co-implementation of proposed solutions, as well as the “One Health” approach to better understand existing links between ecosystem services and human well-being.
- 3.2 Assessing the performance of different governance systems in supporting ecosystem services (resilience, adaptation to global changes, key lessons, failures) and of developing our understanding of existing barriers or resistance in the implementation of ecosystem services frameworks.

The context for the general call topics are described in Theme II of the [Water4All Strategic and Innovation Agenda \(SRIA\)](#), “Water for ecosystems and biodiversity”. Likewise, Themes VI and VII in the SRIA on “International cooperation” and “Governance”, respectively, must be considered as they are cross-cutting issues to all other themes. Applicants are encouraged to check links in the SRIA between ecosystem services and themes, subthemes, drivers and enablers. This comprehensive approach must be reflected in the proposals.

Please note:

- These call topics are overlapping and non-exclusive. Proposals can therefore address one or several topics;
- It is not compulsory to address all subtopics within a topic in the proposals;
- It is possible to submit comprehensive proposals addressing more than one topic and subtopic.

ANNEX A provides a list of national contact points (NCPs) and a matrix of the topics and modalities funded by each participating country/region.

Expected approach from the proposals

The proposals can focus on the development of new knowledge, solutions, and tools through basic research and/or the implementation of new solutions and tools for governance, management, and evidence-based

policy making leading to mitigation, adaptation, and increased resilience of aquatic ecosystems and ecosystem services to global changes, from local to global. Proposals built on existing solutions must demonstrate additional progress and impact.

New knowledge should help to develop a better understanding of the socio-economic aspects, governance and human well-being associated with the impact of global changes on ecosystems services and people. Thus, supporting strengthening socio-economic approaches to assess ecosystem services and actions to cope with pressures. Delivered knowledge needs to cover existing gaps and have the clear potential to be used in new and improved options and tools for the integration of ecosystem services into the management of water resources. Consideration should be given to understanding the social and governance barriers that prevent or delay adoption and implementation of existing ecosystem services frameworks and how to overcome these.

The proposals are also expected to contribute to the acceleration of the adoption of measures and to connect actors to improve coordination of actions. In all cases, knowledge transfer and impact of the deliverables must be demonstrated. Likewise, it should be clearly indicated how local scale projects could/should ‘scale up’ (e.g., local to regional, national to transboundary/international, etc.) and also consider cross-scale interactions.

Proposals are expected to address barriers to the adoption of proposed solutions and to the application of key lessons from other disciplines in the implementation of results. The proposals will be required to describe how results from the research can be applied and which stakeholders should be involved to achieve the desired impact. Collaboration with active projects on the topic will be welcomed to achieve synergies and avoid duplications. Links with other projects funded by Horizon Europe, the LIFE Programme, Partnerships and Missions are encouraged. Projects can build upon the results of previously funded projects such as ESMEALDA or DRYvER, or of self-funded initiatives, e.g., PEER’s PRESS project. Applicants are encouraged to use existing resources and infrastructures for their project. However, proposals must not duplicate past efforts and results delivered by projects and other actions funded by other instruments, e.g., Horizon 2020, Water JPI, Biodiversa+ and PRIMA calls. Therefore, approaches built on the results of previous projects must demonstrate that they include improved and/or new ideas and approaches.

Impact of the proposals

Proposals are expected to identify challenges and provide solutions to beneficiaries at local to global scale. Furthermore, EC aims for Horizon Europe to create significant societal and environmental impact. Therefore, proposals are expected to clarify the impact their research is expected to achieve in the long term and how they contribute to the overall impacts defined for this call:

- Integration of ecosystem services approach and accounting approaches in policy and practice;
- Improved governance of ecosystems for the delivery and protection of their ecosystem services;
- Mitigation and adaptation to global changes, and improved resilience of aquatic ecosystems for securing delivery of services;
- Supporting the implementation of the UN SDGs and ensuring a Just Transition for all, EU Green Deal, Biodiversity Strategy;
- Maintenance or restoration of natural ecosystems for preservation of ecosystem services;
- Providing guidelines for the creation and management of habitats in regions where they were previously lost (e.g., in urban areas) to restore lost ecosystem services.

Credible societal impact will require input from stakeholders when formulating the knowledge gaps to be addressed in the proposal (co-design) and actively working together on the project with those stakeholders while exchanging knowledge (co-creation). Diversity of stakeholders, spanning the entire research and innovation chain, is important to accurately describe the problem and develop solutions to better guarantee policy implementation of the results, e.g., representatives from water agencies, the business and financial sectors, water authorities, NGOs, ministries, academia, citizens etc. Consortia should also crosscut scientific disciplinary boundaries (multi- or interdisciplinarity).

Applicants are highly encouraged to use a “Theory of Change” to help define their project, both for analysis of the problem to be addressed and to indicate via what route the expected results of the project could eventually lead to societal impact.

“Theory of Change” can be found in ANNEX B, including a link to an online workshop applicant can use.

Call Structure

2023 Joint Transnational Call Structure, including its modalities

Applicants are invited to submit their proposals under the Joint Transnational Call or one of its modalities, provided they comply with the general and national/regional eligibility requirements:

- **Joint Transnational Call** – the annual Water4All call for funding of excellent research and innovation proposals
- **Early Career Researchers modality** – aimed at projects coordinated by early career researchers. The thematic framework described in Chapter 2, the proposal structure and the evaluation process are the same as for the JTC.
- **Modality of participating in the Knowledge Hub** - project proposals submitted under the JTC and the ECR modality have an option of including the participation of one researcher in the KH activities. The participation of consortia under the KH is encouraged, nevertheless, these proposals will not be favoured to other proposals not participating.

IMPORTANT: Applicants mark in the submission tool under which modality they are applying (regular JTC or ECR, both with the option of participating in the KH, provided they comply with the criteria). The thematic framework, the evaluation criteria and the pre-proposal template are the same for the JTC and for the ECR except for the eligibility criteria for the Consortium Coordinator. The applicants who include the KH option in their proposal have to provide information in a separate section of the Submission tool. The applicants must comply with the General eligibility criteria as stated in Chapter 4, as well as with the [national/regional regulations](#) for each of the modalities. **Not all FPOs financially support all three modalities** (see ANNEX A).

1.1.1. The Water4All Knowledge Hub in the context of the 2023 Joint Transnational Call

The researchers coming from the JTC and ECR projects selected for funding and who chose to join this modality in their application (one expert per project) will take part in the Water4All KH, whose aim is to contribute to knowledge synthesis, dissemination, and networking activities. The KH will thus have the same timeline as the funded Transnational Projects and is expected to produce specific activities and outputs, including but not limited to the following:

- Knowledge synthesis outputs, including policy briefs, state-of-the art reports, concept notes, fact sheets, position papers, etc. that appeal to different target groups, ranging from the general public to policy makers at various levels;

- Foresight exercises (events, workshops...) (e.g., in response to new policy priorities or societal challenges);
- Short summaries of any published articles;
- Joint peer-reviewed publications from Water4All funded projects;
- Online thematic events on Water4All JTC themes;
- Learning and training content to increase/ maximize use of Water4All outputs;
- Feedback and Input into the update of the Water4All SRIA;

The added value of the KH for the participating researchers is to:

- Enable the valorisation of research project results and foster knowledge transfer to relevant stakeholders;
- Allow researchers to contribute to Water4All SRIA updates and inform the contents of the Strategic Research & Innovation needs for future funding;
- Provide researchers with opportunities for networking, knowledge exchange and uptake of research outcomes;
- Facilitate cooperation resulting in high-impact publications;
- Contribute to a greater number of scientific outputs (publications, patents, license, etc.) through collaboration;
- Build researchers' capacity through integrated, transnational and multi-disciplinary approaches and exchange of good practices;
- Contribute to the EU legislation evolution.

The Terms of Reference in ANNEX C describe in details the aim and the implementation of the 2023 Water4All Knowledge Hub, including further details on the expected activities, outputs, and the KH governance.

1.1.2. Modality of Early Career Researchers

The ECR modality focuses on developing capacities for talented early career researchers by giving them an opportunity to act as project Coordinators in this call. The principle criterion for the early career researcher acting as Coordinator is to have obtained their PhD less than 10 years before the call launch³. The aim of this modality is to support early career researchers to conduct basic or applicable research related to JTC topics and to provide them with a platform to present their research as well as forge valuable international connections with other researchers in a similar field.

The ECR modality is governed by the same thematic framework and evaluation criteria as the JTC, but under different general eligibility criteria for the Consortium Coordinator of the proposal. **The Consortium Coordinators complying with the ECR criteria may choose to apply under the JTC or ECR, but not under both JTC and ECR.**

While the evaluation and ranking of the proposals submitted in the JTC and ECR will be done under a single call process and subject to the same rules, the funding organisations participating in the ECR modality with available budget will prioritize the funding of ECR proposals, in cases of equal ranking of several projects.

³ Unless the FPOs calculate any exemption (e.g. maternity leave) as specified in the national/regional regulation annex.

Participating countries

A total of 36 Funding Partner Organisations (FPOs) from 30 countries have agreed to launch a Joint Transnational Call for RDI proposals on the topic “Aquatic Ecosystem services”. In addition, a total of 17 FPOs from 15 countries will support the Knowledge hub activities and 18 FPOs from 16 countries will support the Early Career Researcher modality.

The research teams applying for funding shall comply with **national/regional regulation of their respective FPO**. The participation of applicants from other countries is allowed, provided they have their own separate source of funding or if funds by another source are guaranteed (i.e., by a national or international funding organisation). In this case, the commitment of these partners must be provided upon submitting the full proposal.

For more information on eligibility of international research institutions please see section 4.3 Eligibility of international research institutions.

Applicants should note that in some countries, several funding organisations participate in the call with different organisational rules and priorities. Applicants must pay attention to the [national/regional regulations](#) and if questions arise, it is highly recommended to contact the NCPs before submitting a pre-proposal and full proposal (see list in ANNEX A).

Financial Commitment

A total of approx. 37 million Euros has been provisionally allocated for the 2023 JTC and its modalities by the participating FPOs with the support of the EU (Table 1). These funds will be used for RDI activities carried out by researchers, institutions and companies according to the funding rules and legal frameworks of their respective FPOs.

Partners applying in a consortium cannot request more funding per modality than their relevant FPO stated in the [national/regional regulations](#) to this Call Announcement.

TABLE 1: WATER4ALL FPOs PARTICIPATION IN THE 2023 JTC AND ITS MODALITIES

	Country	Funding Partner Organisation		JTC	ECR (for Consortium Coordinator)	KH	National budget for the JTC and its modalities (tentative)
1	Austria	Fonds zur Förderung der wissenschaftlichen Forschung	FWF	X	No	No	500 000
2	Belgium	Flanders foreign investment office	FIO	X	No	X	800 000
3	Belgium	Fonds Voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek-Vlaanderen	FWO	X	X	X	700 000

4	Belgium	Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique	F.R.S.-FNRS	X	X	X	300 000
5	Brazil	Brazilian National Council of State Funding Agencies	CONFAP	X	X	X	2 030 000
6	Brazil	Brazilian National Council for Scientific and Technological Development	CNPq	X	No	No	100 000
7	Czechia	Technology Agency of the Czech Republic	TA CR	X	No	X	450 000
8	Denmark	Innovation Fund Denmark	IFD	X	No	No	1 000 000
9	Estonia	Sihtasutus Eesti Teadusagentuur	ETAg	X	No	No	300 000
10	Finland	Suomen Akatemia	AKA	X	X	X	850 000
11	Finland	Ministry of the Environment	YM	X	X	No	150 000
12	France	Agence Nationale de la Recherche	ANR	X	X	X	1 700 000
13	Greece	General Secretariat of Research & Innovation	GSRI	X	No	No	500 000
14	Hungary	Nemzeti Kutatási, Fejlesztési és Innovációs Hivatal	NKFIH	X	No	No	330 000
15	Ireland	Environmental Protection Agency of Ireland	EPA	X	X	X	500 000
16	Italy	Ministero dell'Università e della Ricerca	MUR	X	X	X	2 000 000
17	Italy	Ministero delle Imprese e del Made in Italy	MIMIT	X	No	No	3 000 000
18	Israel	Ministry of Energy	MoE	X	No	No	400 000
19	Latvia	Latvijas Zinātnes padome	LZP	X	X	No	Pending
20	Lithuania	Lietuvos mokslo taryba	LMT	X	X	No	200 000
21	Luxembourg	Luxembourg National Research Fund	FNR	X	X	No	350 000
22	Malta	Ministry for Environment, Energy and Enterprise	MEEE	X	X	X	300 000

23	Moldova	National Agency for Research and Development	NARD	X	X	X	100 000
24	Netherlands	Dutch Research Council	NWO	X	No	X	1 500 000
25	Norway	Research Council of Norway	RCN	X	X	X	1 000 000
26	Poland	Narodowe Centrum Badań i Rozwoju	NCBR	X	No	No	1 000 000
27	Portugal	Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia	FCT	X	X	X	500 000
28	Romania	The Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding	UEFISCDI	X	No	No	1 000 000
29	Slovak Republic	Slovak Academy of Sciences	SAS	X	No	No	240 000
30	South Africa	Water Research Commission	WRC and DSI	X	No	No	90 000
31	Spain	Agencia Estatal de Investigación	AEI	X	X	X	1 400 000
32	Spain	Centre for the Development of Industrial Technology	CDTI	X	No	No	1 200 000
33	Sweden	The Swedish Research Council for Environment, Agricultural Sciences and Spatial Planning	FORMAS	X	X	X	2 000 000
34	Switzerland	Swiss National Science Foundation	SNSF	X	X	No	1 100 000
35	Turkey	Turkiye Bilimsel Ve Teknolojik Arastirma Kurumu	TUBITAK	X	No	No	500 000
36	United Kingdom	Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council and Natural Environment Research Council	EPSRC UKRI and NERC	X	No	X	1 450 000
Estimated EU contribution (in Euro)							6 899 220
Total national commitments (in Euro)							30 200 000
Total contribution (in Euro)							37 099 220
EU Member States and Associated countries				Third countries and other countries			

Call Process

The application process consists of two consecutive steps. **The submission of a pre-proposal in Step 1 is mandatory.** It is not possible to enter the application procedure at a later stage.

STEP 1

The Consortium Coordinator must submit a pre-proposal on behalf of the consortium, providing key data on the proposed project.

The Consortium Coordinators fulfilling the condition of eligibility of the modality of ECR (see section 3.1.2) are invited to mark it in the submission tool. Their pre-proposals are submitted as part of the ECR modality. The deadline for the submission of the pre-proposal is 13/11/2023, 15h00 CET.

STEP 2

The Consortium Coordinator must submit a full proposal on behalf of the consortium. The deadline for full proposal submission is 29/04/2024, 15h00 CET. Deadline to be confirmed after Step 1.

ANNEX A provides the contact information of the NCPs in each participating country/region for the 2023 JTC and its modalities. It is required that each partner in a consortium checks their [national/regional regulations](#) for each modality prior to submission of a pre-proposal and full proposal and confirms their eligibility with the NCPs.

Dates and deadlines

Tentative Time Schedule of the Water4All 2023 Joint Transnational Call and its modalities	
First Step: Submission of pre-proposals	
July 2023	Call Pre-announcement
12 Sept. 2023	Call Publication and 1 st Step opening
13 Nov. 2023, 15.00 CET	Deadline for submission of the pre-proposals
End of Feb. 2024	Notification to the applicants of the 1 st Step outcomes
28 Feb. - 12 Mar. 2024	Period for request to redress
Second Step: Submission of full proposals	
28 Feb. 2024	2 nd Step opening
29 Apr. 2024, 15.00 CEST	Deadline for submission of the full proposals
September 2024	Notification to the applicants of the 2 nd Step outcomes
September/October 2024	Period for request to redress
September/October 2024	Communication of the decision after request to redress

Last quarter 2024 / 1 st quarter 2025	Start of the Transnational Projects
Last quarter 2027 / 1 st quarter 2028	End of the Transnational Projects

Confidentiality & Conflict of interest

Research plans (pre-proposals and full proposals), abstracts, and evaluation statements are confidential documents. Proposal documents are therefore handled and stored with due care and confidentiality.

Water4All consortium and its Call Secretariat ensure complete confidentiality to applicants during the evaluation process, i.e., the proposals will only be available to the national/regional funding organisations and the mandated experts responsible for the evaluation of the proposal. Experts appointed for the evaluation will sign a confidentiality agreement and will be asked to declare any conflict of interest. The proposals will be handled by the Water4All Call Secretariat. Each of the funding organizations will subsequently handle projects approved for funding. Accordingly, national law will govern. Projects approved for funding will be governed by the applicable law on confidentiality, including, where relevant, national law of the participating funding organisations.

The publishable information of the Transnational Projects selected for funding, as listed in below section 3.7, will be published at the end of the call process.

Publishable Information

A list of the funded Transnational Projects will be published at the end of the call process (once the projects have been selected). Therefore, applicants should be aware that the following information from the proposals may be published by Water4All and FPOs for promotional purposes: (1) Project Title and Project Acronym, (2) Publishable abstract, (3) Duration of the project, (4) Total costs and total funding of the research project, (5) Organisation name and country of each partner, (5) Name of the Project Coordinator.

Privacy Policy

By submitting the application, the Consortium Coordinator and partners agree to the use, to the share (for specific purposes: e.g., evaluation, for future nomination of experts, Water4all specific communication) and to the storage of projects related information according to the Privacy Policy and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Further information on Privacy Policy⁴ is presented on the Online Submission Tool.

Eligibility criteria

Partners should note that the general eligibility criteria (section 4.1) and the [national/regional regulations](#) are decisive for the initial evaluation of proposals, at both first and second steps.

A proposal that does not fulfil all the general eligibility criteria will be declined without any further review. Ineligibility of a partner applying for funding may cause the rejection of the entire proposal without further review. Therefore, before submitting an application, the Consortium Coordinator should verify that all partners of the consortium have read their corresponding [national/regional regulations](#). Coordinators and project partners must be aware that some national funding agencies require the submission of national documents in addition to the international pre-proposal.

⁴ <https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/privacy-policy>

Proposals passing the general and national eligibility checks will be assessed by the Evaluation Panel (EP). The Call Secretariat (CS), on behalf of the Call Steering Committee (CSC), will communicate the results of the eligibility check and the decisions taken to the Coordinator of each consortium.

Eligibility of Water4All Partnership beneficiaries

Research teams from some beneficiaries of Water4All partnership may exceptionally participate to this co-funded call; the list of the beneficiaries of Water4All partnership and those allowed to participate in the projects' consortia are indicated in ANNEX D. **For those beneficiaries, measures have been foreseen to mitigate the risk of, perception of, or de facto conflict of interest or unequal treatment of applicants.** No other beneficiary of Water4All partnership may apply for funding under the 2023 JTC or its modalities.

General eligibility criteria

The general eligibility criteria for the JTC and the ECR modality (which both may or may not include the Knowledge Hub modality) are summarized in Table 2. In case of not fulfilling these requirements, the proposal will not be considered for funding. The KH modality itself is not subject to general eligibility criteria, however, the [national/regional regulations](#) must be respected by the nominated experts.

TABLE 2: GENERAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE JTC AND THE ECR MODALITY

Scope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposals must address at least one main topic, even though it is not compulsory to address all subtopics within a topic in the proposals.
Consortium composition	<p>General consortium composition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each consortium must be composed of at least a minimum of three (3) eligible partners that request funding from participating Funding Partner Organisations (FPOs) from three different countries. In addition to the abovementioned condition, the projects must involve at least two independent legal entities from two different EU Member States or Horizon Europe Associated Countries* as recipients of the financial support. <i>* at the time of the closing of the call by 13 November 2023 / 29 April 2024.</i> The upper limit of eligible project partners per consortium is seven (7) (including 1 self-funded partner) for the projects submitted as JTC as well as for those under the ECR modality. The national/regional regulations may limit the maximum number of partners from the same country within the consortium. For proposals involving up to five (5) partners, maximum two (2) entities that are also involved in the Water4All partnership (listed in ANNEX D) may participate in the same proposal. Larger proposals may involve up to three (3) entities that are also involved in the Water4All partnership (listed in ANNEX D). <p>Consortium Coordinator in JTC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In each proposal, one of the entities must act as the Consortium Coordinator who has the responsibility for submitting the proposal. The Consortium Coordinator must be eligible for funding by a FPO of this call. The Principal Investigators (PI) of the entity acting as Consortium Coordinator can only participate in one proposal of either JTC or the ECR modality (i.e., if the PI is

	<p>the Consortium Coordinator of a proposal, he/she cannot participate in any other proposal of the JTC or ECR, neither as a Consortium Coordinator nor as PI of a partner).</p>
	<p>Consortium Coordinator in ECR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Consortium Coordinator must have obtained his/her PhD less than 10 years prior to the call launch. The other PIs in the Consortium do not need to be early career researchers. • A Consortium Coordinator who complies with the ECR criteria may decide whether they wish to participate in the JTC or in the ECR, however, participation in both modalities is incompatible. • In each proposal, one of the entities must act as the Consortium Coordinator which has the responsibility for submitting the proposal. • The Consortium Coordinator must be eligible for funding by a FPO of this call. • The PI of the entity acting as Consortium Coordinator can only participate in one proposal of either JTC or the ECR modality (i.e., if the PI is the Consortium Coordinator of a proposal, he/she cannot participate in any other proposal of the JTC or ECR, neither as a Consortium Coordinator nor as PI of a partner).
	<p>Workload</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The workload distribution within a consortium must be balanced, and no partner (including a self-funded partner) shall have more than 50% of person months. • Partners from the same country shall not have, altogether, more than 50 % of person months
	<p>Partners not requiring funding (self-funded partners)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No more than one self-funded project partner per consortium is allowed. • The applicants have to prove their willingness to self-fund their own activities or the willingness of other partners to fund their activities by sending a letter of intent/commitment together with the full proposal. • They have to follow the rules given in this Call Announcement and have to be part of the project consortium agreement. • A self-funded partner cannot coordinate a project. • They are not considered in the minimum requirement of eligible partners and countries in the Water4All eligibility criteria. • They are counted for the requirement of the maximum number of partners in a project.
Duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Transnational Projects duration must be 36 months. • Start date and end date of the researcher groups within the consortium must be aligned as far as possible.
Submission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-proposals and full proposals must be submitted before the deadlines. • Pre-proposals and full proposals must be submitted correctly and completely via the Online Submission Tool as outlined in Chapter 6. • Pre-proposals and full proposals must be written in English.

Nomination of expert for participation in Knowledge Hub modality

Each Consortium submitting a proposal in the JTC or ECR modality is encouraged to nominate **one expert** (maximum) amongst the researchers involved in the project to participate to the KH activities on behalf of

the consortium if the project is finally selected for funding. The consortia are strongly advised to check their [national/regional regulations](#) to see which funding organisations are supporting this activity, the budget available depending on the role in the KH. Consortia who decide to participate in the KH activities must fill out a dedicated section on the KH activities, and join the CV of the nominated expert and a budget request. The applicants will be able to apply for the roles of experts, scientific coordinator, or facilitator. More information on the organisation and the roles of the KH can be found in the Terms of Reference (ANNEX C).

National/regional eligibility criteria

In addition to the general eligibility criteria, each project partner must ensure that his/her contribution to the overall project conforms to the [national/regional regulations](#) of their respective FPO for the JTC and its modalities:

- Where applicable, relevance of the proposal to the topic(s)/subtopic(s) funded by national/regional FPOs;
- Compliance with national/regional funding criteria and regulations;
- Compliance with limits to budget requests;
- Where requested by the national/regional FPO, submission of additional national documents in accordance with national rules.

Eligibility of international research institutions

The following eligibility rules count for international research institutions:

- **The Joint Research Centre (JRC)** can participate in a proposal as a partner. Coordinating the proposal is not possible, since they do not “belong” to any FPO country. They will have to participate at their own expenses. They will not count in the "three different eligible entities" rule from three different FPO countries for eligibility purposes. The formal signed letter of availability of funds should be included in the full proposal as an Annex.
- **Partners from countries not participating in the call** may join consortia only as partners (not as coordinator). Participation will be at the institutions' own expense. Moreover, such partners will have to demonstrate that they will achieve the related tasks in the proposal. The formal signed letter of availability of funds should be included in the full proposal as an Annex.
- **International institutions**, e.g. UN institutions, need to investigate their respective national eligibility guidelines for national and/or global funding and make sure they would be able to fulfil the duties of funded projects (i.e. signature of consortium agreement).

Recommendations for the applicants

All partners within a consortium should take into consideration the following recommendations for setting up their project proposals:

Scope

- Proposals should go beyond the state of the art by providing high quality RDI and, when appropriate, make use of innovative technologies, approaches and concepts to do so;
- Proposals should consider on-going research activities funded by other instruments, programmes or projects. Identification and cooperation with these activities is of high importance;
- Proposals should consider and incorporate appropriate cross-cutting issues, such as socio-economic and/or capacity development.

Consortium composition

- All proposals are encouraged to consider geographical balance and implementation in appropriate geographic settings and according to the objectives of the proposal, including in low- and middle-income countries/regions, and less performing countries.
- Project partners may participate in more than one proposal provided this is in line with the national/regional regulations.
- Participation of legal entities from countries (and/or regions) not participating in the call, at the entities' own expense, is welcome.
- Project partners that are not eligible for funding may participate at their own expense or if they have their own separate source of funding. They have to comply with requirements set out in Table 2 for partners not requiring funds.
- It is encouraged but not compulsory to involve stakeholders (i.e., small and medium enterprises (SMEs), industries, authorities, public administrations, associations, as well as civil society organisations) as partners or self-funded partners. The participation of stakeholders is subject to [national/regional regulations](#) if eligible for funding.
- All proposals should integrate the gender dimension⁵ of RDI activities.
- Every partner in a proposal, including a self-funded partner and subcontracted partner, needs a Participant Identification Code (PIC) from the EC to be included in the submission. The applicants have to check their PIC or ask for the creation of a PIC well in advance of the submission⁶.

Budget

- There is no specific limit of total budget per proposal.
- The requested total budget of proposals is only limited by the number of eligible partners and by the budget of each partner. **Please consider the national regulations of each FPO with regard to the specific budget limitations.**

Duration

Duration of the Transnational Projects must be **36 months**. Funded consortia will be asked to agree on a starting date no later than 31 March 2025 and an end date no later than 31 March 2028.

Further considerations

Applicants should also take into consideration the following:

- All Partners and the Consortium Coordinator must comply with the applicable national and EU rules and legal provisions, for instance about competition and EU State aid rules, environment, utilisation of genetic resources, equal opportunity and gender, and public contracting whenever applicable.
- Plan and complete the application process as soon as possible to avoid an overload of the system near the deadline and ensure the support by the CS or the NCPs in case of need.
- The financial plan and allocation of resources (table available in the electronic submission system and filled in by the Consortium Coordinator following the instructions given by all Partners) should be coherent with the work plan proposed. Funding requests which are not adequately justified may affect the evaluation score given to the proposal.

⁵ https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/grants_manual/hi/gender/h2020-hi-guide-gender_en.pdf

⁶ 9-digit number serving as a unique identifier for organisations (legal entities) participating in EU funding programmes / procurements. If needed, one can apply for a temporary PIC on: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/how-to-participate/participant-register>. A search tool for organisations and their PICs is available on <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/how-to-participate/participant-register-search>. We suggest validating the PICs via the public available Partner Search – Organisation Profile service. This allows use to fill out some requested data inputs automatically, which is less error-prone and provides much better user experience. <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/support/apis>

Ethical Issues

Ethical issues will be taken into account in the scientific evaluation of proposals and when making the funding recommendation. Applicants should always describe any relevant ethical aspects in their research plans. If a research permit or a statement by an ethics committee is required for the implementation of the project, applicants should provide information on the permits or permit proposals.

Any proposal which seems to contravene fundamental ethical principles will not be selected and may be excluded from the evaluation and selection procedure. Judgment of the significance of ethical issues will be made by using the criteria published by the European Commission in its guidelines on How to Complete your Ethics Self-Assessment⁷.

The Transnational Project must comply with the EU "Do no significant harm" principle (DNSH).

Evaluation of Proposals

Evaluation Procedures

A two-step evaluation procedure will apply, for the pre-proposals (step 1) and the full proposal (step 2) respectively. The evaluation procedure will be common for all proposals submitted under the JTC and ECR modality. The KH modality in the proposals is optional and as such not subject to the evaluation procedure.

The CSC will set up an Evaluation Panel (EP), which will be comprised of international scientific experts from the relevant research areas covered in this call. Its composition will consider the gender and geographical balance. The EP members cannot be applicants in the joint call and cannot evaluate proposals with which they declared a conflict of interest, to ensure a fair evaluation process and equal treatment of applicants.

The CS will check that no Conflict of Interest exists concerning the proposals evaluated.

The EP will be headed by a Chair and a Vice-Chair. The Chair and Vice-Chair will be in charge of moderating the EP meetings and conveying the results of the discussions to the CSC.

All proposals, either submitted under the JTC or the ECR modality will be evaluated by the same EP and in accordance with the same evaluation criteria (see section 5.2) and ranked in the same ranking list.

An independent observer will be invited as external observer to the EP meetings to assess the conformity of the general procedure with the EU regulation.

Step 1 (Pre-proposal stage)

Pre-proposals submitted correctly and within the deadline will be checked for eligibility by the CS against criteria defined in Chapter 4 and by the FPOs according to their national/regional criteria.

All eligible pre-proposals should be subject to a scientific evaluation by three (3) EP members, as far as possible, based on two criteria - 'Excellence' and 'Impact' (see Table 3). One of the EP members will act as the rapporteur during the EP meeting.

During the EP meeting, the evaluation results of each pre-proposal will be presented by the rapporteur. The EP will discuss the pre-proposals and agree on the final scores for each criterion. All applicants will receive a consensus report from the EP.

A ranking list of pre-proposals will be produced, including only those pre-proposals that meet the minimum threshold, i.e., 3 out of 5 in each criterion. The final score will be agreed by the EP for each criterion, and afterwards, the two criteria will be summed up to produce the final score.

⁷ Link: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/how-to-complete-your-ethics-self-assessment_en.pdf

The objective of this first step is to identify the best proposals to proceed to Step 2 and to ensure balance between requested and available funds at the national/regional level. The ranked eligible pre-proposals will be sent to the CSC and divided in 3 groups, according to their scores: Group A (highest evaluation scores), Group B (medium evaluation scores) and Group C (low evaluation scores). All pre-proposals in Group A, will be invited to Step 2. Among the pre-proposals in Group B, proposals will be selected to Step 2, taking into account the ranking list, the representativeness of all FPOs, the participation in the ECR modality and the funding ratio limits. Pre-proposals in Group C will be dismissed for their low classification. Consortium Coordinators will be informed of the outcomes by the CS and, if appropriate, invited to submit a full proposal.

Step 2 (Full proposal stage)

After the submission deadline for full proposals, the submitted full proposals will be checked to ensure that they meet the formal call criteria and have not changed substantially from the respective pre-proposals. Full proposals not meeting the formal conditions will be rejected without further review.

As in Step 1, each full proposal will be reviewed by three (3) members of the EP based on three criteria - ‘**Excellence**’, ‘**Impact**’ and ‘**Quality and Efficiency of Implementation**’. The EP members will assess the full proposals in advance of the EP meeting and prepare individual evaluation reports. In case of a missing expertise in the EP for some full proposals, the CS will identify and mobilize external experts to obtain three (3) individual evaluation reports.

The evaluation results for each full proposal will then be presented by the rapporteur during an EP meeting and discussed by the Panel members. The EP meeting will complete the evaluation procedure by agreeing on the final individual score for each criterion, and the overall score for each proposal. Due to the large number of proposals evaluated, the EP could decide to focus on those proposals that report divergent scores from the evaluators. Any proposal where there is a consensus between the evaluators on any of the three criteria being below the threshold (i.e. 3 out of 5 in each criterion) may not be discussed and ranked by the EP (regardless if there is divergence or not in other scores). The overall threshold on the final score is 10/15: no project with a lower score will be funded.

The decisions of the EP should be taken collectively, preferably by consensus or by simple majority of the panel members, in case consensus cannot be reached. The rapporteur will produce a common consensus report on behalf of the EP for each full proposal, which will be transmitted to the applicants.

A ranking list of proposals will be produced based on the final scores, following the same methodology as in Step 1. The final ranking list will be forwarded to the CSC, which will meet to decide on the projects to be recommended for funding by FPOs. For this decision, the CSC will strictly follow the order of the ranking list from the EP until the available funding is exhausted.

The projects with the same final scores will be prioritised by the CSC taking into consideration a number of principles. The CSC may decide how to use these principles providing that they are used uniformly for all proposals:

- Maximizing the total number of projects funded and thus optimizing the amount of EC financial support to the Water4All call;
- Prioritizing the projects submitted under the ECR modality;
- Maximizing the number of countries/regions involved into the projects funded;
- Assuring a good balance between different topics of the call;
- Promoting the allocation of the EC financial support pro rata, based on the actual contributions of the Funding Organisations involved in the proposals.

Once the available EC funding is exhausted, in case funds remain available for some FPOs supporting the ECR modality, a second step of selection will apply to a short list of proposals submitted under the ECR modality, following strictly the order of the ranking list from the EP for proposals submitted under the ECR modality and provided that these projects are of sufficient quality (i.e., threshold in section 5.3).

The applicants will be informed about the final outcome of the call.

Evaluation Criteria

If a pre-proposal or a full proposal passes the general and national/regional eligibility checks, it will be evaluated following the procedures reported in the previous section 5.1. The following evaluation criteria will be applied by the EP members (as well as the external experts, if needed) in order to assess each proposal:

TABLE 3: EVALUATION CRITERIA

Excellence	Impact	Implementation
Threshold: 3/5	Threshold: 3/5	Threshold: 3/5
<p>1.1 Clarity and pertinence of the project’s objectives to the Water4All 2023 JTC topics and extent to which the proposed work is ambitious, and goes beyond the state of the art.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is the proposal contributing to and/or increasing the advancement of the Science & Technology knowledge? - Does the proposal take scientific and/or technological risk? (Please comment...) - Does the proposal have a potential breakthrough despite this risk-taking? <p>1.2 Addressing the knowledge gaps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Are the methodology and research design clear, feasible and suitable to answer the identified knowledge gaps and/or achieve the proposed objectives? - Are risks properly identified and managed? 	<p>2.1 Credibility of the pathways to achieve the expected outcomes and impacts specified in the call text, and the likely scale and significance of the contributions from the project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is the plan for impact clear and does it follow logically from the expected results of the project? - Is it suitably ambitious with regards to solving the problem addressed? - Is there strategic impact on reinforcing competitiveness and/or on solving societal or environmental problems at European and international level? <p>2.2 Suitability and quality of the measures to maximise expected outcomes and impacts, as set out in the dissemination and exploitation plan, including communication activities.</p>	<p>3.1 Quality and effectiveness of the work plan, assessment of risks, and appropriateness of the effort assigned to work packages, and the resources overall.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is the proposed organization and management of the scientific project effective and efficient? - Are the management structures and procedures, including risk and innovation management, appropriate? - Are the resources assigned to the work packages in line with their objectives and deliverables? <p>3.2 Capacity and role of each participant, and the extent to which the consortium as a whole brings together the necessary expertise.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Are participants in the proposal well-suited to the tasks assigned to them (necessary expertise)?

<p>1.3 Soundness of the proposed methodology, including the underlying concepts, models, assumptions, inter-disciplinary approaches, appropriate consideration of the ethical issues according to the EU "Do no significant harm" principle (DNSH), appropriate consideration of the gender dimension in research and innovation content, and the quality of open science practices, including sharing and management of research outputs and engagement of citizens, civil society and stakeholders where appropriate.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Are there feasible exploitation and dissemination plans of the scientific project results (including management and IPR) - Are the expected results or the knowledge acquired of importance for economic/ societal sectors and the economic development? - Is there a clear communication plan? <p>2.3 Added value of European transnational co-operation and networking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Does the proposal identify the right actors to make successful use of the results possible? - Is there are clear plan for interactions with /exchange and transfer of results within the consortium, to stakeholders or society? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is their role well-defined and do they complement each other well? - Are tasks well balanced among partners? <p>3.3 Appropriateness of the partners and justification of the resources to be committed (budget, staff, equipment ...)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is the estimated effort/allocation of resources appropriate? - Is it ensured that all participants have a valid role and adequate resources in the project to fulfil that role? - Do the work and financial plans plus the time schedule show prospects for success? - Is there a balance of scientific and financial contributions from respective countries' partners?
<p>Overall Score Threshold: 10/15</p>		

Scoring system

Evaluation Panel members will address all sub-criteria described in Table 3, but individual scores will be attributed only to the three main criteria. Each criterion will be scored from 0 to 5 (no half marks allowed) based on the scoring system. The threshold for each criterion is 3 out of 5: no project with a lower score for one of the criteria, or an overall score lower than ten (10) at Step 2 will be funded.

TABLE 4: SCORING SYSTEM

<p>0 – LIMITED - The proposal fails to address the criterion or cannot be assessed due to missing or incomplete information.</p> <p>1 – POOR - The criterion is inadequately addressed, or there are serious inherent weaknesses.</p> <p>2 - FAIR - The proposal broadly addresses the criterion, but there are significant weaknesses.</p> <p>3 – GOOD - The proposal addresses the criterion well, but a number of shortcomings are present.</p> <p>4 – VERY GOOD - The proposal addresses the criterion very well, but a small number of shortcomings are present.</p> <p>5 – EXCELLENT - The proposal successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the</p>
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EP members will identify strengths, shortcomings and weaknesses (if any) and provide context for their comments based on the application, i.e., EP members will be asked to score proposals as they were submitted, rather than on their potential if certain changes were to be made. When an EP member identifies substantial shortcomings and weaknesses, he/she must reflect this by awarding a lower score for the criterion concerned. There should be consistency between the numerical scores and written comments.

Funding recommendation

Transnational Projects will be recommended for funding by the CSC, based on the ranking lists of the full proposals described above and in accordance with budgetary considerations.

Final funding decisions are made by the participating FPOs.

Redress procedure

Applicants can request to redress the evaluation outcome if they suspect a breach in the application of the evaluation and selection procedures. This redress procedure only covers the procedural aspects of the evaluation and/or eligibility checks, including the national eligibility checks. The request to redress will not call into question the scientific or technical judgement of appropriately qualified experts.

In this case they shall submit their appeal to the Partnership Coordination Team of Water4All (redress_water4all@agencerecherche.fr) and the CS (Water4All-CallsFR@agencerecherche.fr) via email, up to 14 calendar days after the date of dispatch of the evaluation outcome email by the CS at the end of each stage (first or second step). The proposal outcome email containing the results of the evaluation will give information on the appeals procedure, which is described below.

Admissibility of request to redress

For a request to redress to be admissible the following conditions must be met:

- The request must be submitted by the Consortium Coordinator of the proposal to which the request to redress relates
- Only one request to redress per proposal will be considered
- The request must be addressed to the Water4All Vice-Chair
- The request must be submitted via email within the 14 calendar days deadline

- The request must contain the following minimum information:
 - The name of the call for proposals;
 - The proposal number;
 - The title of the proposal;
 - A description of the alleged shortcomings of the evaluation procedure.

The request to redress must demonstrate a procedural irregularity, factual error, manifest error of assessment, misuse of powers, or a conflict of interests. Requests to redress that do not meet the above conditions, do not deal with the evaluation of a specific proposal or merely express disagreement with the result or the reasoning of the evaluation will not be considered suitable for redress.

Procedure

Upon receipt of a request to redress, an acknowledgement of receipt will be sent by the CS within 7 calendar days. The acknowledgement will report the redress process and the anticipated date by which a decision on the request to redress will be communicated to the appellant.

All requests to redress received by the 14 calendar days deadline will be processed together and the decision will be communicated to the appellant within 14 calendar days from the deadline for submitting the requests. The Water4All Vice-Chair will establish an internal “Redress Committee” chaired by the Water4All Vice-Chair and comprised of the Independent Observer, one representative from the Ethics and Deontology Board of Water4All and one representative of the Water4All consortium (Pillar B leader / representative of the Water4All Partnership Coordination Team / FPO not involved in the 2023 JTC). The role of the “Redress Committee” is to evaluate the requests to redress according to the procedure, ensuring fair and equal treatment of applicants.

They will examine the requests with support of the CS and one representative per FPO concerned by the requesting projects, if needed. The “Redress Committee” will provide its opinion on the implementation of the evaluation procedure, on the basis of the available information related to the proposal and its evaluation, and will make recommendation to the Water4All Vice-Chair, who is in charge of deciding, except for national eligibility.

A negative national eligibility check of a FPO cannot be overruled by the Vice-Chair. Requests to redress on national eligibility decisions will be assessed by the FPO responsible for the national eligibility check, that will provide justification about its decision to the Vice Chair, in order to prove that national funding rules listed in the Call Announcement have been applied correctly.

For Step 1: Pre-proposals which were originally considered ineligible or not admissible to submit a full proposal, but which the Water4All Vice-Chair found to be eligible, will be allowed to participate in Step 2. This will not lead to a change of the deadline for the full proposal submission.

For Step 2: The redress procedure may lead to a re-evaluation of all or part of the proposal by independent experts not involved in the previous evaluation or to the confirmation of the initial evaluation.

A re-evaluation will only be carried out if the request to redress shows that the selection procedure was flawed by a breach which affects the evaluation outcome and the final decision on whether to fund a proposal. This means, for example, that a problem relating to one evaluation criterion will not lead to a re-evaluation if the proposal has failed anyway on another criterion or if even by adding the maximum points for this criterion, the final score still remains below the funding threshold.

The score following any re-evaluation will be regarded as definitive. It may be lower than the original score.

All requests to redress will be treated in confidence and will not prejudice future applications.

Application procedures

A two-step application procedure will apply equally for the JTC and its modalities. Pre-proposals and full proposals must be submitted electronically via a specifically designed web platform, the [Electronic Proposal Submission System \(EPSS\)](#), using the templates provided.

Applicants should note that the online system may experience high traffic volumes in the last hours before the submission deadline and it is therefore highly recommended to submit the final version of the pre / full-proposal well in advance of the deadline to avoid any last-minute technical problems. Requests for extensions of the deadline due to last minute technical problems will not be considered.

Online Submission Tool

The Electronic Proposal Submission System (EPSS) is available at the following address: <https://proposals.etag.ee/water4all/>

Step 1 (Pre-proposal stage)

1. The Consortium Coordinator creates an account on the [EPSS Section](#) for the Water4All 2023 JTC
2. The Consortium Coordinator should choose under which modality they wish to participate: the JTC or the ECR. In all proposals (JTC and ECR), the interested consortium partner (one partner per consortium) will be able to mark their participation in the KH modality (not obligatory).
3. The coordinator can enter, edit and save the electronic forms, add partners to the consortium, upload the project description and submit the proposal. Partners can enter and edit their own data only. Coordinator can edit partner's data only after a partner has created an EPSS user account and has agreed to join the proposal
4. It is possible to update and submit the pre-proposal as many times as necessary until the submission deadline (13/11/2023, 15:00 CET).

Applicants should note that any core data change (such as the partner institutions, applicants' personal data and budget) after pre-proposal submission will need to be approved by the concerned FPO should the proposal be invited to Step 2 (See section 6.2).

The submission of a pre-proposal is mandatory. It is not possible to enter the application procedure at a later stage. The information given in the pre-proposal will be used to check for eligibility and to evaluate the pre-proposal.

Please note, that **some of the partners will also need to submit an application directly to their respective national/regional FPOs.** For further details about these procedures and schedule, please consult the [national/regional regulations](#) and/or your NCP (ANNEX A).

Step 2 (Full proposal stage)

The second step of the application consists of the submission of a more extensive full proposal. Only research consortia which successfully passed the first step will be invited to submit a full proposal.

All rules mentioned in the pre-proposal stage apply for this stage as well.

The Consortium Coordinator and the project partners should consider the following for the submission of the full proposal:

1. [The Electronic Proposal Submission System](#) will be open for invited consortia.
2. The information provided in the pre-proposal will be automatically imported into the full proposal.

3. The Consortium Coordinator can enter, edit and save all new information according to the guidelines of the full proposal in the submission tool.
4. It is possible to update and submit as many times as necessary the full proposal until the submission deadline (29/04/2024, 15:00 CEST).

Applicants should note that information on the core data (e.g., funding requested or institutions) cannot be changed in full proposals, unless explicitly requested by evaluators, by an FPO or by the CSC, or under the conditions laid down in section 6.2.

When applying, keep in mind that the submission system will close at 15:00 CET/CEST of the deadline date established for both Step 1 and Step 2. However, the CS can only ensure responses to email support requests up to 12:00 CET/CEST. The respective email contacts for the CS and NCPs are listed in the document and in ANNEX A.

For any questions regarding the submission, please contact the Water4All 2023 JTC Call Secretariat (Water4All-CallsFR@agencerecherche.fr). For any technical question regarding the EPSS, please contact the EPSS Help desk (epss.water4all@g.etag.ee).

Changes between Step 1 (Pre-proposal stage) and 2 (Full proposal stage) of the Call

Please note that the information given in the pre-proposals is binding. **No major changes regarding the proposals' content will be allowed by the Call Steering Committee (CSC) between the pre-proposals and full proposals.**

Regarding the **administrative details**, a limited number of changes may be allowed, provided they are in line with the general rules of the call and the national/regional funding rules of the FPOs. Participant shall contact the call secretariat via e-mail and their NCPs via the contacts reported in ANNEX A in order to inform them about their request to modify the project proposal data. Requests for changes shall be assessed and allowed by all the FPOs involved in the proposal.

The following changes may be accepted:

- **Minor change of budget** may be allowed by the relevant FPO.
- **Changes in the consortium composition:**
 - No changes of Coordinator (i.e., Principal Investigator of the coordinating entity) will be allowed, except in case of force majeure. A request of change of coordinator must be submitted to the Call Secretariat, at least one week before the deadline for submitting full proposals and it will be discussed on a case-by-case basis by the CSC.
 - Changes in the consortium composition are allowed (maximum 2 changes of Project Partners in proposals with more than 5 partners; maximum 1 change of project partner in proposals with 5 or less partners), provided approval by the concerned Funding Organisations. Please note that the following actions are considered as changes: addition, removal or replacement of a Partner (incl. subcontracted and self-financed partners). Please note that the maximum number of changes applies to "Partner", i.e., the independent legal entity participating in the Transnational RDI project.

Transnational Project funding and reporting

Negotiation of grant agreements

After a positive funding recommendation, the outcome of this process will be communicated by the CS to the Consortium Coordinators, who will then have to inform the Principal Investigator of the Transnational Project partners. The grants for the funded Transnational Projects will be awarded on a national/regional basis by the relevant FPO according to their terms and conditions. Each FPO will thus fund its own national /regional research teams within the project.

The project partners must directly contact their NCP (see ANNEX A) in order to start the contract negotiation and accomplish the remaining steps until the research project can start. The Consortium Coordinator is responsible for synchronising the project start with the whole consortium.

Consortium Agreement

Successful consortia must sign a Consortium Agreement before commencement of the project. This should address matters such as the regulation of intellectual property rights, decision making and actions to be taken in the event of unsatisfactory performance by one or more partners. In some countries/regions, such an agreement might be required for release of the funds. Applicants must comply with the [national/regional regulations](#) regarding this issue. Support for the preparation of a Consortium Agreement can be found on the [DESCA webpage](#).

Upon request, this Consortium Agreement must be made available to the participating FPO.

Project Reporting

In addition to the reporting required by the national/regional rules, Consortium Coordinators will be required to submit a Mid-term Progress Report and a Final Report (and deliverables needed to monitor the progress) to the CSC according to common templates which will be provided to them. All partners will have to deliver input for these reports. The monitoring will be conducted during the life span of the project.

Funding recipients must ensure that all outcomes (publications, etc.) of the Transnational Projects funded by the 2023 JTC include a proper acknowledgement of the Water4All Partnership, the EC, and the respective FPOs.

In addition, each Transnational Project partner must comply with the reporting requirements of its respective national FPOs.

More information on the monitoring and reporting procedures will be provided to the Consortium Coordinators of the Transnational Projects selected for funding.

Dissemination and exploitation

Water4All will organise a minimum of three events for the Transnational Projects funded in the frame of the present call (see Table 5). Relevant stakeholders will be invited to these events. Funded Transnational Projects should dedicate appropriate resources for dissemination activities including for participation in activities organised by Water4All.

TABLE 5: MEETINGS OF WATER4ALL TRANSNATIONAL PROJECTS FUNDED FROM THIS CALL.

Events	Participants	When
Water4All Kick-off meeting of the funded Transnational Projects	Coordinators and partners of funded projects, stakeholders, CSC	Spring 2025

Water4All Mid-term meeting of the funded Transnational Projects	Coordinators and partners of funded projects, stakeholders, CSC	Autumn 2026
Water4All Final meeting of the funded Transnational Projects	Coordinators and partners of funded projects, stakeholders, CSC	Spring 2028

Dissemination of Transnational Project results is essential, and the dissemination plan should propose communication routes, such as scientific papers, posters, courses or training material, web-based tools, workshops or direct intervention towards end users.

Dissemination to national end-users is necessary in all partner countries. A dissemination plan will be requested for the full proposal and should specify how the planned activities will contribute to the impact of the Transnational Project.

Open Access and Open Data

The optimisation of the impact of publicly-funded scientific research is of fundamental importance to improve conditions to i) minimise the time spent searching for information and accessing it, ii) be able to speed up scientific progress, and iii) make it easier to cooperate across and beyond the EU.

Open Access requirements for all scientific publications and long form publications produced by the Transnational Projects funded by the 2023 JTC will support Green Open Access (immediate or delayed open access provided through self-archiving), or Gold Open Access (immediate open access provided by a publisher for the most important outputs). In the case of Green Open Access, partners will (as soon as possible and at the latest on publication) deposit a machine-readable electronic copy of the published version or final peer-reviewed manuscript accepted for publication in a repository for scientific publications. In addition, partners will ensure open access to the deposited publication and bibliographic metadata. Information should be provided about all the other scholarly objects, tools and instruments that are needed to validate the conclusions of the publication.

In case of any Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) issue for some project data and products the consortium may decide to go for Opt Out Option and cover this within the project consortium agreement. Projects can opt out before or after the signature of the Consortium Agreement (thereby freeing themselves from the associated obligations) on the following grounds:

- Incompatibility with the need for confidentiality in connection with security issues;
- Incompatibility with rules on protecting personal data;
- If there are other legitimate reasons not to provide open access to research data.

Depending on the funding rules of the FPOs, the costs related to the implementation of these provisions may be eligible for reimbursement during the grant.

The funded Transnational Projects are requested to develop a Data Management Plan, according to the provisions of the HE MGA art. 17, page 110 - 112⁸. All funded projects will be requested to submit metadata on all the data resources directly generated by the project. A dedicated contact / procedure will be indicated at the launch of the project.

⁸ [Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement](#)

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List of Annexes to the Call Announcement document

The most updated version of ANNEXES listed hereafter will be available for download on the 2023 Joint Transnational Call dedicated webpage, from Water4All website – www.water4all-partnership.eu.

ANNEX A: List of national contact points (NCPs) and a matrix of the topics and modalities funded by each participating country/region

ANNEX B: Theory of change

ANNEX C: Terms of Reference of the Water4All Knowledge Hub

ANNEX D: List of Water4All beneficiaries that may apply to the 2023 Joint Transnational Call

ANNEX A – NATIONAL CONTACT POINTS (NCP) AND ELIGIBLE TOPICS AND MODALITIES

Annex A has been published on 13th September 2023 on the Water4All website (<https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/joint-activities/water4all-2023-joint-transnational-call>)

This ANNEX is complementary with the corresponding national/regional regulations of FPOs.

Country	Funding Organisation Acronym (FPO)	National/Regional Contact Point (NCP)	Funding All Topics and Sub-Topics in JTC (YES/NO)	Funding ECR modality (YES/NO)	Funding KH modality (YES/NO)	Partners need to submit documentation to their FPO (YES/NO)
Austria	FWF	Kati Huttunen kati.huttunen@fwf.ac.at Bibiana Derneć bibiana.derneć@fwf.ac.at	YES	NO	NO	YES
Belgium	FIO	Kathleen Goris Veerle Desmet Jef Willems	YES	NO	YES	YES
Belgium (Flanders)	FWO	Toon Monbaliu (general) +32 (0)2 550 15 70 Kristien Peeters (SBO) +32 (0)2 550 15 95 europe@fwo.be	YES	YES	YES (but with restrictions)	YES
Belgium	F.R.S.-FNRS	Joël Groeneveld	YES	YES	YES	YES
Brazil	Brazilian National Council of State Funding Agencies - CONFAP	Elisa Natola	YES	YES	YES	Brazilian State Funding Agencies – FAPs must be consulted to verify
Brazil	CNPq	Dileine Cunha - dileine.cunha@cnpq.br	YES	NO	NO	



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Czech Republic	TA CR	Aneta Lízancová	YES	NO	YES	YES
Denmark	IFD	<u>Thorbjørn Gilberg</u>	YES	NO	NO	YES
Estonia	ETAG	Katrin Saar (Katrin.saar@etag.ee) +372 53335625	YES	YES	NO	YES
Finland	AKA	Laura Forsström Vesa Yli-Pelkonen	YES	YES	NO	NO
Finland	YM	Laura Höijer laura.hoijer@gov.fi +358 295250139	YES	YES	NO	NO
France	ANR	Claire Treignier Sylvain Pasquier Water4All-CallsFR@agencerecherche.fr	YES	YES	YES	NO
Greece	GSRI	George Moustakas	YES	NO	NO	YES
Hungary	NKFIH	Dorottya Szemere dorottya.szemere@nkfi.gov.hu	YES	NO	NO	YES
Ireland	EPA	Darragh O'Neill Da.ONeill@epa.ie +353-1-2684294	YES	YES	YES	NO

Italy	MUR Universities and Research	Maria Bianco maria.bianco@mur.gov.it Aldo Covello aldo.covello@mur.gov.it	YES	YES	YES	YES
Italy	MIMIT	Alessandra D'Ambrosio Valentina Milazzo	YES	NO	NO	YES
Israel	Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure	Olga Zlatkin (olgaz@energy.gov.il)	YES (which are compatible with the list of national criteria)	NO	NO	YES
Latvija	LZP	Ineta Plikša Ineta.pliksa@lzp.gov.lv +371 26443380 Dace Tirzīte Dace.tirzite@lzp.gov.lv +37129644426	YES	YES	NO	NO
Lithuania	LMT	Viktoras Mongirdas viktoras.mongirdas@lmt.lt	YES	YES	NO	NO
Luxembourg	FNR	Helena Burg helena.burg@fnr.lu +352 691362812	YES	YES	NO	NO
Malta	MEEE	Darlene	Pending	Pending	Pending	Pending
Republic of Moldova	NARD	Bratu Alexandru	YES	YES	YES	YES
The Netherlands	NWO Dutch research council	Laura Trijsburg Ron Winkler Water4all@nwo.nl	YES	NO	YES	YES

Norway	RCN	Johannes Holmen	YES	YES	YES	YES
Poland	NCBR	Kinga Szymańska-Rzeźnik	YES	NO	NO	YES
Portugal	FCT, IP	Germana Santos	YES	YES	YES	YES
Romania	UEFISCDI	Mihaela Manole	YES	NO	NO	NO
Slovakia	SAS	Martin Novak mnovak@up.upsav.sk	YES	NO	NO	NO
South Africa	WRC	Mr Tiyani Chauke tiyanic@wrc.org.za	YES	NO	NO	YES
Spain	AEI	water4all.aei@aei.gob.es	YES	YES	YES	NO
Spain	CDTI	Héctor González partenariadoshe@cdti.es	YES	NO	NO	YES
Sweden	FORMAS	Osman Tikansak osman.tikansak@formas.se	YES	YES	YES	YES



Switzerland	SNSF - Swiss National Science Foundation	Martina Kern water4all@snf.ch	YES	YES	NO	YES
Türkiye	TÜBİTAK	Azmi Serhat YILDIRIM	YES	NO	NO	YES
UK	UKRI-EPSC and NERC	Maria Calderon Munoz Andy Lawrence	YES	NO	YES	NO



ANNEX B – USING A THEORY OF CHANGE

Annex B has been published on 13th September 2023 on the Water4All website (<https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/joint-activities/water4all-2023-joint-transnational-call>). It is a supporting document to help applicant in the development of a plan that sets out the potential for impact of the proposal, following the theory of change

ANNEX B – USING A THEORY OF CHANGE

With Horizon Europe the EC aims to create significant societal and environmental impact. The research conducted in this call for proposals should therefore have relevance and potential for impact beyond the academic world, such as in societal, technical, economical or cultural realms. This is why consortia should consider how relevant stakeholders can be involved in, and/or benefit from, the design and realisation of the proposed research project.

To further enhance the potential for impact of the proposed research, the application should state how approaches for achieving impact are integrated in the research design and conducted by the consortium in engagement with end users, such as practitioners, policymakers, and industry. To this end, applicants are asked to include a plan that sets out the potential for impact of the proposed research.

One way to make such a plan is to use a Theory of Change. This is a logical framework that can be used as a tool to write a good research proposal that is aimed at societal impact. Below you can find a summary, for more information you can visit a workshop the Dutch Research Council (NWO) has developed for their applicants, but can be freely used by anyone: <https://impact.nwo.nl/en/working-with-an-impact-plan>

A **Theory of Change** (see box 1 for a schematic overview) describes how the research process can contribute to societal/economic/environmental change, taking into account the context, actors involved and describing the sequence of logically-linked consequential relations.

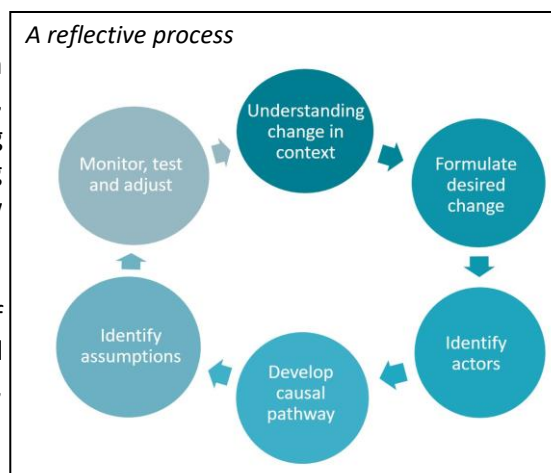
There are two parts:

The **Problem Analysis** where a joint effort with research partners as well as stakeholders allows for making explicit which (and whose) problem is being tackled and how the desired change is perceived to happen through research efforts. You start by clearly defining the societal problem and the desired impact. Next the causes are discussed and the knowledge gaps identified. This part should form a logical chain to the project, hypotheses, methodology and workplan.

The **Impact Pathway** is the visualisation of the change process following from research execution as described in the Theory of Change. It makes explicit how the research activities will lead to results (**output**) and how exchange of knowledge and the uptake of research output will contribute to desired *changes in behaviour*, relationships, actions and activities of partners and stakeholders (**outcome**) that are considered essential to achieving the desired impact.

Any projections on expected change will of course be based on a myriad of **assumptions**, which can differ from person to person, between organizations or groups and even over time. Making assumptions explicit helps to create a shared vision and documenting these assumptions allows for reflection on whether and how expected pathways to impact remain adequate or need adjustment.

A **Theory of Change is not fixed**, but rather reflected on and, if needed, updated continuously throughout the research process and beyond. For this reason, it is also used as part of the monitoring, evaluation and learning trajectory



An important element are **productive interactions**: Exchanges between researchers and stakeholders in which knowledge is produced and valued that is both scientifically robust and socially relevant. No change can be made without exchanging information AND people acting on that information. Interactions can be direct/personal, indirect or financial. The quantity as well as quality of the productive interactions forms an indicator for the potential for societal impact. Examples of productive interactions are:

- **Co-design**: formulation of research questions and approaches jointly with potential end-users;

- **Co-creation:** joint execution of research projects with stakeholders and interactive dialogue on research results.

A **Strategic Activity Planning** spells out how the proposed productive interactions contribute to achieving outcomes. Outputs do not automatically lead to outcomes, thus strategies are needed of the research consortium to plan and monitor how their efforts will enhance the potential for outcomes. This planning should include specific activities for:

Stakeholder engagement: Who are the relevant stakeholders to engage with according to context analysis, how are the productive interactions organised and when?;

Communication strategy: How are engagement dialogues organised and results exchanged and translated, and whose responsibility is it?;

Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning: How are results of activities monitored and evaluated, such that assumptions can be tested and activities adjusted accordingly and whose responsibility is it?;

Capacity strengthening: How are required capacities (of consortium partners and stakeholders) strengthened in order to achieve the outcomes, how is this organised and whose responsibility is it?

A *Risk assessment* entails a description of potential risks for the successful execution of your project and options for handling or mitigating these risks.

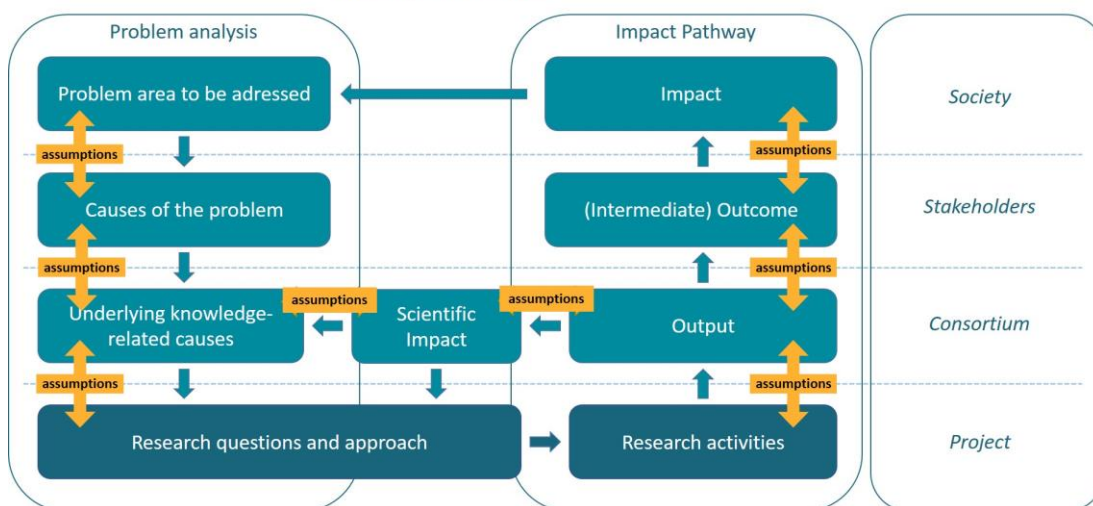
Box 1: Defining Output, outcome and impact

Research outputs relate to the direct and immediate insights obtained by a research project or programme.

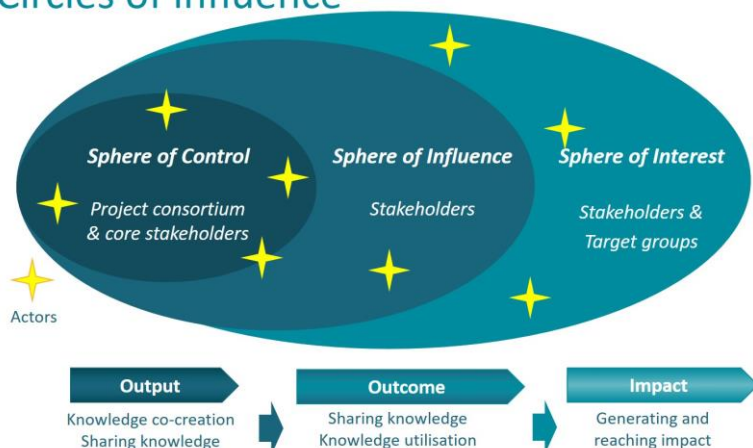
Research outcomes relate to the changes in behaviour, relationships, actions, or activities of stakeholders as a result of sharing and uptake of research. This starts during the project but continues after the end of the project.

Research impact is defined as changes in economic, environmental and social conditions that a project or programme is aiming at. The actual impact is often long after the project ends.

Theory of Change



Circles of influence



ANNEX C: TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE WATER4ALL KNOWLEDGE HUB

The Terms of Reference of the Knowledge Hub have been published on 13th September 2023 on the Water4All website (<https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/joint-activities/water4all-2023-joint-transnational-call>) – as Annex C of the Call Announcement. The document sets the Terms of Reference of the Water4All Knowledge Hub for the applicants in the 2023 Joint Transnational Call and its modalities.

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The 2023 Water4All Knowledge Hub

The [Water4All Partnership](#), co-funded by the European Union within the frame of the Horizon Europe programme, aims at enabling water security for all in the long term, through boosting systemic transformations and changes across the entire research – water innovation pipeline, fostering the matchmaking between problem owners and solution providers.

Knowledge Hubs are scientific networks to translate and transfer research outcomes into applicable recommendations within a defined stakeholders' and policymakers' area. Knowledge Hubs can take several forms. The 2023 Water4All Knowledge Hub will be a knowledge synthesis, transfer and networking community of experts, under the general theme of the Joint Transnational Call (JTC) on "Aquatic Ecosystem Services" (see section 2.2 of the Call text, including topics and subtopics). In particular, the 2023 Water4All Knowledge Hub will function to accomplish two objectives:

- Fostering networking and knowledge exchange across funded projects
- Transferring the synthesized research results/best practices to relevant policy communities (including when relevant; supporting scientific collaboration across Horizon Europe partnership programs)

The Knowledge Hub will further contribute to the integration and sharing of knowledge, research and technological excellence, data and modelling tools, as well as implementation of training and capacity building activities to increase the capacity of the research community in the field of water. It will also improve communication and networking between researchers and other stakeholders, to enhance research impact and knowledge transfer towards policy and society.

These Terms of Reference address the principles related to the implementation of the 2023 Knowledge Hub of Water4All, which will be set-up following the launch of research projects funded under the 2023 JTC and the ECR modality on "Aquatic Ecosystem Services".

Expected Activities Outputs and Added-Value of the Knowledge Hubs

Expected Activities and Outputs

The Knowledge Hub is expected to produce specific activities and outputs, including but not limited to the following:

- Knowledge synthesis outputs, including policy briefs, state-of-the art reports, concept notes, fact sheets, position papers, etc. that appeal to different target groups, ranging from the general public to policy makers at various levels;
- Foresight exercises (events, workshops...) (e.g., in response to new policy priorities or societal challenges);
- Short summaries of any published articles (following a specific template provided by the Knowledge Hub Steering Committee);
- Joint peer-reviewed publications from Water4All funded projects;
- Online thematic events on Water4All research call themes;
- Learning and training content to increase/ maximize use of Water4All outputs;
- Feedback and Inputs into the update of the Water4All SRIA;
- Use of the capacity building program on systemic thinking and system analysis.

Added-Value

For researchers:

The Knowledge Hub is expected to:

- Allow researchers to contribute to Water4All SRIA updates and inform the contents of the Strategic Research & Innovation needs for future funding;
- Provide researchers with opportunities for networking, knowledge exchange and uptake of research outcomes;
- Facilitate cooperation resulting in high-impact publications;
- Contribute to a greater number of scientific outputs (publications, patents, license, etc.) through collaboration;
- Build researchers' capacity through integrated, transnational and multi-disciplinary approaches and exchange of good practices;
- Enable the valorisation of research project results and foster knowledge transfer to relevant stakeholders
- Contribute to the EU legislation evolution.

For Policymakers:

The Knowledge Hub is expected to:

- Develop the knowledge-basis required to address water challenges and EU policy priorities within a global perspective;
- Provide science-based policy briefs on which policymakers can rely;
- Narrow the gap between science and policy needs, for different types of stakeholders;
- Provide a more holistic view on water challenges based on a multi-stakeholder approach.

For other Stakeholders (Water services providers, river-basin managers, etc.)

The Knowledge Hub is expected to:

- Improve communication and networking with stakeholders and the scientific community at international level;
- Identify innovations which could accelerate the progress of various stakeholders in dealing with challenges;
- Develop research capacity, providing learning and training activities.

Water4All Knowledge Hub Governance

The governance structure of a Water4All Knowledge Hub will consist of a Steering Committee represented by the Funding organisations and Water4All partners and a dedicated Expert Group composed primarily by the researchers from the projects funded under the Joint Transnational call and its modalities. The governance structure of the Knowledge Hub aims to allow efficient operation of activities. The representatives of the governance bodies (i.e., Steering Committee and Expert Group) of the Knowledge Hub should aim to represent a wide range of scientific disciplines, broad regional coverage, a proper gender balance and a mixture of different career stages. Detailed descriptions of the specific roles and selection procedure for each position follow.

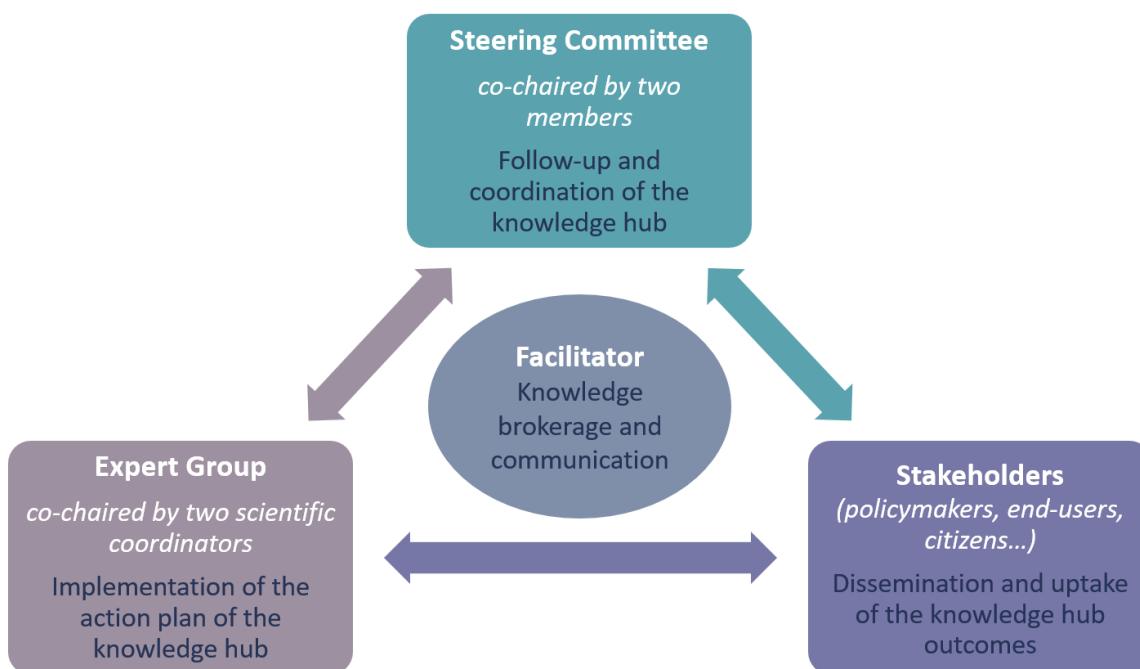


FIGURE 1- STRUCTURE OF WATER4ALL KNOWLEDGE HUB

Knowledge Hub Steering Committee

Composition

The Knowledge Hub Steering Committee is composed of the following representatives appointed for a term of three years:

- Funding Partner Organisations (FPO) who agree to financially support the activities of the Knowledge Hub experts.
- Other partner organisations of Water4All who can nominate national academic and non-academic experts in-kind, without joining the JTC.

Duties

The role of the Knowledge Hub Steering Committee, co-chaired by two members, is to:

- For FPOs supporting the JTC of Water4All: provide financial support to the personal costs of experts, scientific coordinators and facilitator, who are nominated by the project consortia funded under the related JTC and the ECR modality, by allocating national budget contributions to global budget of the call, as per their national/regional funding regulations;
- For other partner organisations of Water4All: nominate external academic and non-academic experts with consensus;
- Oversee the activities of the researchers who are taking part in the Knowledge Hub through the 2023 JTC application or nominated by the other partner organisations of Water4All.
- Select the scientific coordinators and facilitator among the applicants who show interest for the roles with consensus;
- Monitor the activities and impact of the Knowledge Hub;
- Ensure the Knowledge Hub's full integration in and complementarity with the overall Water4All activities.

Knowledge Hub Expert Group

Composition

The composition of the Expert Group is as follows.

- a) Expert group members - researchers and experts from the 2023 funded projects or nominated by the Steering Committee to complement the expertise areas,
- b) 2 scientific coordinators (from 2023 funded projects),
- c) 1 facilitator (from 2023 funded projects).

Each project consortium can propose maximum 1 person, either as expert group member, scientific coordinator or facilitator. The expert group members are appointed directly once their projects are granted, whereas applications for scientific coordinators and facilitators will be evaluated and selected by the Knowledge Hub Steering Committee. If a person is not selected for scientific coordinator or facilitator role, he/she is appointed as an expert group member. Applicants for the knowledge hub expert group should refer to the national annexes and eligibility criteria of their national FPO before applying for these roles. Some FPOs may not provide funds for any of these roles.

a) Expert Group Members

- The Knowledge Hub Expert Group Members are researchers participating in the KH activities for the period of three years (i.e. during the implementation of funded projects under the JTCs and the ECR modality). It is composed of researchers that are funded as part of the JTC and the ECR modality and who expressed interest in their application to join the Knowledge Hub as experts. These experts will automatically become part of the KH through their participation in the funded R&I projects. The costs for participating in the knowledge hub activities are covered by their national FPO in line with the national/regional regulations;
- Additional experts can be nominated by a Steering Committee member, if necessary, to complement the group of researchers composed as previously, and appointed by the unanimous decision of the Steering Committee', without being funded by the 2023 Water4All JTC. The academic or non-academic complementarity of the nominated expert will be assessed the Knowledge Hub Steering Committee according to the needs and planned activities of the Knowledge Hub. Contribution of the externally appointed experts to knowledge hub activities will be in-kind and not covered by the partner organisation, excluding the case of a bilateral agreement between the nominating partner and the external partners that states otherwise.

Duties of Expert Group Members

The duties of the Expert Group Members are to:

- Prepare the Knowledge Hub Implementation Plan and realize the activities and outputs described therein;
- Actively contribute to the Knowledge Hub activities, including attendance at planned and ad-hoc meetings (three annual physical workshops are foreseen in addition to a series of online meetings),
- Actively disseminate the activities of the Knowledge Hub via various channels and networks.

b) Scientific Coordinators

The Knowledge Hub Expert Group is co-chaired by two Scientific Coordinators who are selected by the Steering Committee among the applicants for the position through the JTC. Applicants not selected for the Coordinator's role will take on the role of the Expert Group member. The Scientific Chairs will have mandate for three years and expected to contribute to the knowledge hubs impact assessment process following the end of its activities.

Duties of the Scientific Coordinators

The duties of the Knowledge Hub Scientific Coordinators are to:

- Ensure the scientific coordination of the Knowledge Hub activities;
- Lead the work in developing the Knowledge Hub Implementation Plan;
- Lead the work in developing the proposed Knowledge Hub outputs;
- If requested, support additional foresight exercises carried out by the Water4All.

c) Facilitator

The Knowledge Hub activities will be supported by a Knowledge Hub Facilitator who has subtle expertise and competence in knowledge brokerage and communication activities. The facilitator will be selected by the Steering Committee among the applicants for the position through the JTC. Applicants not selected for the Facilitator’s role will take on the role of the Expert Group member.

Duties of the Facilitator

The duties of the Knowledge Hub Facilitator include:

- Closely work with Knowledge Hub Scientific Coordinators and Steering Committee Chairs to make sure that the planned activities and outputs are delivered on time;
- Support the preparation of the Implementation plan;
- Create a communication plan and dissemination strategy, and identify key target groups for outreach activities;
- Coordinate meeting preparations (agenda, documentation, minutes);
- Facilitate communication within the Knowledge Hub Expert Group and with the Steering Committee.

Financial Support to the Knowledge Hub

The costs of the Expert Group members, the Scientific Coordinators and the Facilitator will be covered by the Funding Organizations participating in the JTC, in line with their national/regional regulations. These costs may include:

TABLE 1: COSTS PER ROLE IN THE KNOWLEDGE HUB

	Personnel cost for three years	Travel and accommodation cost for three workshops
Expert Group Member	1,5 PM	3.600 Euros
Scientific Coordinator	3 PM	3.600 Euros
Facilitators	6 PM	3.600 Euros

Knowledge Hub duration and Timeline

The Water4All Knowledge Hub duration is equal to the duration of projects funded under the 2023 Water4All JTC

The tentative timeline for the activities for the period 2025-2028 is provided in Table 1. The Knowledge Hub is planned to be launched with the first Water4All Knowledge Hub Workshop during the first half of 2025, back-to-back with the kick-off event of the projects funded under the 2nd JTC. This workshop will be the first occasion to bring together the Knowledge Hub Experts and Steering Committee members around the following objectives:

- Providing clarification on the processes involved, including preparation of the first implementation plan as a key output etc.,
- Exchange & networking with the international and national projects relevant to the Water4All Knowledge Hub Themes.

TABLE 2: TENTATIVE TIMELINE FOR THE FIRST KNOWLEDGE HUB ACTIVITIES

Activity	Date	Location
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The First Water4All Knowledge Hub Workshop for Launching the Knowledge Hub	Back-to-back with the funded projects' kick-off event-Spring 2025	TBD
The Second Water4All Knowledge Hub Workshop	TBD-Back-to-back with the funded projects' midterm review meeting-Autumn 2026	TBD
The Third Water4All Knowledge Hub Workshop	TBD-Back-to-back with the projects' final review meeting- Autumn 2028	TBD

Water4All Knowledge Hub Monitoring

Indicators and monitoring will be put in place to ensure that the Knowledge Hub achieves its objectives. This evaluation must be linked to the Water4All Impact Assessment activities including a timeframe for achieving the expected outputs of the Knowledge Hub, taking into consideration their short- vs. long-term aspect.

Possible Indicators of progress include:

- Evaluation survey on how well the Water4All Knowledge Hub has performed in different areas (e.g., knowledge translation and transfer activities, identifying the knowledge gaps in the selected themes, closing the knowledge gaps in the selected themes, internal communication and coordination across the members, production of outputs, dissemination of outputs, organization of workshops);
- Number of joint publications which acknowledge the Water4All Knowledge Hub;
- Number of publications produced by transnational team of authors;
- Number of new proposals developed by Knowledge Hub Expert Group members;
- Interoperable databases linked to the Open Water4All database;
- Standard methods / standards developed;
- Effective mobility of researchers between involved countries;
- Good attendance at meetings;
- Number of stakeholders involved in Knowledge Hub activities;
- Number of stakeholder-oriented outputs.

Dissemination and Intellectual Property Rights

Each researcher has the responsibility to oversee and ensure the efficient protection of any Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) arising from the work. Each researcher involved in Water4All Knowledge Hubs will be invited to widely disseminate research results obtained in the scope of the Knowledge Hub, on a non-exclusive and non-discriminatory basis, if approved by the Knowledge Hub members.

The Knowledge Hub Expert Group should comply with the [Water4All Open Access & Privacy Policy](#), as well as [Dissemination Guidelines](#).

The Expert Group must ensure that all outcomes (e.g., publications, policy briefs etc.) of the Water4All Knowledge Hub include a proper acknowledgement of Water4All and the European Union's Horizon Europe Programme (Grant Agreement n° 101060874). If possible, the acknowledgement reference should also include the Water4All logo.

ANNEX D: LIST OF WATER4ALL BENEFICIARIES PARTNERSHIP THAT MAY EXCEPTIONNALLY APPLY TO THE 2023 JOINT TRANSNATIONAL CALL

Annex D has been published on 13th September 2023 on the Water4All website (<https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/joint-activities/water4all-2023-joint-transnational-call>). The document provides the list of Water4All beneficiaries (the partners of the Water4All partnership) that may exceptionally apply to the 2023 Joint Transnational Call in addition to being partner of Water4All.

ANNEX D:
LIST OF WATER4ALL BENEFICIARIES PARTNERSHIP
THAT MAY EXCEPTIONNALLY APPLY TO THE 2023
JOINT TRANSNATIONAL CALL

Research teams from some beneficiaries of Water4All Partnership (the partners of the Water4All partnership) may exceptionally participate in this co-funded call. The list of beneficiaries allowed to participate in the projects' consortia is indicated in the following table. For those beneficiaries, measures have been foreseen to mitigate the risk of, perception of, or de facto conflict of interest or unequal treatment of applicants. No other beneficiary of Water4All Partnership may apply for funding under the 2023 Joint Transnational Call or its modalities.

As also specified in the Call Document: for proposals involving up to five (5) partners, maximum two (2) entities that are also involved in the Water4All partnership (listed below) may participate in the same proposal. Larger proposals may involve up to three (3) entities that are also involved in the Water4All partnership (listed below).

List of Water4All beneficiaries (the partners of the Water4All partnership) that may exceptionally apply to the 2023 Joint Transnational Call in addition to being partner of Water4All.

N°	Participant	Country	Beneficiary may apply to the 2023 JTC
1 (Coord.)	ANR	France	
2	APE	EU	X
3	Water Europe	EU	X
4	BMBWF	Austria	
5	FWF	Austria	
6	F.R.S.-FNRS	Belgium	
7	FWO	Belgium	
8	VITO	Belgium	X
9	Fonds Innoveren	Belgium	
10	VLAIO	Belgium	
11	VMM	Belgium	
12	MENDELU Brno	Czech Republic	X
13	MZP	Czech Republic	
14	TA CR	Czech Republic	
15	IFD	Denmark	
16	GEUS	Denmark	X
17	MST	Denmark	
18	DMP	Denmark	
19	ETAg	Estonia	
20	AKA	Finland	
21	MMM	Finland	
22	SYKE	Finland	X
23	YM	Finland	

24	<i>BRGM</i>	France	X
25	<i>CNRS</i>	France	X
26	<i>FWT</i>	France	X
27	<i>DVGW</i>	Germany	X
28	<i>KIT-PtKA</i>	Germany	X
29	GSRI	Greece	
30	NKFIH	Hungary	
31	EPA	Ireland	
32	MoE-IL	Israel	
33	CMM	Italy	
34	<i>CNR</i>	Italy	X
35	<i>ISPRA</i>	Italy	X
36	MUR	Italy	
37	LCS	Latvia	
38	MoES	Latvia	
39	LMT	Lithuania	
40	<i>EWA</i>	Malta	X
41	MEEE	Malta	
42	NARD	Moldova	
43	<i>CEW</i>	Netherlands	X
44	CIV Water	Netherlands	
45	Fryslan	Netherlands	
46	Leeuwarden	Netherlands	
47	IenW	Netherlands	
48	NWO	Netherlands	
49	<i>Water Alliance</i>	Netherlands	X
50	<i>WETSUS</i>	Netherlands	X
51	<i>NIVA</i>	Norway	X
52	RCN	Norway	
53	NCBR	Poland	
54	FCT	Portugal	
55	<i>LIS-Water</i>	Portugal	X
56	<i>LNEC</i>	Portugal	X

57	<i>UEvora</i>	Portugal	X
58	UEFISCDI	Romania	
59	<i>EUBA</i>	Slovakia	X
60	SAV	Slovakia	
61	WRC	South Africa	
62	AEI	Spain	
63	FECYT	Spain	
64	CDTI	Spain	
65	<i>IMDEA Water</i>	Spain	X
66	<i>ZINNAE</i>	Spain	X
67	FORMAS	Sweden	
68	<i>SUEN</i>	Turkey	X
69	<i>TUBITAK</i>	Turkey	X
70	<i>Mechelen</i>	Belgium	X
71	<i>CREA</i>	Czech Republic	X
72	DSI	South Africa	
73	MIMIT	Italy	
74	FNR	Luxemburg	
75	PTEA	Spain	
76	SNSF	Switzerland	
77	UKRI	United-Kingdom	
78	CNPq	Brazil	
79	CONFAP	Brazil	
80	DTU	Denmark	X
81	OIEau	France	
82	INBO	France	

Furthermore, research teams from some partners involved the Observing Partners Board of Water4All Partnership are allowed to participate in the projects' consortia: NTUA, Lund University, Fraunhofer-IOSB, CSIC, Clean Cluster, Water Valley Denmark. In their eventuality they become beneficiaries of the Water4All Partnership, they will still be allowed to apply to the 2023 Joint Transnational Call or its modalities.

Stand-alone documents supporting the Call Announcement document

Supporting documents listed hereafter will be made available for download on the 2023 Joint Transnational Call dedicated webpage, from Water4All website – www.water4all-partnership.eu.

- **National/regional regulations**
- **Pre-proposal template**
- **Full proposal template**
- **Knowledge Hub – Expression of Interest template**
- **Frequently Asked Questions**

NATIONAL/REGIONAL REGULATIONS

The National/Regional Regulations detailing regulations of Funding Partner Organisations involved in the 2023 Joint Transnational Call have been published on 13th September 2023 on the Water4All website (www.water4all-partnership.eu).



National/Regional Regulations

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V7	23/10/23	Austria / FWF	Budget update
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V9	31/10/23	Czech Republic / TA CR	Change of National Contact Point
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	<p>Early Career Resarcher Modality <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>Knowledge Hub Modality <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Eligible Institutions</p>	<p>All Austrian research institutions are eligible to apply. Research institutions must be registered in the FWF's research institution portal. The proposed research must be carried out in Austria under the auspices of the Austrian lead research institution. Applications are submitted by the research institution where the project is to be carried out.</p>	
<p>Eligible Applicants</p>	<p>The principal investigator must be employed at the Austrian research institution applying for funding at the time the project is scheduled to begin. The principal investigator must have appropriate scientific qualifications as described in the general FWF Application Guidelines.</p>	
<p>Eligible Costs</p>	<p>Project-specific costs are eligible for funding. These include personnel and non-personnel costs that are needed to carry out the project and that are not included in the infrastructure provided by the research institution (for more information please see section 2.3 of the Guidelines). The FWF does not finance the infrastructure or basic equipment of research institutions.</p> <p>In addition, funding may be requested for project-specific work at the associated research institution(s) where associated research partner(s) work. Associated research partners are researchers working on a project-specific basis at other Austrian research institutions (associated research institutions) and who are making a significant scientific/scholarly contribution to the project. The <i>Associated Research Partner</i> form must be completed for these researchers, if applicable. Funds are disbursed from the lead research institution to the associated research institution(s). Associated research institutions report directly to the FWF to account for funds used at their institution.</p> <p>For information on applying for personnel costs for the principal investigator's own salary, please see section 2.3.1.1 of the Guidelines. Please note that exaggerated cost projections may be grounds for rejection, even if a proposal is otherwise excellent.</p> <p>Multiple funding is not permitted.</p>	
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	700.000	
Other Funding Criteria		
Relevant documents	<p>In addition to the application submitted to the Call Secretariat, pre-proposals including FWF-specific administrative information must also be registered online with the FWF at https://elane.fwf.ac.at by November 13, 2023, 2:00 pm CET. Pre-proposals can be registered starting September 12, 2023, under the program category “PIK – International Programs draft proposal.”</p> <p>For the full proposal stage, applicants must choose the program category “PIN – International Programs”. Both steps are mandatory.</p> <p>Please note that applications are only valid once they have been approved for submission by the research institution on the submission portal in due time before the specified deadline.</p>	
Additional Info	<p>Principal Investigator Projects (P or PAT), International Programs (I, PIN), pre-proposals for International Projects (IK, PIK), Clinical Research (KLIF), and the Arts-Based Research Program (PEEK): A researcher can be named as principal investigator in a maximum of three ongoing/approved projects and applications at a time. For example, if two projects are already ongoing/approved in the abovenamed programs, a researcher can submit only one further application (including PIK). If a researcher is named as principal investigator in three ongoing/approved projects in one of the programs named above, they may participate in a further application to one of the programs named above (including PIK) no earlier than 12 months before the end of one of the ongoing projects.</p>	
Useful Links	<p>Application Guidelines: http://www.fwf.ac.at/fileadmin/files/Dokumente/Antragstellung/Einzelprojekte/p_application-guidelines.pdf</p> <p>Information sheet – Calls within the framework of multilateral thematic initiatives: https://www.fwf.ac.at/fileadmin/files/Dokumente/Antragstellung/Internationale Programme/i_infosheet-era-net.pdf</p> <p>Project number limit: https://www.fwf.ac.at/fileadmin/files/Dokumente/Antragstellung/project_number_limit.pdf</p>	



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	<p>Knowledge Hub Modality <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
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<p>Eligible Applicants</p>	<p>Industry partners</p>	
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<p>Additional Info</p>	<p>Extended eligibility check:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pre-registration via mail to kathleen.goris@vlaio.be and veerle.desmet@vlaio.be latest one week before international deadline - Submission of the Flemish addendum via the E-tool of VLAIO latest simultaneously with the international deadline. Please contact Kathleen Goris, Veerle Desmet or Jef Willems in advance. 	

Useful Links

<https://www.vlaio.be/nl/subsidies-financiering/onderzoeksproject/aanvraagprocedure>



BELGIUM (Flanders)

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<p>Eligible Institutions</p>	<p>The FWO integrates two of its national/regional funding channels within this multilateral framework. The choice of funding channel depends on the <u>type of project</u> the researchers from Flanders wish to undertake.</p> <p>The scope and the eligibility of institutions and its researchers can be verified in the relevant chosen funding channel regulations, which can be consulted on the FWO website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FWO Research Projects (FO) - Strategic Basic Research (SBO) <p>Or by contacting the FWO contact points mentioned above.</p>	
<p>Eligible Applicants</p>	<p>See ‘Eligible Institutions’ above for the general eligibility criteria linked to participation in the ‘joint transnational call’ and ‘Early Career Researcher call (ECR)’.</p> <p>The FWO also participates in the Knowledge Hub instrument (KH), for which the applicant needs to integrate the required budget linked to this instrument as costs in the project budget (i.e. ‘joint transnational call’ and ‘Early Career Researcher call’ (ECR)).</p> <p>However, the FWO will only support applications for ‘expert group members’.</p> <p><u>Expert group member</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ FWO applicants can appoint an expert group member for the knowledge hub, after consulting and agreeing with their consortium (important: each consortium can appoint only one expert group member to represent their project). <p>PIs cannot claim personnel costs at the FWO, which means this contribution should be in-kind as an equivalent of minimally 1,5 PM in total for three years. The applicant should enter the personnel costs into the project budget table as own costs.</p>	

	<p>FWO covers the travel costs of knowledge hub expert group members for attending 3 workshops. The applicant should enter the travel costs into the project budget table as a requested cost, and as such these costs are included in the project’s general budget.</p>	
<p>Eligible Costs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The FWO foresees a budget of 700.000 EUR, which allows for the funding of at least two projects. ○ The respective funding channel regulations apply (see links to national rules above), and both are capped at max. 350.000 EUR per project/consortium (incl. overhead, for which the calculation method diverges per funding channel; see explanation below). ○ For the overhead calculation, the fundamental (FO) and strategic research projects (SBO) apply the same approach. A structural overhead rate should be applied on the project costs, with an overhead rate of 6% for ‘FO’ projects, and a 17% overhead rate for ‘SBO’ projects. Some practical examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ FO: the sum of all costs (personnel, consumables, travel, subcontracting, etc.) amounts to 200.000 EUR, then the overhead will amount to 12.000 EUR (6% of 200.000 EUR) and the total requested cost is 212.000 EUR. This total requested cost may never exceed the max. available amount of 350.000 EUR. ➤ SBO: the sum of all costs (personnel, consumables, travel, subcontracting, etc.) amounts to 200.000 EUR, then the overhead will amount to 34.000 EUR (17% of 200.000 EUR) and the total requested cost is 234.000 EUR. This total requested cost may never exceed the max. available amount of 350.000 EUR. 	
<p>Funding Commitment</p>	<p>Total Amount for the Call</p>	<p>Maximum Amount Per Proposal</p>
	<p>700.000 EUR</p>	<p>350.000 EUR</p>
<p>Funded instruments</p>	<p>Joint transnational Call <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <hr/> <p>Early Career Researcher Modality <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <hr/> <p>Knowledge Hub Modality <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Other Funding Criteria</p>	<p>!! NEW !!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Applicants for FWO funding must submit a mandatory administrative application via the FWO e-portal. For fundamental research projects (FO) select the application type: “Research projects – European programme fundamental research”. For strategic basis research projects (SBO) select the application type: “Research projects – European programme strategic basic research”. In case the consortium includes more than one partner requesting funding from FWO, a <u>single online form</u> should be submitted containing all relevant information from the different Flemish partners. 	



	<p>The deadline to submit this administrative application to the FWO is identical to the deadline of the joint transnational call (preproposal stage). To ensure the eligibility of the proposal, it is recommended to consult the FWO administration at least one week in advance. <u>Failure to comply with these requirements can lead to ineligibility.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Participation in this call does not interfere with the ‘regular/national’ project submission framework, and is consequently not taken into account for calculating the max. available number of new applications and running projects combined. However, researchers can only participate within 2 different international consortia in this call. ○ Projects aiming at the development of a spin-off company are not eligible in this context. ○ The project duration is limited to 36 months, which implies the funding has to be budgeted and spent accordingly. An automatic prolongation and using positive (financial) balances after the end date is not applicable in this framework. As such article 28 of the FWO Research Projects and article 14 of the Strategic Basic Research (SBO) regulations do not apply here. ○ The PI, for each of the participating institutions applying for FWO funds, must hold an appointment that fully covers the duration of the research project. ○ Linked to the above, when it comes to the FWO research project regulations (FO): article 10, §7 is not applicable in this call. I.e. supervisors (-spokespersons), or coordinators/consortium partners in this context, who are granted emeritus status during the calendar year of submission of the project application or during the duration of the project, are not eligible.
<p>Relevant documents</p>	<p>A mandatory administrative application via the FWO e-portal is an essential part of the application process (see ‘Other Funding Criteria’).</p>
<p>Additional Info</p>	<p>It is strongly advised to approach the FWO contact points mentioned above, in order not to jeopardize any research projects/consortia.</p>
<p>Useful Links</p>	<p>Announcement on the FWO website</p>

BELGIUM

	Funding Organisation:	Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique - FNRS 
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Joël Groeneveld	international@frs-fnrs.be ; +32 2504 9270
Eligible Institutions		
Eligible Applicants	All eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the PINT-MULTI regulations .	
Eligible Costs	All eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the PINT-MULTI regulations . Please note that personnel costs (Article III.6) have an annual average cap of 80,000 euros for this call. “Overhead” is not an eligible cost. If the project is selected for funding, these costs will be subject to a separate agreement between the institution of the beneficiary and the F.R.S.-FNRS. Eligible costs for attending knowledge hub activities are as follows: F.R.S.-FNRS only covers the travel costs (3.600 Euros) of knowledge hub expert group members for attending 3 workshops. The travel costs should be included in the travel cost category of project’s general budget as a requested cost. The travel cost should not be included in the “financial data” part in the knowledge hub expression of interest section in EPSS.	
Funding Commitment	Total Amount for the Call	Maximum Amount Per Proposal
	300,000 €	300,000 €
Funded instruments	Joint transnational Call <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Early Career Resarcher Modality <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Knowledge Hub Modality <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Other Funding Criteria	Applicants to F.R.S.-FNRS funding must provide basic administrative data by submitting an administrative application on e-space within 5 working days after the general deadline of the WATER4ALL call to be eligible. Please select the “PINT-MULTI” funding instrument when creating the administrative application. Proposals invited to the second stage will be	

	<p>able to complete the pre-proposal form and provide information for the full proposal upon validation by the F.R.S.-FNRS.</p> <p>The FNRS will support the participation in the Knowledge Hub activity, but <u>these activities need to be budgeted within the general budget requested to the FNRS.</u></p> <p>The FNRS also participates in the ECR modality - however, <u>the general rules of eligibility in the PINT-MULTI regulations still apply.</u></p>
<p>Relevant documents</p>	<p>PINT-MULTI regulations</p>
<p>Additional Info</p>	<p>https://www.frs-fnrs.be/fr/financements/credits-et-projets#pint</p>
<p>Useful Links</p>	<p>www.frs-fnrs.be</p>

BRAZIL



	<p>Funding Organisation:</p>	<p>CONFAP - Brazilian National Council of State Funding Agencies</p> 
<p>National Contact Point (NCP)</p>	<p>Name:</p>	<p>Email and Phone:</p>
	<p>Elisa Natola</p>	<p>For overall issues regarding Brazilian Participation to the Call: elisa.confap@gmail.com</p> <p>Contact points the involved FAPs are detailed below.</p>
<p>Eligible Institutions</p>	<p>Public or private (non-profit) Higher Education and Research Institutions, Scientific Institutions, Technology and Innovation Institutions, eligible for the involved state funding agencies.</p>	
<p>Eligible Applicants</p>	<p>Applicants must have a doctoral or equivalent degree and be linked to a Research Institution located in Brazilian States participating in the call and have scientific or technological production evaluated by Curriculum (Lattes Curriculum).</p>	
<p>Eligible Costs</p>	<p>As a general rule, Brazilian Funding Agencies finance scholarships, mobility and grants, related to scientific, technological and innovation projects.</p>	
<p>Funding Commitment</p>	<p>Total Amount for the Call</p>	<p>Maximum Amount Per Proposal</p>
	<p>€ 2.030.000,00</p>	<p>Detailed for each participating State Funding Agency - FAP in item below: "Additional Info", indicating within the maximum budget, the maximum number of projects which may be supported (if applicable). Applicants must verify with the funding agency involved, the maximum amount, also in local currency.</p>
<p>Funded instruments</p>	<p>Joint transnational Call <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>Early Career Resarcher Modality <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>Knowledge Hub Modality <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Other Funding Criteria</p>	<p>Applicants must necessarily comply to the specific eligibility rules and financing modalities, which shall be defined and informed by the participating FAPs.</p>	
<p>Relevant documents</p>	<p>Specific Guidelines may be published by the participating FAPs.</p>	
<p>Additional Info</p>	<p>Brazilian applicants may be supported by the following State Funding Agencies - FAPs, supporting the present call. Applicants based in the States participating to the call should firstly consult their respective FAPs. Applicants that are based in States whose FAPs do not participate to the call, should consult CNPq.</p>	

Details on the Brazilian State Funding Agencies supporting the call, including amount of total funding, maximum number of projects (when defined), and contacts in the respective FAPs:

	FAPs	State	Budget EUR	Max. number of projects within the max. allocated budget	Contacts
1	Fundação Araucária	Paraná	50.000,00	1	Barbara Taniguti barbara@fundacaoaraucaria.org.br
2	FACEPE	Pernambuco	20.000,00	1	Marcelo Nazário Cordeiro marcelo.cordeiro@facepe.br
3	FAPDF	Distrito Federal	50.000,00	2	Veridianne Nery veridianne.nery@fap.df.gov.br
4	FAPEAL	Alagoas	30.000,00	Not Defined	Antonio Daniel Alves Carvalho pesquisafapeal@gmail.com
5	FAPEAM	Amazonas	80.000,00	2	International Cooperation Department DITEC/DEAP/COOPINT internacionalizacao@fapeam.am.gov.br br_deap@fapeam.am.gov.br ditec@fapeam.am.gov.br
6	FAPEAP	Amapá	10.000	1	Maíra Pombo mairapombo@gmail.com
7	FAPEG	Goiás	100.000,00	2	Gabriel de Paula internacional.fapag@goias.gov.br
8	FAPEMA	Maranhão	100.000,00	2	David Gomes david.gomes@fapema.br
9	FAPEMIG	Minas Gerais	100.000,00	2	Lis Xavier nci@fapemig.br
10	FAPEPI	Piauí	50.000,00	3	Lara Falcão lara.cibele@fapepi.pi.gov.br
11	FAPERGS	Rio Grande do Sul	100.000,00	2	Daniela Ziani Scherer dec@fapergs.rs.gov.br
12	FAPERJ	Rio de Janeiro	100.000,00	3	Ana Beatriz Ramadas assessoria.internacional@faperj.br
13	FAPES	Espírito Santo	50.000,00	1	Rosa Maria Trevas Azevedo parcerias@fapes.es.gov.br
14	FAPESB	Bahia	300.000,00	2	Adriele Assis Almeida adriele.almeida@fapeb.ba.gov.br
15	FAPESC	Santa Catarina	50.000,00	1	Pedro Valentim internacional@fapesc.sc.gov.br
16	FAPESP	São Paulo	400.000,00	Not Defined	Virgínia Sanches Subiñas vsubinas@fapesp.br
17	FAPESPA	Pará	100.000,00	2	Deyvison Medrado dicet@fapespa.pa.gov.br
18	FAPESQ	Paraíba	20.000,00	1	Ruth Silveira ruth@fapesq.rpp.br programas-projetos@fapesq.rpp.br
19	FAPT	Tocantins	40.000,00	1	Wesley Santana gfc@tecnologia.to.gov.br
20	FUNCAP	Ceará	160.000,00	4	Vivian Nobre vivian.nobre@funcap.ce.gov.br



	2 1	FUNDECT	Mato Grosso do Sul	50.000,00	2	Nalvo F. Almeida Jr cientifica.fundect@gmail.com
	2 2	FAPERO	Rondônia	70.000,00	2	Cidiane Melo Oliveira fapero.cientifico@gmail.com
*Other FAPs may still confirm their support						
Useful Links	CONFAP website: confap.org.br					
	Links to FAPs websites – for more details on eligibility rules: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fundação Araucária: http://www.fappr.pr.gov.br 2. FACEPE: http://www.facepe.br 3. FAPDF: https://www.fap.df.gov.br/ 4. FAPEAL: http://fapeal.br 5. FAPEAM: http://www.fapeam.am.gov.br 6. FAPEAP: http://www.fapeap.ap.gov.br 7. FAPEG: www.fapeg.go.gov.br 8. FAPEMA: https://www.fapema.br 9. FAPEMIG: http://www.fapemig.br 10. FAPEPI: http://www.fapepi.pi.gov.br 11. FAPERGS: https://fapergs.rs.gov.br 12. FAPERJ: http://www.faperj.br 13. FAPES: www.fapes.es.gov.br 14. FAPESB: http://www.fapesb.ba.gov.br 15. FAPESC: www.fapesc.sc.gov.br 16. FAPESP: https://fapesp.br/ 17. FAPESPA: https://www.fapespa.pa.gov.br 18. FAPESQ: http://fapesq.rpp.br 19. FAPT: http://www.fapt.to.gov.br 20. FUNCAP: https://www.funcao.ce.gov.br 21. FUNDECT - http://www.fundect.ms.gov.br 22. FAPERO - https://rondonia.ro.gov.br/fapero/ 					

BRAZIL

	<p>Funding Organisation:</p>		
<p>National Contact Point (NCP)</p>	<p>Name:</p>		<p>Email and Phone:</p>
	<p>Dileine Cunha</p>		<p>dileine.cunha@cnpq.br</p>
<p>Eligible Institutions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ higher education institutions, public or private (if non-profit); ▪ R&D institutes and centres, public or private (if non-profit); ▪ public companies that carry out activities of research in STI. 		
<p>Eligible Applicants</p>	<p>The research project coordinator for the Brazilian side must hold a Doctoral Degree and have a Lattes Curriculum http://lattes.cnpq.br/ up-to-date until the final deadline.</p>		
<p>Eligible Costs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Direct Costs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Consumable materials; b) Air Tickets and per diems. - Indirect Costs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Third party services both natural and legal persons. 		
<p>Funding Commitment</p>	<p>Total Amount for the Call</p>	<p>Maximum Amount Per Proposal</p>	
	<p>100.000,00</p>	<p>N/A</p>	
<p>Funded instruments</p>	<p>Joint transnational Call X</p>		
	<p>Early Career Resarcher Modality - NO</p>		
	<p>Knowledge Hub Modality - NO</p>		
<p>Other Funding Criteria</p>	<p>All criteria for the APQ modality must be complied with otherwise the proposals will not be submitted to meritorious evaluation.</p> <p>Expenses not covered by the specific call will be of responsibility of the project coordinator and/or the project implementing institution.</p>		
<p>Relevant documents</p>			
<p>Additional Info</p>	<p>The applicant should comply with CNPq's Users Guideline for Financial and Accountability Resources (available at</p>		

	http://memoria2.cnpq.br/web/guest/view/-/journal_content/56_INSTANCE_0oED/10157/6122070).
Useful Links	Projects to be financed by CNPq will be supported under the modality APQ (Individual Grant for Research – regulations available at: http://memoria2.cnpq.br/view/-/journal_content/56_INSTANCE_0oED/10157/25480#rn17114 and must be submitted by the Brazilian coordinator to the Carlos Chagas Platform http://carloschagas.cnpq.br/ subsequently to their approval.

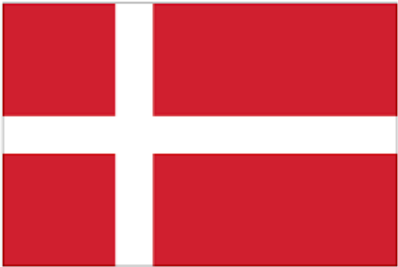

CZECH REPUBLIC

	<p>Funding Organisation:</p>	<p>Technology agency of the Czech republic</p> 
<p>National Contact Point (NCP)</p>	<p>Name:</p>	<p>Email and Phone:</p>
	<p>Kamila Kinstova</p>	<p>kamila.kinstova@tacr.cz +420 778 976 953</p>
<p>Eligible Institutions</p>	<p>1) Enterprises 2) Research organisations 3) Organisational units of the State</p>	
<p>Eligible Applicants</p>	<p><u>Only an entity is an eligible bidder:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - not subject to a recovery order - which is not a company in difficulty - which has complied with the obligation to publish its accounts in the relevant register - the so-called "Public Register" - which has indicated its ownership structure (if the legal form of the applicant shows that it does not have an ownership structure, this obligation does not apply to it), - which has given details of its shareholdings in other legal entities and the amount of such holdings. <p>At the same time, by the deadline for receipt of pre-proposals, the applicant must ensure that it is entered in the register of beneficial owners. By registration, TA CR means that the applicant must be able to be found in the register of beneficial owners by that deadline at the latest. If the applicant fails to comply with this condition, the TA CR will assess the applicant as ineligible for support.</p> <p>The main applicant may be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - only an entity that has its registered office, place of business or branch in the Czech Republic 	
<p>Eligible Costs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - personal expenses (including scholarships) - subcontracting costs - other direct costs (depreciation, protection of intellectual property, operating costs, travel) - indirect costs <p><u>Knowledge hub:</u></p> <p>Czech applicants to TA CR can appoint an expert group member for the knowledge hub, after consulting and agreeing with their consortium</p>	

	<p>(Important: Each consortium can appoint only one expert group member to represent their project).</p> <p>TA CR covers the travel costs (3.600 Euros) of knowledge hub expert group members for attending 3 workshops. The travel costs should be included in the travel cost category of project’s general budget as a requested cost. The travel cost should not be included in the “financial data” part in the knowledge hub expression of interest section in EPSS.</p> <p>Personnel costs for contributing to the knowledge hub activities as an expert group member shall be provided in-kind as equivalent of 1,5 PM total for three years. The personnel costs should be included in the personnel cost category of project’s general budget as own cost. The personnel cost should not be included in the “financial data” part in the knowledge hub expression of interest section in EPSS.</p> <p>Czech applicants to TA CR can nominate a scientific coordinator for the knowledge hub, after consulting and agreeing with their consortium (Important: Each consortium can nominate only one scientific coordinator).</p> <p>TA CR covers the travel costs (3.600 Euros) of knowledge hub scientific coordinator for attending 3 workshops. The travel costs should be included in the travel cost category of project’s general budget as a requested cost. The travel cost should not be included in the “financial data” part in the knowledge hub expression of interest section in EPSS.</p> <p>TA CR covers the personnel costs (equivalent of 3 PM) of knowledge hub scientific coordinator for three years. The personnel costs should be included in the personnel cost category of project’s general budget as a requested cost. The personnel cost should not be included in the “financial data” part in the knowledge hub expression of interest section in EPSS.</p> <p>Czech applicants to TA CR can nominate a facilitator for the knowledge hub, after consulting and agreeing with their consortium (Important: Each consortium can nominate only one facilitator).</p> <p>TA CR covers the travel costs (3.600 Euros) of knowledge hub facilitator for attending 3 workshops. The travel costs should be included in the travel cost category of project’s general budget as a requested cost. The travel cost should not be included in the “financial data” part in the knowledge hub expression of interest section in EPSS.</p> <p>TA CR covers the personnel costs (equivalent of 6 PM) of knowledge hub facilitator for three years. The personnel costs should be included in the personnel cost category of project’s general budget as a requested cost. The personnel cost should not be included in the “financial data” part in the knowledge hub expression of interest section in EPSS. The facilitator can be hired externally via subcontracting.</p>	
Funding Commitment	Total Amount for the Call	Maximum Amount Per Proposal
	450 000 €	150 000 €
Funded instruments	<p>Joint transnational Call YES</p>	


	<p>Early Career Resarcher Modality NO</p>
	<p>Knowledge Hub Modality YES</p>
<p>Other Funding Criteria</p>	<p>The maximum allowable funding intensity for the Czech side of the project is 80% of the total eligible costs of the project. The aid intensity for each Czech bidder in the project is determined in accordance with the Commission Regulation (EU) and at the same time must not exceed the maximum aid intensity allowed for the Czech side of the project.</p> <p>Mandatory attachments for Czech applicants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TACR Application Form (main applicant only) - Sworn Statement - if the result is of Nmet type (NmetS, NmetC, NmetA) - obligatory to provide the certification body's confirmation - if Patent result type - mandatory documentation of patent search - Affidavit of Consortium Composition (Lead Applicant only, only if Czech company is part of the consortium)
<p>Relevant documents</p>	<p>Detailed conditions of participation for Czech applicants will be published on the TA CR's website</p>
<p>Additional Info</p>	<p>In the pre-proposals and full proposals phase, the TA CR checks the eligibility of the Czech applicant to receive funding from the TA CR, as well as the compliance of the submitted project (and activities with the Czech applicant) with the conditions of the programme from which the Czech applicant will subsequently be funded.</p>
<p>Useful Links</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> https://www.tacr.cz/ https://www.tacr.cz/program/water4all/ </p>

DENMARK

	<p>Funding Organisation:</p>		
<p>National Contact Point (NCP)</p>	<p>Name:</p>	<p>Email and Phone:</p>	
	<p>Thorbjørn Moth Gilberg Aila Lonka</p>	<p>+45 6190 5050 thorbjoern.moth.gilberg@innofond.dk +45 6190 5036 aila.lonka@innofond.dk General contact: internationale@innofond.dk</p>	
<p>Funded modality</p>	<p>Joint transnational Call <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>		
	<p>Early Career Resarcher Modality <input type="checkbox"/></p>		
	<p>Knowledge Hub Modality <input type="checkbox"/></p>		
<p>Eligible Institutions</p>	<p>IFD can fund all types of Danish partners actively participating in the projects.</p>		
<p>Eligible Applicants</p>			
<p>Eligible Costs</p>	<p>Eligible cost-categories for Danish partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salaries • equipment (equipment, materials, etc.) • other project-related costs (events, transportation, travel, accommodation/catering, communication) • external services (consultancy costs, subcontracting or services) • overhead 		
<p>Funding Commitment</p>	<p>Total Amount for the Call (national contribution)</p>	<p>Maximum Amount Per Proposal</p>	
	<p>1.000.000 €</p>	<p>500.000 €</p>	
<p>Other Funding Criteria</p>	<p>Maximum funding for a Danish partner is 300.000 €. If two or more Danish partners participate in a project, the total maximum funding per project is 500.000 €. Maximum funding rates apply, according to the Danish Rules and Guidelines for international projects.</p>		
<p>Relevant documents</p>	<p>Each Danish participant in a project will 2-4 weeks after the call deadline for the pre-proposal be invited to upload a pdf-version of the preproposal with annexes on e-grant.</p>		

	Enterprises will be requested to upload additional financial statements etc. on e-grant after the call deadline.
Additional Info	Read about the Danish Rules and Guidelines for international projects.
Useful Links	

ESTONIA

	<p>Funding Organisation:</p>	<p>Estonian Research Council</p>  <p>Estonian Research Council</p>
<p>National Contact Point (NCP)</p>	<p>Name:</p>	<p>Email and Phone:</p>
	<p>Katrin Saar</p>	<p>katrin.saar@etag.ee +372 53335625</p>
<p>Eligible Institutions</p>	<p>The Host Institution may be any legal entity that is registered and located in Estonia and has an Estonian bank account. The Host Institution (the final recipient) is the institution to which the grant will be allocated. After the submission deadline (in case of two-stage application, after the preproposal deadline) and upon the notice from the Funding Organisation, the Host Institution must confirm to the Funding Organisation in the written form that the project can be carried out on their premises in Estonia and that they will employ the Principal Investigator during the proposed project, should the project receive funding. If the Host Institution is a for-profit institution, the State aid and de minimis aid regulations must be taken into account.</p>	
<p>Eligible Applicants</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Principal Investigator is a researcher who acts as the Estonian team leader in the project proposal. He/she will be responsible for how the grant is used and how the Estonian part in the project is executed. <p>The Principal Investigator:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1. must have an updated public profile in the Estonian Research Information System (ETIS) by the submission deadline; 1.2. must hold a doctoral degree or an equivalent qualification. The degree must be awarded by the submission deadline of the grant application at the latest; 1.3. must have published at least three articles that comply with the requirements of Clause 1.1 of the ETIS classification of publications, or at least five articles that comply with the requirements of Clauses 1.1, 1.2, 2.1 or 3.1, within the last five calendar years prior to the proposal submission deadline.1 International patents are equalled with publications specified under Clause 1.1. A monograph (ETIS Clause 2.1) is equalled with three publications specified in Clause 1.1 if the number of authors is three or fewer. If the applicant has been on pregnancy and maternity or parental leave or performed compulsory service in the Defence Forces, or has another good reason, they can request the publication period requirement to be extended by the relevant period of time. <p>If the Principal Investigator has received the PhD degree outside Estonia, its correspondence to an Estonian doctoral degree must be recognised by either the Estonian ENIC-NARIC Center or the Host Institution in accordance with the Regulation of the Government of the Republic of April 6, 2006, No. 89 "Evaluation and academic recognition of documents proving foreign education and the name of the qualification awarded in the foreign education system terms and conditions of use". The Funding Organisation may ask for a relevant Evaluation Report.</p> <p>If several Estonian institutions participate in a proposal, all institutions must have a Principal Investigator who meets the national eligibility requirements.</p>	

<p style="text-align: center;">Eligible Costs</p>	<p>2. Budget</p> <p>2.1 Research expenses consist of direct costs (personnel costs, travel costs and other direct costs) and subcontracting costs. The research expenses must be used to carry out the project and be separately identifiable.</p> <p>2.2 Direct costs</p> <p>2.2.1 Personnel costs are monthly salaries with social security charges and all other statutory costs of the project participants, calculated according to their commitment and in proportion to their total workload at their Host Institution.</p> <p>2.2.2 Other direct costs are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - travel costs that may cover expenses for transport, accommodation, daily allowances and travel Insurance only for travels abroad; - consumables and minor equipment related to the project; - publication and dissemination of project results; - organising meetings, seminars or conferences (room rent, catering); - fees for participating in scientific forums, conferences and other events related to the project; - patent costs; - all other costs that are identifiable as clearly required for carrying out the project (e.g. translation, copy editing, webpage hosting, etc.) and comply with the eligible costs. <p>2.2.3 Subcontracting costs should cover only additional or complementary research related tasks (e.g. analyses, conducting surveys, building a prototype, etc.) performed by third parties. Subcontracting costs should not be included in the overhead calculation. The activities and budget should be described in the proposal. Core project tasks should not be subcontracted. Subcontracting costs may not exceed 15% of the total costs.</p> <p>2.3 Indirect costs (overhead) may not exceed 15% of the personnel costs and should cover the general expenses of the Host Institution. Costs for equipment and services intended for public use (e.g. a copy machine or a printer that is publicly used, phone bills, copy service, etc.) should be covered from the overhead.</p> <p>2.4 Double funding of activities is not acceptable.</p> <p>2.5 If several Estonian institutions participate in one proposal, the sum of their requested budgets may not exceed the maximum contribution (150 000 €) of the respective national Funding Organisation indicated in the call documents.</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;">Funding Commitment</p>	<p>Total Amount for the Call</p>
<p>300 000 €</p>		<p>150 000 €</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Funded instruments</p>	<p>Joint transnational Call <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>Early Career Resarcher Modality <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>Knowledge Hub Modality <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Other Funding Criteria</p>	<p>3. State Aid</p> <p>EU Regulations on State aid and de minimis aid must be taken into account when requesting funding.</p> <p>If the State aid or de minimis aid regulations apply, the funding will not be granted to a Host Institution who has been subject to a funding withdrawal decision pursuant to a previous European Commission decision that deemed the aid illegal and incompatible with the common market, if that decision has not been complied with.</p>	

The funding is not considered State aid for research and development, if the project has ties to the non-economic activities of the Research (or Host) Institution, if the research and development activities and the related costs, funding and revenue can be clearly separated, thus avoiding the cross subsidisation of economic activity.

The criteria defined in Clauses 17–22 of Communication from the European Commission – Framework for State aid for research and development and innovation (2014/C 198/01) forms the basis for determining whether the activities carried out are economic activities and whether the Host Institution is a company that is considered to be a State aid recipient when it receives funding.

If the institution applies for State aid or de minimis aid, it must fill in the **State aid form**. No tax arrears are allowed on the proposal submission date. I

If State aid or de minimis aid is given, the documents related to the funding must be kept for 10 years as of the date when the agreement was entered into.

State aid pursuant to the Block Exemption Regulation

If the funding is considered to be State aid, then it is given on the basis of Article 25 or 25c of the Commission Regulation (EU) No. 651/2014 that declares certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty (OJ L 187, 26.6.2014, pp. 1–78) (hereinafter the Block Exemption Regulation), and the provisions of the Commission Regulation and Section 34² of the Estonian Competition Act apply.

State aid is not given in cases specified under Articles 1(2) to (5) of the Block Exemption Regulation.

In case of State aid, the eligible costs of the project activities must comply with the requirements specified under Article 25(3) of the Block Exemption Regulation (except clause (c)), and the maximum aid intensity must comply with Articles 25(5) and (6). If applicable the State aid is given according to the rules specified in Article 25c – aid involved in co-funded research and development projects.

If the funding can be considered to be State aid, the application must include the information specified in Article 6(2) of the Block Exemption Regulation, and the application has to be submitted before the start of the activities.

If State aid is given, then the costs of the activities carried out before application submission will not be eligible for aid.

De minimis aid

If the funding is considered de minimis aid, then it is subject to Commission Regulation (EU) No. 1407/2013 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to de minimis aid (OJ L 352, 24.12.2013, pp. 1–8) (hereinafter the De Minimis Aid Regulation), and the provisions of the Regulation and Section 33 of the Estonian Competition Act apply.

De minimis aid is not given in cases specified under Article 1(1) of the De Minimis Aid Regulation.

In case of de minimis aid, the maximum aid intensity must comply with Article 3 of the De Minimis Aid Regulation.

De minimis aid given to the Host Institution together with de minimis aid applied for must not exceed 200,000 euros during the current financial year and the two previous financial years.



Article 5 of the De Minimis Aid Regulation applies to cumulating de minimis aid.

A single undertaking is an undertaking specified in Article 2(1) of the De Minimis Aid Regulation.

4. Grant Agreement



	<p>If a positive funding decision is made, the Funding Organisation enters into a grant agreement with the Host Institution. Information on the transnational project must be entered into ETIS once the agreement has been signed.</p> <p>The Consortium Agreement should be signed six months after the grant agreement has been signed at the latest. If one year has elapsed and the CA has not been signed, the next instalment of funding will not be paid out.</p> <p>5. Research Involving Human Subjects or Animal Testing If human research or animal testing are intended in the project, a positive resolution by the Human Research Ethics Committee or the Authorisation Committee for Animal Experiments must be submitted to the Funding Organisation by the start of the relevant activities.</p> <p>6. Nagoya Protocol By applying for funding by the Funding Organisation, the applicants commit to consider the relevance of the Nagoya protocol for their research, and to submit the Due Diligence Declaration, if applicable.</p>
<p>Relevant documents</p>	<p>https://etag.ee/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Vastavusnouded-RV-uhiskonkurssidel_EN_veebr.2023.pdf</p>
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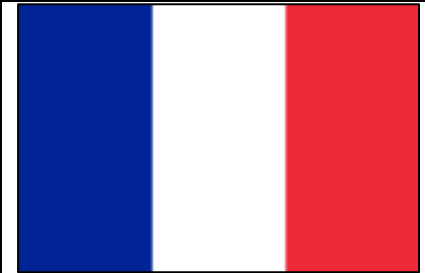

	<p>Funding Organisation:</p>	<p>Research Council of Finland (AKA)</p>  <p>Suomen Akatemia Finlands Akademi Research Council of Finland</p>
<p>National Contact Point (NCP)</p>	<p>Name:</p>	<p>Email and Phone:</p>
	<p>Laura Forsström Vesa Yli-Pelkonen</p>	<p>laura.forsstrom@aka.fi, +358 295 335 041 vesa.yli-pelkonen@aka.fi, +358 295 335 095</p>
<p>Funded modality</p>	<p>Joint transnational Call <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>Early Career Resarcher Modality <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>Knowledge Hub Modality <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Eligible Institutions</p>	<p>Please check AKA's Regulations at: Research Council of Finland's funding terms and conditions June 2023-31 Oct 2023 Research Council of Finland's A-Z index of application guidelines</p>	
<p>Eligible Applicants</p>	<p>In this call the eligibility criteria is according to the Academy Project funding criteria.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In addition to a doctoral degree, the principal investigator (PI) of the proposed project must have other significant scientific merits. Usually the PI is a researcher at the professor or docent (adjunct professor) level. • If the PI does not have an employment relationship with, for example, a university or research institute for the duration of the funding period, they must explain how their salary will be covered during the funding period. • Only one application per researcher will be considered (incl. a consortium subproject) in this call. <p>Please check AKA's Regulations at: Research Council of Finland's funding terms and conditions June 2023-31 Oct 2023 Research Council of Finland's Criteria for funding decisions 2022-2023 (in Finnish) Research Council of Finland's A-Z index of application guidelines</p>	
<p>Eligible Costs</p>	<p>The call is implemented under the full cost model. 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. Please check AKA's regulations at: Research Council of Finland's funding terms and conditions June 2023-31 Oct 2023 Research Council of Finland's A-Z index of application guidelines</p> <p>Eligible costs for attending Water4All Knowledge Hub activities are as follows: AKA only covers the travel costs (3.600 Euros) of knowledge hub expert group members for attending 3 workshops. The travel costs should be included in the travel cost category of project's general budget as a requested cost. The travel cost should not be included in the "financial data" part in the knowledge hub expression of interest section in EPSS.</p>	
<p>Funding Commitment</p>	<p>Total Amount for the Call (national contribution)</p>	<p>Maximum Amount Per Proposal</p>
	<p>€850,000,00</p>	<p>€250,000 per consortium partner If there are several Finnish partners in the same consortium, the maximum total commitment is €400,000 per consortium.</p>

<p>Other Funding Criteria</p>	
<p>Relevant documents</p>	<p>National Regulations: Research Council of Finland’s funding terms and conditions June 2023-31 Oct 2023 Research Council of Finland’s Criteria for funding decisions 2022-2023 (in Finnish) Research Council of Finland’s A-Z index of application guidelines</p>
<p>Additional Info</p>	<p>Only the submission of the joint proposal is required. There is no need to submit any documents directly to AKA. However, applicants are advised to contact AKA’s contact point (see above) before submitting the proposal.</p> <p>In the online submission tool applicants must choose either AKA or YM (Ministry of Environment) as funding partner organisation (FPO) that they are requesting funds from. However, after Step 1, the applicants may be shifted to the other FPO depending on the available budget and other criteria.</p>
<p>Useful Links</p>	<p>https://www.aka.fi/en/</p>

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	<p>Funding Organisation: Ministry of the Environment</p>		 <p>Ministry of the Environment Finland</p>
<p>National Contact Point (NCP)</p>	<p>Name:</p>		<p>Email and Phone:</p>
	<p>Laura Höijer Research Director</p>		<p>laura.hoijer@gov.fi +358 295250139</p>
<p>Funded modality</p>	<p>Joint transnational Call <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>		
	<p>Early Career Resarcher Modality <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>		
	<p>Knowledge Hub Modality <input type="checkbox"/></p>		
<p>Eligible Institutions</p>	<p>Companies are not funded, no other restrictions.</p>		
<p>Eligible Applicants</p>	<p>No restrictions</p>		
<p>Eligible Costs</p>	<p>Funding rules depend on the type of applicant (government research institutes / all other applicants): - General rules for internal government funding (applies to government research institutions) - General rules of the Ministry of the Environment for special grants (all other applicants)</p>		
<p>Funding Commitment</p>	<p>Total Amount for the Call (national contribution)</p>	<p>Maximum Amount Per Proposal</p>	
	<p>150 000 €</p>	<p>150 000 €</p>	
<p>Other Funding Criteria</p>	<p>The funding is only for non-economic activities.</p>		
<p>Relevant documents</p>	<p>General rules for special grants: https://ym.fi/ymparistoministerion-erityisavustukset/ehdot-ja-rajoitukset (in Finnish) / https://ym.fi/en/special-grants-of-the-ministry-of-the-environment/terms-and-restrictions (in English)</p>		
<p>Additional Info</p>	<p>Only the submission of the joint proposal is required. However, applicants are advised to contact the Ministry's contact point (see above) before submitting the proposal.</p>		
<p>Useful Links</p>	<p>More information about non-economic activities: https://tem.fi/eu-n-valtiontukisaantely (in Finnish) / https://tem.fi/en/eu-rules-on-state-aid (in English)</p>		

FRANCE

	<p>Funding Organisation:</p>	<p>Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR)</p> 
<p>National Contact Point (NCP)</p>	<p>Name:</p>	<p>Email and Phone:</p>
	<p>Claire Treignier Sylvain Pasquier</p>	<p>Water4All-CallsFR @agencerecherche.fr +33 1 73 54 81 43 - +33 1 73 54 82 88</p>
<p>Funded modality</p>	<p>Joint transnational Call <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>Early Career Resercher Call <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>Water4All Knowledge Hub <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Eligible Institutions</p>	<p>ANR may fund research organisations and undertakings, as defined by the EC regulation on State aid for research, development and innovation (see the ANR Funding regulations for further reference). Only research organisations that have their primary establishment in France may be funded. As for undertakings, ANR may fund those that have their real head office in an EU member State and an establishment (primary or secondary) in France.</p> <p>In this call, to be eligible, the consortium must include at least one French public research organization (EPA, EPSCP, EPST, EPIC).</p> <p>The involvement of an enterprise is encouraged but not mandatory. If a non-French enterprise is involved in a project and requests funds from a funding organisation other than ANR, it is mandatory to involve a French enterprise; otherwise the French partners requesting funding to ANR will be declared ineligible.</p> <p>Partners from countries subject to sanctions applicable to the research field by the European Union authorities are excluded from this call for ANR. ANR will declare Partners requesting its support ineligible if they apply with Partners established in these countries. At the date of publication, these exclusions concern Partners from the following countries: Russia, Belarus. This list may evolve in case of new sanctions decided by the European Union.</p>	
<p>Eligible Applicants</p>	<p>See above Early Career Researchers must hold their PhD less than 10 years ago, i.e. since 1st January 2013.</p>	
<p>Eligible Costs</p>	<p>Please check the ANR Funding Regulations at: https://anr.fr/fr/rf/</p> <p>Applicants can appoint an expert group member for the knowledge hub, after consulting and agreeing with their consortium (Important: Each consortium can appoint only one expert group member to represent their project). ANR only supports applications for 'expert group members'. The costs for the roles of 'scientific coordinator' and 'facilitator' are not covered". ANR covers the travel costs (3.600 Euros maximum) of knowledge hub expert group members for attending 3 workshops. The travel costs should be included in the travel cost category of project's general budget as a requested cost. The travel cost should not be included in the "financial data" part in the knowledge hub expression of interest section in EPSS.</p>	
<p>Funding Commitment</p>	<p>Total Amount for the Call (national contribution)</p>	<p>Maximum Amount Per Proposal</p>



	<p>€1,700,000</p>	<p>The maximum amount that can be requested from ANR by each proposal (including participation in the KH) with French applicant(s) is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • €400,000 (if Coordinating Partner is French) • €300,000 (for French Partners)
<p>Other Funding Criteria</p>	<p>The funding requested from ANR for a project must be between 15 000 € and 300 000 €. If there are several Partners requesting funding from ANR, the 300 000 € must be split. If a Partner requesting funding from ANR is Coordinator of a proposal, the maximum amount of funding requested can reach 400 000 €. For calculation of overheads, please check the ANR Funding Regulations for at: https://anr.fr/fr/rf/</p>	
<p>Relevant documents</p>	<p>National Funding Regulations https://anr.fr/fr/rf/</p>	
<p>Additional Info</p>	<p>Additional eligibility criteria: - To be eligible, a proposal must not be deemed similar to another proposal still undergoing evaluation in another ANR call, or already funded.</p> <p>Depending on the consortium composition, a Consortium Agreement may be mandatory for ANR at the funding stage for successful applications. Please refer to the ANR funding regulations for more details: https://anr.fr/fr/rf/</p> <p>Project partners' commitment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to genetic resources and traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources • Ethics and scientific Integrity • Publications and Open Science Policy • Scientific, Technical and Industrial Culture • GDPR <p>Please consult the Complete terms and conditions for French Partners on the ANR website for more details (Document “Modalités pour les Partenaires sollicitant une aide de l’ANR”).</p>	
<p>Useful Links</p>		

GREECE

	<p>Funding Organisation:</p>	<p>General Secretariat for Research and Innovation</p> 
<p>National Contact Point (NCP)</p>	<p>Name:</p>	<p>Email and Phone:</p>
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<p>Funded modality</p>	<p>Joint transnational Call <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>Early Career Resarcher Modality <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>Knowledge Hub Modality <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Eligible Institutions</p>	<p>All private and public legal entities namely: private enterprises (such as SMEs, large-companies etc), research organizations, higher education institutions, and other public organizations with R&D activities).</p>	
<p>Eligible Applicants</p>	<p>Applicants may submit, if they are enterprises, up to two (2) proposals from the same enterprise in the current call, and for Public research Institutes and Universities up to (2) proposals at the level of the same Laboratory or School or Institute or Department.</p>	
<p>Eligible Costs</p>	<p>(a) personnel costs: researchers, technicians and other supporting staff to the extent employed on the project. (b) costs on fixed assets i.e. b1) costs of instruments and equipment to the extent and for the period used for the project. Where such instruments and equipment are not used for their full life for the project, only the depreciation costs corresponding to the life of the project, as calculated on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles are considered as eligible and b2) costs for buildings and land, to the extent and for the duration period used for the project. With regard to buildings, only the depreciation costs corresponding to the life of the project, as calculated on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles are considered as eligible. For land, costs of commercial transfer or actually incurred capital costs are eligible. (c) costs of contractual research, knowledge and patents bought or licensed from outside sources at arm's length conditions, as well as costs of consultancy and equivalent services used exclusively for the project. (d) additional general costs and other operating expenses, including costs of materials, supplies, travel expenses, organization of meetings, dissemination/publicity costs, audit costs, incurred directly as a result of the project implementation. (e) indirect costs = up to 25% of direct costs. Indirect costs are eligible for all legal entities and include costs that do not incur directly as a result of the project implementation (e. g. administrative and management costs, utility costs). In compliance with the (COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2021/1237 of 23 July 2021 amending Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty.</p>	
<p>Funding Commitment</p>	<p>Total Amount for the Call (national contribution)</p>	<p>Maximum Amount Per Proposal</p>
	<p>500,000€</p>	<p>150,000€ (175,000€ if the Greek beneficiary is the project coordinator)</p>



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	<p>Knowledge Hub Modality <input type="checkbox"/></p>																													
<p>Other Funding Criteria</p>	<p>The Hungarian partners of winning proposals should submit a separate proposal for funding to NKFIH after having been informed of the international funding decision.</p>																													



	<p>The maximum amount that a Hungarian partner can request is 170 000 EURO. In case there is more than one Hungarian partner in a consortium than this amount should be shared among the Hungarian partners, except for the case where one of the HU partners is the coordinator and the other HU partner(s) are full partners (not subcontracted ones).</p>
<p>Relevant documents</p>	<p>Proposals must be submitted to NKFIH through the dedicated call for Partnerships (call will be published at 2023 Q3)</p> <p>https://www.horizonteuropa.nkfi.gov.hu/partnersegek/futo-europai-partnersegek https://nkfi.gov.hu/palyazoknak/palyazatok/aktualis-felhivasok?save=1&cimke=NKFI</p>
<p>Additional Info</p>	<p>Information for Partners: All Hungarian entities are eligible to participate and receive funding in the Call. The top-up funding for universities affected by Council Implementing Decision 2022/2506 will be covered by the Hungarian Government's Guarantee Fund.</p>
<p>Useful Links</p>	<p>https://www.horizonteuropa.nkfi.gov.hu/partnersegek/futo-europai-partnersegek</p>

IRELAND

	<p>Funding Organisation:</p>	<p>Environmental Protection Agency</p> 
<p>National Contact Point (NCP)</p>	<p>Name:</p>	<p>Email and Phone:</p>
	<p>John McEntagert Darragh O'Neill</p>	<p>j.mcentagert@epa.ie da.oneill@epa.ie</p>
<p>Funded modality</p>	<p>Joint transnational Call <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>Early Career Researcher Modality <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>Knowledge Hub Modality <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Eligible Institutions</p>	<p>For the purpose of this call, eligible institutions must be located in the Republic of Ireland. For more details on eligibility of institutions to apply for EPA funding, please refer to the EPA Research Programme 2021-2030 Guidelines and Terms & Conditions</p>	
<p>Eligible Applicants</p>	<p>For details on eligibility of applicants to apply for EPA funding, please refer to the EPA Research Programme 2021-2030 Guidelines and Terms & Conditions</p>	
<p>Eligible Costs</p>	<p>Funding requests to the EPA will be required to comply with our funding rules. For details on our funding rules, including eligible costs and funding rates, please refer to the EPA Research Programme 2021-2030 Guidelines and Terms & Conditions</p> <p>Eligible costs for attending knowledge hub activities are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants in Ireland requesting project funding from the EPA may be nominated as an expert group member for the knowledge hub, after consulting and agreeing with their consortium (Important: Each consortium can appoint only one expert group member to represent their project). • The EPA will cover the travel costs of knowledge hub expert group members for attending 3 workshops. The applicant should enter the travel costs into the “financial data” part in the knowledge hub expression of interest section in EPSS as a requested cost. These costs must comply with the EPA funding rules mentioned above and will be subject to review by the EPA. The travel costs should not be included in the project’s general budget. Travel costs for the knowledge hub will be issued by direct reimbursement from the EPA. • Personnel costs for contributing to the knowledge hub activities as an expert group member shall be provided in-kind as equivalent of 1.5 PM total for three years. The applicant should enter the personnel costs into the “financial data” part in the knowledge hub expression of interest section in EPSS as own cost. The personnel cost should not be included in the project’s general budget. • Applicants to the EPA may not request costs for the nomination of a scientific coordinator or facilitator for the knowledge hub. 	

Funding Commitment	Total Amount for the Call (national contribution)	Maximum Amount Per Proposal
	€ 500,000	<p>Eligible applicants in Ireland may request from the EPA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to €150,000 if participating as a Project Partner • Up to €300,000 if participating as a Project Coordinator <p>A Maximum of one IE organisation (Coordinator or Partner) may request budget from the EPA within a consortium</p>
Other Funding Criteria	Applications related to the following aquatic environments are eligible for EPA funding: inland surface water, groundwater, transitional and coastal waters	
Relevant documents	EPA Research Programme 2021-2030 Guidelines and Terms & Conditions: https://www.epa.ie/publications/research/current-call-documents/epa-research-programme-2021-2030-guidelines-and-terms--conditions.php	
Additional Info	<p>There is no requirement for applicants to send the EPA any paperwork related to their submission in advance of the call deadline.</p> <p>Any queries relating to eligibility for request funding from the EPA should be submitted by email. No queries relating to the scope of the proposal will be answered.</p> <p>Applicants are advised to carefully read the National Regulations and to review the Water4All call document, particularly with regard to requirements relating to changes to the budget or consortium after submission.</p> <p>Should the proposal be successful and the project awarded, the participant in Ireland requesting budget from the EPA will be required to create an application and upload relevant information to the EPA’s Online Grants Management System. This will include a review of the budget requested from the EPA for compliance with our funding rules. Irish participants requesting budget from the EPA on successful projects will be required to comply with EPA’s interim and final reporting requirements and funding rules. Detailed information on funding rules and reporting requirements can be found in the EPA Research Programme 2021-2030 Guidelines and Terms & Conditions.</p>	
Useful Links	https://www.epa.ie/our-services/research/	



ITALY

	Funding Organisation:	Italian Ministry for Universities and Research 
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Maria Bianco	Maria.bianco@mur.gov.it
Funded modality	Joint transnational Call <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Early Career Resarcher Modality <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Knowledge Hub Modality <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Eligible Institutions	The following entities are eligible, providing that they have stable organization in Italy: enterprises including foundations and other not-for-profit legal entities (including associations and NGOs provided they are registered legal entities) , universities, research institutions, research organizations in accordance with EU Reg. n. 651/2014 of the European Commission - June 17, 2014; Any participant, in order to be eligible, must comply with the eligibility criteria listed in the "Avviso integrativo nazionale".	
Eligible Applicants	No restrictions	
Eligible Costs	All costs incurred during the lifetime of the project under the following categories are eligible: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A) Personnel, • B) Consulting and equivalent services (subcontracting) • C.1) Travel and subsistence • C.2) Equipment • C.3) Other goods and Services E) Indirect Costs/Overheads ("Spese generali") calculated at 25% flat rate of all direct costs excluding cost category B) Consulting and equivalent services [E) = 25% of A) + C.1) + C.2) + C.3]. Eligible costs for attending Knowledge Hub activities are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Italian applicants can appoint an expert group member for the knowledge hub, after consulting and agreeing with their consortium (Important: Each consortium can appoint only one expert group member to represent their project). MUR covers the travel costs (3.600 Euros) of knowledge hub expert group members for attending 3 workshops. The travel costs should be included in the travel cost category of project's general budget as a requested cost. Personnel costs for contributing to the knowledge hub activities as an expert group member shall be provided in-kind as equivalent of 1,5 PM 	

	<p>total for three years. The personnel costs should be included in the personnel cost category of project’s general budget as own cost.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Italian Applicants can nominate a scientific coordinator for the knowledge hub, after consulting and agreeing with their consortium (Important: Each consortium can nominate only one scientific coordinator). MUR covers the travel costs (3.600 Euros) of knowledge hub scientific coordinator for attending 3 workshops. The travel costs should be included in the travel cost category of project’s general budget as a requested cost. MUR covers the personnel costs (equivalent of 3 PM) of knowledge hub scientific coordinator for three years. The personnel costs should be included in the personnel cost category of project’s general budget as a requested cost. - Italian Applicants can nominate a facilitator for the knowledge hub, after consulting and agreeing with their consortium (Important: Each consortium can nominate only one facilitator). MUR covers the travel costs (3.600 Euros) of knowledge hub facilitator for attending 3 workshops. The travel costs should be included in the travel cost category of project’s general budget as a requested cost. MUR covers the personnel costs (equivalent of 6 PM) of knowledge hub facilitator for three years. The personnel costs should be included in the personnel cost category of project’s general budget as a requested cost. The facilitator can be hired externally via subcontracting <p>IMPORTANT: Italian Applicants to Knowledge Hub shall not include expert group member, scientific coordinator and/or facilitator’s personnel costs and travel costs in the “financial data” part in the knowledge hub expression of interest section in EPSS. These costs can be included in the general budget costs.</p>	
<p>Funding Commitment</p>	<p>Total Amount for the Call (national contribution)</p>	<p>Maximum Amount Per Proposal</p>
	<p>2.000.000,00 euro</p>	<p>Project coordinated by an Italian institution: 350.000 EUR Project not coordinated by an Italian institution: 250.000 EUR</p>
<p>Other Funding Criteria</p>	<p>The amount of funding which can be granted to each beneficiary is calculated multiplying the eligible costs for the funding rates listed hereafter: Basic research: 70% Industrial Research: 70% Experimental Development: 25%</p>	
<p>Relevant documents</p>	<p>Applicable laws and rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decreto legge n. 83/2012 • Decreto Ministeriale n. 1314 del 14 dicembre 2021 • Decreto Ministeriale n. 1368 del 24 dicembre 2021 • Avviso integrativo nazionale 	
<p>Additional Info</p>	<p>National additional application: In addition to the project proposal which shall be submitted at European level, Italian participants are requested to submit a national additional application to MUR, through the national web platform, available at the following link: https://banditransnazionali-miur.cineca.it</p>	

	<p>The national additional application must be submitted by the same deadline established in the international joint call. Participant who does not submit national documentation by the deadline are considered not eligible for funding.</p> <p>More information on the national documentation to be submitted to MUR is available at the web page dedicated to the Water4All Joint Call 2023:</p> <p>http://www.ricercainternazionale.miur.it/era/european-partnership-2021-27/water4all.aspx</p> <p>It is recommended to contact the National Contact Persons already in early stage of project preparation.</p> <p>The admission to funding is subject to the adoption of the necessary accounting and administrative measures for the allocation of the resources.</p> <p>National Reporting</p> <p>Funded participants will be requested to submit financial and scientific reports to MUR.</p> <p>The criteria and provisions provided herewith are intended only for informative purposes. The complete list of criteria and provisions legally valid, which must be respected by all the Italian participants, is included in the “Avviso integrativo nazionale”, which will be published on the MUR website, and in the applicable Italian laws.</p> <p>-</p>
<p>Useful Links</p>	<p>http://www.ricercainternazionale.miur.it/era/european-partnership-2021-27/water4all.aspx</p>


ITALY

	<p>MIMIT- Ministry of Enterprises and Made in Italy</p>		
<p>National Contact Point (NCP)</p>	<p>Name:</p>		<p>Email</p>
	<p>Alessandra D'Ambrosio Valentina Milazzo</p>		<p>alessandra.dambrosio@mise.gov.it valentina.milazzo@mise.gov.it</p>
<p>Funded modality</p>	<p>Joint transnational Call <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>		
	<p>Early Career Resarcher Modality <input type="checkbox"/></p>		
	<p>Knowledge Hub Modality <input type="checkbox"/></p>		
<p>Eligible Institutions</p>	<p>See “eligible applicants” section below</p>		
<p>Eligible Applicants</p>	<p>The following entities are eligible: -Italian Enterprises and Research Centers; -Universities and Research Organitations - only in collaboration with enterprises with which to set up a consortium or a network of companies;</p>		
<p>Eligible Costs</p>	<p>All costs incurred during the lifetime of the project under the following categories are eligible: personnel, equipment, subcontracting, consumables and overheads. Overheads are calculated as a fixed percentage 25% of eligible costs of the project, as established by art. 20 of the Delegated Regulation (EU) n. 480/2014 and by art. 29 of the Regulation (EU) n. 1290/2013, in line with the provisions of art 53.3, lett. c) of Regulation (EU) 1060/2021 as referred to in art. 10, paragraph 4 of Decree 121/2021. They include also communications, dissemination and travel expenses.</p>		
<p>Funding Commitment</p>	<p>Total Amount for the Call (national contribution)</p>	<p>Maximum Amount Per Proposal</p>	
	<p>3.000.000 EUR</p>	<p>800.000 EUR</p>	
<p>Other Funding Criteria</p>	<p>The amount of funding which can be granted to each beneficiary is calculated multiplying the eligible costs for the funding rates listed hereafter: Industrial Research: 50 % Experimental Development: 25 %</p>		
<p>Relevant documents</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regulation (EU) 2021/241, especially the principle of tagging (commitment to the climate contribution of the investment as per the methodology in Annex VI) and complementary funding (as per Article 9 		

	<p>of the Regulation and the circular letter of the Ministry of Economy and Finances of 31 st December 2021 n. 33);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regulation (EU) GBER 2014/651 and Regulation (EU) 2021/1237 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market; • Regulation (EU) 2020/852, art. 17 and the Ministry of Economy and Finances circular letter of 30th December 2021 n. 32 about the principle of DNSH; • Articles 2, 3(3) of the TEU, 8, 10, 19 and 157 of the TFEU, and 21, 23 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union on the principle of gender equality and the obligation of protection and enhancement of young people; • According to Article 2, paragraph 6-bis of the Decree Law 31st May 2021 n. 77, Administrations ensure that at least 40 % of the resources will be allocated to the beneficiaries of South of Italy Regions. Nevertheless, it will be protected the interest in the total allocation of the resources put up for tender if the Ministry doesn't receive a number of applications, from Southern Italy applicants, that would exhaust the financial resources referred to the aforementioned reserve; • Article 20 of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2014/480 and article 29 of the Regulation (EU) 2013/1290 which states that overheads are calculated as a fixed percentage 25% of eligible costs of the project.
<p>Additional Info</p>	<p>In addition to the project proposal, which shall be submitted as European level, the Italian participants are requested to submit a national additional application to MIMIT, through the following PEC address: dgiai.div6@pec.mise.gov.it</p> <p>This national additional application must be submitted within the deadline set by MIMIT-DGIAI/DGTCSI Directorial Decree. Any participant who does not submit application – requested at national and European level - by the fixed pre-proposal deadline will be considered not eligible for funding.</p> <p>It's strongly recommended to contact the National Contact Persons already in early stage of project preparation.</p> <p>The ammission for funding is subject to the adoption of the necessary accounting and administrative measures for the allocation of the resources.</p> <p>Funded participants will be requested to submit financial and scientific reports to MIMIT.</p> <p>The criteria and provisions provided herewith are intended only for informative purposes. The complete list of f criteria and provision legally valid, which must be respected by all the Italian participants, is included in the "Avviso integrativo nazionale", which will be published on the MIMIT website and in applicable Italian laws.</p>
<p>Useful Links</p>	<p>National Website: www.mimit.gov.it</p>

	National submission PEC address: dgiai.div6@pec.mise.gov.it
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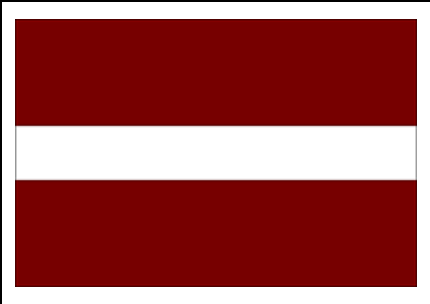


ISRAEL

	<p>Funding Organisation:</p>	<p>Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure משרד האנרגיה והתשתיות www.energy.gov.il </p>
<p>National Contact Point (NCP)</p>	<p>Name:</p>	<p>Email and Phone:</p>
	<p>Dr. Olga Zlatkin</p>	<p>olgaz@energy.gov.il</p>
<p>Eligible Institutions</p>	<p>Research institutes for "Academia"; companies and municipalities for "Start-Up" and "Pilot&Demonstration."</p>	
<p>Eligible Applicants</p>	<p>Research institutes for "Academia"; companies and municipalities for "Start-Up" and "Pilot&Demonstration." Research will not be funded simultaneously by CSO-MoE on more than one grant (EC programme or national).</p>	
<p>Eligible Costs</p>	<p>Eligible costs are for salaries, equipment, materials and subcontractors. Funding rates are 100% for "Academia", 62.5% for "Start-up", and 50% for "Pilot&Demonstration"</p>	
<p>Funding Commitment</p>	<p>Total Amount for the Call</p>	<p>Maximum Amount Per Proposal</p>
	<p>Up to € 400,000 overall</p>	<p>The following will be used as national eligibility criteria: 365,000 Euro for "Pilot&Demonstration programme"; 185,000 Euro for "Start-Up" and "Academia" programmes (see at https://www.gov.il/he/departments/guides/rd_grants (Hebrew))</p>
<p>Funded instruments</p>	<p>Joint Transnational Calls only</p>	
	<p>CSO-MoE funding programmes: "Academia" (Applicative research, TRL 2-4) "Start-up" (TRL 4-6) "Pilot&Demonstration" (TRL 5-8) Prior to submission, researchers will submit to CSO-MoE an abstract approved by their research authority including budget distribution. The project at the national level will start according to the corresponding CSO-MoE funding programme.</p>	
<p>Other Funding Criteria</p>	<p>Submission of financial and scientific reports at national level is required annually.</p>	
<p>Relevant documents</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>	
<p>Additional Info</p>	<p>https://www.gov.il/he/departments/guides/rd_grants (Hebrew)</p>	

Useful Links

https://www.gov.il/he/departments/guides/rd_grants (Hebrew)
https://www.gov.il/BlobFolder/guide/rd_grants/he/rd_support.pdf (Hebrew)



LATVIA

	<p>Funding Organisation:</p>	<p>Zinatnes padome (LZP)</p>   <p>Latvijas Zinātnes padome</p>
<p>National Contact Point (NCP)</p>	<p>Name:</p>	<p>Email and Phone:</p>
	<p>Ineta Plikša</p> <p>Dace Tirzīte</p>	<p>Ineta.pliksa@lzp.gov.lv +371 26443380</p> <p>Dace.tirzite@lzp.gov.lv +37129644426</p>
<p>Eligible Institutions</p>	<p>R&D institutions (research institutes, universities, higher education establishments, research centres etc.) and enterprises. R&D institutions should be listed in the Registry of Research Institution operated by the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia. Private entities must be registered in the Registry of Enterprises of the Republic of Latvia and provide most of its R&D&I activities in the Republic of Latvia.</p>	
<p>Eligible Applicants</p>	<p>See above. No more than two partners from Latvia may participate in the same project.</p>	
<p>Eligible Costs</p>	<p>Eligible costs are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Direct costs: personnel costs, travel costs, subcontracts (up to 25% of total direct costs), equipment (only depreciation costs), materials and other direct costs such as consumables, publication costs etc. Indirect costs: can reach a maximum of 25% of total direct costs, excluding subcontracting costs 	
<p>Funding Commitment</p>	<p>Total Amount for the Call</p>	<p>Maximum Amount Per Proposal</p>
	<p>600 000 EUR</p>	<p>100 000 EUR per project year per partner</p>
<p>Funded instruments</p>	<p>Joint transnational Call <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>Early Career Researcher Modality <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>Knowledge Hub Modality <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Other Funding Criteria</p>	<p>Double funding of the same project, as a whole or in part, is prohibited, whether the funding comes from LZP or from another source.</p>	
<p>Relevant documents</p>	<p>The funding of RTD activities is provided pursuant in accordance with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the Regulation of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Latvia No 259 on the procedure for providing support for participation in international cooperation programs for research and technology (adopted on 26 June 2015) - the COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty 	
<p>Additional Info</p>	<p>Eligible for funding is fundamental research, applied research and experimental development (TRL1 -TRL8)</p>	



Useful Links

Further information on the conditions for receiving funding can be found on the LZP website: www.lzp.gov.lv

LITHUANIA



	<p>Funding Organisation:</p>		 <p>LMT Lietuvos mokslo taryba</p>
<p>National Contact Point (NCP)</p>	<p>Name:</p>		<p>Email and Phone:</p>
	<p>Viktoras Mongirdas</p>		<p>Phone +370 676 19613 E-mail: viktoras.mongirdas@lmt.lt</p>
<p>Eligible Institutions</p>	<p>Eligible implementing institution – Lithuanian research and higher education institution which is included in the Register of Education and Research institutions</p>		
<p>Eligible Applicants</p>	<p>Implementing institution together with partners - a public or private legal entities</p>		
<p>Eligible Costs</p>	<p>Personal, travel, purchase (assets, services), indirect, subcontracting</p>		
<p>Funding Commitment</p>	<p>Total Amount for the Call</p>	<p>Maximum Amount Per Proposal</p>	
	<p>200 000</p>	<p>150 000 (Coordinator) 100 000 (Partner)</p>	
<p>Funded instruments</p>	<p>Joint transnational Call</p>		<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
	<p>Early Career Resarcher Modality</p>		<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
	<p>Knowledge Hub Modality</p>		<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Other Funding Criteria</p>	<p>Maximum project duration: up to 36 months VAT is included in the budget Subcontracting rules: subcontracting costs must be incurred in accordance with the provisions of the Law on Public Procurement of the Republic of Lithuania. Expenses incurred according to service and/or copyright agreements where such agreements were concluded for performing minor tasks in the project are eligible.</p>		
<p>Relevant documents</p>	<p>Funding is provided according to GENERAL RULES FOR THE COMPETITIVE FUNDING OF RESEARCH AND DISSEMINATION PROJECTS OF THE RESEARCH COUNCIL OF LITHUANIA, approved by the Order No V-176 of the Council on the 4th of April, 2019.</p>		
<p>Additional Info</p>	<p>No national official paper work until positive evaluation decision</p>		
<p>Useful Links</p>	<p>https://www.lmt.lt/lt/mokslo-finansavimas/europos-partnerystes-era-net-irkitos-koordinavimo-veiklos/water4all/4049</p>		

LUXEMBOURG

	<p>Funding Organisation:</p>	<p>Luxembourg National Research Fund (FNR)</p>  <p>Luxembourg National Research Fund</p>
<p>National Contact Point (NCP)</p>	<p>Name:</p>	<p>Email and Phone:</p>
	<p>Dr Helena Burg</p>	<p>helena.burg@fnr.lu +352 691362812</p>
<p>Eligible Institutions</p>	<p>The following Luxembourg based institutions are eligible for financial support from the FNR, i.e. i) public institutions performing research in Luxembourg; ii) non-profit associations, societal impact companies (SIS), and foundations performing research in Luxembourg that have obtained a special authorization from the Luxembourg Ministry for Higher Education and Research. Please check the FNR website for more details: https://www.fnr.lu/fnr-beneficiaries/</p>	
<p>Eligible Applicants</p>	<p>For Luxembourg Principal Investigators, the general FNR Requirements for principal investigators and supervisors must be fulfilled (download available here https://www.fnr.lu/fnr-beneficiaries/how-we-fund-research/).</p>	
<p>Eligible Costs</p>	<p>The maximum amount of requested funding per project is 350.000 EUR. Projects must run for a minimum duration of two years. If the project involves the recruitment of a PhD student, the PhD candidate could be supported for up to four years (see FNR INTER guidelines). The details on the eligibility for the various budget categories are available within the FNR Financial Regulations .</p>	
<p>Funding Commitment</p>	<p>Total Amount for the Call</p>	<p>Maximum Amount Per Proposal</p>
	<p>350000</p>	<p>350000</p>
<p>Funded instruments</p>	<p>Joint transnational Call <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>Early Career Reseracher Modality <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>Knowledge Hub Modality <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Other Funding Criteria</p>	<p>The FNR supports all topics of the Water4All Joint Call 2023. Proposals must be submitted by the coordinating institutions' administrations (not by the PI) in electronic format to the online submission system (FNR Grant Management System) the latest 7 days after the deadline as the consortium application is submitted. Please select the "INTER" – "Water4All" funding instrument when creating the administrative application. The FNR INTER guidelines provide details about the basic administrative data and the documents to be provided. Proposals invited to the second stage will be able to complete the pre-proposal form and provide information for the full proposal upon validation by the FNR. General rules and regulations of FNR apply: https://www.fnr.lu/fnr-beneficiaries/how-we-fund-research/ The FNR attaches great importance to the impact of research outputs on science, industry, policy making and society in general. To maximise the possibilities for impact of research outputs, results from FNR-(co)funded</p>	



	<p>research are expected to be disseminated via high-quality, peer-reviewed publications that are made freely available (FNR Policy on Open Access). Researchers and research institutions are expected to ensure appropriate stewardship and curation of research data generated within FNR funded projects, in accordance with the FNR Policy on Research Data Management. As a signatory of the DORA declaration, the FNR encourages applicants to list a range of research outputs (including datasets and software, training of researchers, intellectual property). Applicants should not use journal-based metrics, such as Journal Impact Factors, as a surrogate measure of the quality of individual research articles, but rather focus on the scientific content. Financial support from FNR must be acknowledged in all publications and other forms of media communication, including media appearances, press releases and conferences, in compliance with the FNR Communication Guidelines</p>
<p>Relevant documents</p>	<p>The FNR INTER guidelines and FNR INTER programme description provide details about the basic administrative data and the documents to be provided.</p>
<p>Additional Info</p>	<p>Please do not hesitate to contact the NCP if you require any additional information.</p>
<p>Useful Links</p>	<p>FNR INTER guidelines https://www.fnr.lu/funding-instruments/inter/ https://www.fnr.lu/fnr-beneficiaries/how-we-fund-research/ FNR Policy on Open Access 2023 FNR Policy on Research Data Management</p>

MALTA



		<p>Funding Organisation:</p>	 <p>GOVERNMENT OF MALTA MINISTRY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND ENTERPRISE</p>
<p>National Contact Point (NCP)</p>	<p>Name:</p>	<p>Email and Phone:</p>	
	<p>Water4All MEEE</p>	<p>water4all@gov.mt</p>	
<p>Funded modality</p>	<p>Joint transnational Call <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>		
	<p>Early Career Resarcher Call <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>		
	<p>Water4All Knowledge Hub <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>		
<p>Eligible Institutions</p>	<p>Applications may be submitted by Public Entities, which do not carry out any form of economic activity.</p>		
<p>Eligible Applicants</p>	<p>A Maltese Public Service Department or Maltese Public Sector Entity, or any Maltese Legal Entity which has more than 50% government shareholding. Public Service refers to all Ministries and Departments; and Public Sector Entities refers to authorities and agencies. Public Entities also include foundations, local councils and public academic entities. In the case of public academic entities, this includes but is not limited to a higher education entity or a research institute, whether as a whole body or as a component unit or department within such body, provided that the entity's ongoing education and research is scientifically in line with the subject of the application being submitted during this call provided that the higher education entity must be in possession of a license for Higher Education according to the Further and Higher Education (Licensing, Accreditation and Quality Assurance) Regulations – Subsidiary Legislation 327.433.</p>		
<p>Eligible Costs</p>	<p>Eligible Costs are those costs incurred directly by the project partner during the duration of the project and used primarily for the purpose of achieving the objectives of the project. All expenses must be incurred between the Start Date and the End Date of the project and must be limited to the budgeted value as indicated in the Grant Agreement, and shall be classified under the following cost-categories: (a) Personnel Costs (b) Specialised Equipment and research consumables (c) Travel Costs (d) Subcontracted Services (e) Indirect Costs and Overheads</p>		
<p>Funding Commitment</p>	<p>Total Amount for the Call (national contribution)</p>	<p>Maximum Amount Per Proposal</p>	
	<p>300,000 EUR for JTC</p>	<p>Eur150,000 for all Maltese partners in case a Maltese partner is not the coordinator. Eur200,000 for all Maltese partners in case a Maltese partner is the coordinator of a proposal</p>	
<p>Other Funding Criteria</p>	<p>- Only up to 2 Maltese entities can participate in a consortium. Where a consortium includes two partners, the budget allocated to a single partner shall not be less than 25% of the total allocation requested for Maltese partners.</p>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Project duration shall not exceed a maximum of three years. The earliest possible starting date for projects will be fixed at the beginning of the contract negotiations. - The Lead Researcher of any Maltese partner can only participate in the submission of one project application. - If applying for participation in the Knowledge Hub, the maximum funding from MEEE is an additional €40,000 Euros - If applying for participation in the Early Career Research Call, the maximum funding from MEEE is an additional €40,000 Euros
<p style="text-align: center;">Relevant documents</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">N/A</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Additional Info</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">N/A</p>
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REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

	<p>Funding Organisation:</p>	
<p>National Contact Point (NCP)</p>	<p>Name:</p>	<p>Email and Phone:</p>
	<p>Alexandru Bratu</p>	<p>alexandru.bratu@ancd.gov.md</p>
<p>Eligible Institutions</p>	<p>National Agency for Research and Development</p>	
<p>Eligible Applicants</p>	<p>All organizations of research and innovation domains</p>	
<p>Eligible Costs</p>	<p>2. Under national legislation: Government Decision nr. 381 „ in regard with the approval of national programme for the domains of research and development for years 2020-2023 and of the Action Plan related to its implementation</p>	
<p>Funding Commitment</p>	<p>Total Amount for the Call</p>	<p>Maximum Amount Per Proposal</p>
	<p>100 000 Euro</p>	<p>100 000 Euro</p>
<p>Funded instruments</p>	<p>Joint transnational Call <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>Early Career Resarcher Modality <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>Knowledge Hub Modality <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Other Funding Criteria</p>	<p>According to national regulations</p>	
<p>Relevant documents</p>		
<p>Additional Info</p>		
<p>Useful Links</p>	<p>ancd.gov.md</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre_announcement_JTC2023.pdf (PDF - 278.89 KB) 	



THE NETHERLANDS

	Funding Organisation:	
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Laura Trijsburg Ron Winkler	water4all@nwo.nl
Funded modality	Joint transnational Call <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Early Career Resarcher Modality <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Knowledge Hub Modality <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Eligible Institutions	See eligible applicants	
Eligible Applicants	<p>For scientists based in the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the NWO eligibility criteria apply.</p> <p>Full, associate and assistant professors, lectors, senior researchers and other researchers with a comparable position* may submit an application (i.e. participate in a consortium and request NWO funding) as main applicant, if they have a tenured position (and therefore a paid position for an indefinite period) or a tenure track agreement at one of the following organisations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • universities located in the Kingdom of the Netherlands; • university medical centres; • Institutes affiliated to the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW) or NWO; • Universities of applied sciences as referred to in Article 1.8 of the Higher Education and Scientific Research Act (WHW); • the Netherlands Cancer Institute; • the Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics in Nijmegen; • Naturalis Biodiversity Center; • Advanced Research Centre for NanoLithography (ARCNL); • Princess Máxima Center. • TO2 institutes <p>In addition, for this call, researchers with a comparable position* to full, associate and assistant professors, lectors or senior researchers can be co-applicant, provided they have a tenured position (and therefore a paid position for an indefinite period) or a tenure track agreement from the following organization:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IHE-Delft Institute for Water Education <p>*A comparable position refers to a researcher that has a demonstrable and comparable number of years of experience in carrying out scientific research and supervising other researchers as a full, associate or assistant professor. ** Lectors employed at a university of applied sciences and researchers employed at a TO2 institute may also submit provided that they have at least a salaried position for a limited period of time. Persons with a zero-hour employment agreement or with a contract for a limited period of time may not submit a proposal, except for a tenure track</p>	

	<p>appointment and the exception stated above for lectors and researchers employed at a TO2 institute.</p> <p>It could be the case that the applicant’s tenure track agreement ends before the intended completion date of the project for which funding is applied for, or that before that date, the applicant’s tenured contract ends due to the applicant reaching retirement age. In that case, the applicant needs to include a statement from their employer in which the organisation concerned guarantees that the project and all project members for whom funding has been requested will receive adequate supervision for the full duration of the project. Applicants employed by a university of applied sciences or a TO2 institute whose employment ends before the intended completion date of the project for which funding is applied must also include such a statement.</p> <p>Applicants with a part-time contract should guarantee adequate supervision of the project and all project members for whom funding is requested.</p>	
<p>Eligible Costs</p>	<p>The NWO budget modules (including the maximum amount) available for this Call for proposals are listed in the table below. Apply only for funding that is vital to realise the project. Proposals are required to have at least one personnel position of 12 full-time months</p> <p>Available budget modules</p> <p><i>Postdoc</i> – at least 6 full months and at most 36 full-time months, according to UNL or NFU rates</p> <p><i>Research leave</i> – max. 5 months, 1 fte, according to UNL or NFU rates</p> <p><i>Personnel universities of applied sciences and TO2 institutes</i> - rates based on Handleiding Overheidstarieven (HOT) (Manual for Dutch Government Fees.)</p> <p><i>Material costs</i> – max. 15 000 € per year per full-time scientific position (postdoc) or 0.2 FTE scientific employee applied for at a university of applied sciences or TO2 organisation</p> <p><i>Knowledge utilisation</i> - max. € 25.000 Participation in the Knowledge Hub may be applied for within this module, travel and accommodation costs only, with a maximum of € 3.600 for 3 meetings.</p> <p><i>Internationalisation</i> - max. € 25.000</p> <p>For the budget module “Postdoc”, a one-off individual bench fee of €5,000 is added on top of the salary costs to encourage the scientific career of the project employee funded by NWO.</p> <p>Note that PhD positions cannot be applied for in this call, due to the maximum project duration of 3 years.</p> <p>The budget items “overhead”, “equipment” and “subcontracting costs” in the Water4All format are not eligible for NWO funding. Please refer to the detailed ‘explanation of NWO budget modules’ to see which costs are eligible for NWO funding.</p> <p>It is recommended to use the NWO budget template in the pre-proposal stage to confirm eligibility of budget items. Submission of a completed budget form to NWO is obligatory at full proposal phase See ‘Relevant documents’ below for the budget template and more details.</p> <p>Do not hesitate to contact the national contact person in case of questions.</p>	
<p>Funding Commitment</p>	<p>Total Amount for the Call</p>	<p>Maximum Amount Per Proposal</p>
	<p>€ 1.500.000</p>	<p>€ 300.000</p>



<p>Other Funding Criteria</p>	<p>An application for NWO funding (i.e. the Dutch part of a European consortium) has a single main applicant (i.e. Dutch Partner or Coordinator in the European consortium), responsible for scientific and financial management. An applicant may only request NWO funding for one project (part of a European consortium) in this call of the European Water4All Partnership. Applicants may not apply for a post-doc position for themselves. Submission of financial and scientific reports at national level is required in accordance with the rules of NWO.</p>
<p>Relevant documents</p>	<p>Full details for project funding in this call and relevant forms are available on the NWO website: https://www.nwo.nl/calls/aquaticecosystems-services This includes a mandatory NWO budget form the Applicants are required to submit by the deadline for full proposals. The completed budget form can be submitted to NWO via water4all@nwo.nl.</p>
<p>Additional Info</p>	<p>Impact of the research is at the heart of this call of the European Water4All Partnership. Please refer to the detailed description of requirements and evaluation criteria, including impact, in the full call announcement of the Water4All Partnership. Stakeholder engagement is essential to maximize the chances of reaching impact and NWO considers engagement of stakeholders an important asset, starting with the design of your project, as well as the definition of active roles for each of them during the course of the project. Valorisation of stakeholder engagement in the project (as self financed industrial and/or societal partner) in the form of in kind or in cash contributions from stakeholders is therefore strongly recommended by NWO. Submission of financial and scientific reports at national level is required in accordance with the rules of NWO. The budget for Kingdom of The Netherlands in this call is brought together by the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management (IenW) and the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality (LNV) and the Dutch Research Council (NWO).</p>
<p>Useful Links</p>	<p>For full details of the general NWO funding process, please refer to https://www.nwo.nl/en/apply-funding-how-does-it-work The NWO Grant Rules 2017 and the Agreement on the Payment of Costs for Scientific Research are applicable to the part of the project's budget covered by the grant from NWO. Under the Dutch General Administrative Law Act, any interested party has the right to lodge an objection to the decision taken by NWO within six weeks of the date of the decision letter. Further information about the objections procedure can be found on the NWO website.</p>

NORWAY

	<p>Funding Organisation:</p>	<p>The Research Council of Norway (RCN)</p>  <p>The Research Council of Norway</p>
<p>National Contact Point (NCP)</p>	<p>Name:</p>	<p>Email and Phone:</p>
	<p>Johannes Holmen</p>	<p>joho@rcn.no +47 41223164</p>
<p>Eligible Institutions</p>	<p>Applicants for project funding must be affiliated with an academic institution, company/industry, the public sector or an NGO. See definition and specification here: https://www.forskingsradet.no/en/apply-for-funding/who-can-apply-for-funding/</p>	
<p>Eligible Applicants</p>	<p>The Project Leader (PL) or the Principle Investigators (PI) must have completed a doctoral degree or have corresponding qualifications.</p>	
<p>Eligible Costs</p>	<p>See: https://www.forskingsradet.no/en/apply-for-funding/Budget/</p>	
	<p>Applicants that are private companies, that is an actor that carries out an economic activity consisting of offering products or services on a given market, must be aware that their funding will be given within the limits set by the State Aid Rules; https://www.forskingsradet.no/en/apply-for-funding/funding-from-the-research-council/Conditions-for-awarding-state-aid/ State aid awarded by the Research Council is granted under the General Block Exemption Regulation for state aid, Article 25: Aid for research and development projects.</p> <p>To ensure that support is awarded in compliance with the state aid rules, the Research Council asks all applicants selected for conditional allocation of funding to provide supplementary information. The Project Owner must be able to document that its own institution and all its partners (all recipients of state aid) are eligible to receive state aid.</p> <p>Support from the Research Council constitutes state aid when it is awarded to an "undertaking", i.e. an actor that carries out an economic activity consisting of offering products or services on a given market.</p> <p>RCN covers the travel costs (3.600 Euros) of knowledge hub expert group members for attending 3 workshops. The travel costs should be included in the travel cost category of project's general budget as a requested cost. The travel cost should not be included in the "financial data" part in the knowledge hub expression of interest section in EPSS.</p> <p>Personnel costs for contributing to the knowledge hub activities as an expert group member shall be provided in-kind as equivalent of 1,5 PM total for three years. The personnel costs should be included in the personnel cost category of project's general budget as own cost. The personnel cost should not be included in the "financial data" part in the knowledge hub expression of interest section in EPSS.</p>	

	The budget applied for shall be stated in Euro. Conversion from Euro to Norwegian kroner is based on the official exchange rate per application date for preproposals – 13 November 2023. The official exchange rate can be found here: Exchange rate (InforEuro) European Commission (europa.eu)	
Funding Commitment	Total Amount for the Call	Maximum Amount Per Proposal
	€ 1,000 000	The RCN will fund up to 250,000 Euro per project proposal.
Funded instruments	Joint transnational Call	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Early Career Researcher Modality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Knowledge Hub Modality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other Funding Criteria		
Relevant documents	For more general information about Norwegian conditions for funding, please read: https://www.forskingsradet.no/en/apply-for-funding/funding-from-the-research-council/	
Additional Info	After funding decision, the Norwegian part of funded projects must register through the RCN portal. Further information will be provided to the relevant partners. Norwegian project partners will have to report to RCN on an annual basis following RCN guidelines and deadlines.	
Useful Links	General information: https://www.forskingsradet.no/en/ Annual reporting to the RCN: https://www.forskingsradet.no/en/when-you-have-received-funding/submitting-project-account-reports/	

POLAND

	<p>Funding Organisation:</p>	<p>National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR)</p> 
<p>National Contact Point (NCP)</p>	<p>Name:</p>	<p>Email and Phone:</p>
	<p>Kinga Szymańska-Rzeźnik</p>	<p>kinga.szymanska@ncbr.gov.pl +48 519 684 066</p>
<p>Funded modality</p>	<p>Joint transnational Call <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>Early Career Researcher Modality <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>Knowledge Hub Modality <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Eligible Institutions</p>	<p>N/A</p>	
<p>Eligible Applicants</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enterprises⁹ - SME and Large, 2. Research organisations (research and knowledge-dissemination organisations)¹⁰, 3. Groups of enterprises composed of at least two enterprises, 4. Groups of entities composed of at least one research organisation and at least one enterprise. <p>Entities must be established as a legal person¹¹ and must conduct its business, R&D or any other activity on the territory of the Republic of Poland, confirmed by an entry into the relevant register¹².</p> <p>A condition for the participation of a group of entities as the Applicant in the call is its formal existence on the date of submission of the pre-proposal, confirmed by its members concluding, at least conditionally, an agreement on the creation of a group of entities.</p>	
<p>Eligible Costs</p>	<p>The eligible costs shall be the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. personnel costs (researchers, technicians and other supporting staff to the extent employed on the research project); 	

⁹ defined in Annex I to Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty (hereinafter referred to as "Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014");

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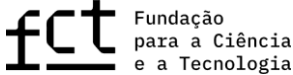
¹¹ Legal person (juridical person) - an entity that is capable of having and amend legal rights and obligations within a certain legal system, such as to enter into contracts, sue, and be sued, excluding natural persons;

¹² if applicable.

	<p>2. costs of subcontracting, costs of consultancy and equivalent services used exclusively for the research activity; this cost type cannot account for more than 70% of all eligible costs of a project; the subcontracting can be obtained from consortium partner only in justified case, this need will be verified by a national experts panel;</p> <p>3. operating costs including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> costs of instruments and equipment, technical knowledge and patents to the extent and for the period used for the research project; if such instruments and equipment are not used for their full life for the research project, only the depreciation costs corresponding to the life of the research project, as calculated on the basis of good accounting practice, shall be considered eligible; costs for buildings and land, to the extent and for the duration used for the research project; with regard to buildings, only the depreciation costs corresponding to the life of the research project, as calculated on the basis of good accounting practice shall be considered eligible; for land, costs of commercial transfer or actually incurred capital costs shall be eligible; other operating costs including costs of materials, supplies and similar products incurred directly as a result of the research activity; <p>4. additional overheads incurred indirectly as a result of the research project; that costs should account 25% of all eligible project costs; That costs (4) are counted as a multiplication by percentage given above (called x%) and the rest of direct costs, excluding subcontracting (2); It means $4=(1+3)*25\%$.</p>																											
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	<p>1.000.000 EUR</p>		<p>up to 200.000,00 EUR for each Polish consortium partner up to 250.000,00 EUR for Polish project coordinator</p>																									
<p>Other Funding Criteria</p>	<p>Only Industrial/Applied Research and Experimental Development will be funded. Other type of activities (e.g. coordination, dissemination, management) is not eligible for funding as separate WP/Task.</p> <p>National funding rates: Funding quota of Polish participants can be up to 100% for research organisations. In the case of enterprises, funding quota will be decided on a case-by-case basis depending on the size of the company, type of research/development, risk associated with the research activities and commercial perspective of exploitation.</p> <p>The following maximum funding quotas apply:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="544 1619 1417 2125"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2">Type of Organisation / Type of Activity</th> <th colspan="4">Maximum percentage of costs covered by public funding</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Large Enterprise</th> <th>Medium Enterprise</th> <th>Micro/Small Enterprise</th> <th>research organisation</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Basic Research</td> <td>Not eligible</td> <td>Not eligible</td> <td>Not eligible</td> <td>Not eligible</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Industrial Research</td> <td>Up to 50+15 (max 65 %)</td> <td>Up to 50+10+15 (max 75 %)</td> <td>Up to 50+20+15 (max 80 %)</td> <td>up to 100%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Experimental</td> <td>Up to 25+15 (max 40 %)</td> <td>Up to 25+10+15 (max 50 %)</td> <td>Up to 25+20+15 (max 60 %)</td> <td>up to 100%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				Type of Organisation / Type of Activity	Maximum percentage of costs covered by public funding				Large Enterprise	Medium Enterprise	Micro/Small Enterprise	research organisation	Basic Research	Not eligible	Not eligible	Not eligible	Not eligible	Industrial Research	Up to 50+15 (max 65 %)	Up to 50+10+15 (max 75 %)	Up to 50+20+15 (max 80 %)	up to 100%	Experimental	Up to 25+15 (max 40 %)	Up to 25+10+15 (max 50 %)	Up to 25+20+15 (max 60 %)	up to 100%
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<p>Relevant documents</p>	<p>All proposals must be aligned with national regulations, inter alia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Act of 20 July 2018 - Law on Higher Education and Science; • The Act of 30 April 2010 on the National Centre for Research and Development; • The Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 19 August 2020 on granting state aid by the National Centre for Research and Development, which is in line with the Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty (General Block Exemption Regulation); • The Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 17 September 2010 on the detailed mode of performance of tasks of the National Centre for Research and Development. 					
<p>Additional Info</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant must be registered in Poland. • For enterprises it is strongly advised to state in the Pre-proposal application form the KRS number of the enterprise and the size of the enterprise (micro/small, medium, large). • Polish applicants shall declare the TRL of their research in the pre-proposals and full proposals. • Please note that group of entities counts as two project partners from Poland (it meets the limit on the number of participants from the same country, please refer to call text for details). • Polish Participants will be informed and invited to submit Polish full proposal once the international evaluation and the ranking list will be established. • Only projects recommended for funding will be asked to submit a national application form (NAF). • The Polish participants are obliged to use the rate of exchange of the European Central Bank dated on the day of opening of the call. • If more than one Polish entity participates in the project, the national application is submitted by a consortium (group of entities) of all Polish entities. 					
<p>Useful Links</p>	<p>Detailed information about scope, financial rules, national procedure and national regulations is available on the NCBR's homepage: https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr/wniosek-krajowy</p>					


PORTUGAL

	<p>Funding Organisation:</p>	<p>Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia, IP (FCT)</p> 
<p>National Contact Point (NCP)</p>	<p>Name:</p>	<p>Email and Phone:</p>
	<p>Germana Santos</p>	<p>germana.santos@fct.pt (+351) 21 391 15 69</p>
<p>Eligible Institutions</p>	<p>Please check National Regulation at: https://www.fct.pt/apoios/projectos/regulamentofundosnacionais.phtml.en (Articles 3-5)</p>	
<p>Eligible Applicants</p>	<p>Please check National Regulation at: https://www.fct.pt/apoios/projectos/regulamentofundosnacionais.phtml.en (Article 6)</p>	
<p>Eligible Costs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For general eligible costs, please check National Regulation at: https://www.fct.pt/apoios/projectos/regulamentofundosnacionais.phtml.en (Articles 7-9). Also consult Normas de Execução Financeira https://www.fct.pt/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Normas_de_execucao_financeira_projetos_OE_Reg2016.pdf. Please note that costs indicated in paragraph x of Ponto 1 a) from Article 8 (In-kind contributions) of FCT Regulation on projects funded solely by national funds do not apply to this call. Applicants can request funds for knowledge hub activities (travel and personnel costs), as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Applying institution can appoint an expert group member for the knowledge hub, after consulting and agreeing with their consortium (Important: Each consortium can appoint only one expert group member to represent their project). FCT covers the <u>travel costs</u> (3.600 Euros) of knowledge hub expert group members for attending 3 workshops. The travel costs should be included in the travel cost category of project's general budget as a requested cost. The travel cost should not be included in the "financial data" part in the knowledge hub expression of interest section in EPSS. <u>Personnel costs</u> for contributing to the knowledge hub activities as an expert group member shall be provided in-kind as equivalent of 1,5 PM total for three years. The personnel costs should be included in the personnel cost category of project's general budget as own cost. The personnel cost should not be included in the "financial data" part in the knowledge hub expression of interest section in EPSS. ✓ Applying institution can nominate a scientific coordinator for the knowledge hub, after consulting and agreeing with their consortium (Important: Each consortium can nominate only one scientific coordinator). FCT covers the <u>travel costs</u> (3.600 Euros) of knowledge hub scientific coordinator for attending 3 workshops. The travel costs should be included in the travel cost category of project's general budget as a requested cost. The travel cost should not be included in the "financial data" part in the knowledge hub expression of interest section in EPSS. 	

	<p>FCT covers the <u>personnel costs</u> (equivalent of 3 PM) of knowledge hub scientific coordinator for three years (please consult the exceptions provided for in the National Regulations and Norms for Financial Execution). The personnel costs should be included in the personnel cost category of project’s general budget as a requested cost. The personnel cost should not be included in the “financial data” part in the knowledge hub expression of interest section in EPSS.</p> <p>✓ Applying institution can nominate a facilitator for the knowledge hub, after consulting and agreeing with their consortium (Important: Each consortium can nominate only one facilitator).</p> <p>FCT covers the <u>travel costs</u> (3.600 Euros) of knowledge hub facilitator for attending 3 workshops. The travel costs should be included in the travel cost category of project’s general budget as a requested cost. The travel cost should not be included in the “financial data” part in the knowledge hub expression of interest section in EPSS.</p> <p>FCT covers the <u>personnel costs</u> (equivalent of 6 PM) of knowledge hub facilitator for three years (please consult the exceptions provided for in the National Regulations and Norms for Financial Execution). The personnel costs should be included in the personnel cost category of project’s general budget as a requested cost. The personnel cost should not be included in the “financial data” part in the knowledge hub expression of interest section in EPSS.</p> <p>The facilitator can be hired externally via subcontracting.</p>	
Funding Commitment	Total Amount for the Call	Maximum Amount Per Proposal
	500.000,00€	200.000 € (coordination of proposal) 150.000€ (participation of proposal)
Funded instruments	Joint transnational Call <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Early Career Resarcher Call <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Water4All Knowledge Hub <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Other Funding Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If more than one Portuguese institution participates in a single consortium, the budget must be shared, until the maximum limit of requested funding per consortium. • Participation in KH will not be funded separately. Applicants interested in the KH must include the participation costs in the project’s general budget, always respecting the maximum amount per proposal above indicated. 	
Relevant documents	<p>National legislation and regulations (documents available at https://www.fct.pt/en/financiamento/programas-de-financiamento/projetos-id/)</p>	
Additional Info	<p>In addition to the national regulations, within a transnational call specific rules of the consortium may be applicable; please read carefully the Call Text and all the related instructions. Portuguese applicants will have to fill in and send a Declaration of</p>	



	<p>Commitment (DC) duly signed and stamped to the NCPs via email. Please note that FCT may require the original of the DC in the future (Article 5 of the National Regulation). Check the National Regulation terms for admission and acceptance of proposals and projects, namely concerning the update of technical and financial reports and return of funds of ongoing/concluded projects, and situation of proposals previously submitted to FCT regarding pending decisions, scientific areas and other calls.</p>
<p>Useful Links</p>	<p>https://www.fct.pt/en/</p>

ROMANIA

	<p>Funding Organisation:</p>		<p>Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research and Innovation Funding (UEFISCDI)</p>
<p>National Contact Point (NCP)</p>	<p>Name:</p>	<p>Email and Phone:</p>	
	<p>Mihaela Manole</p>	<p>Mihaela.manole@uefiscdi.ro; 0040.21.302.38.63</p>	
<p>Eligible Institutions</p>	<p>Eligible entities for funding are universities, public institutions, R&D national institutions, joint-stock companies, SME's and Large companies, NGOs (associations, foundations, etc.), others, with research and innovation within their activities. Funding rates vary in accordance with state aid legislation.</p>		
<p>Eligible Applicants</p>	<p>Project Leader/Partner Responsible: has to have a PhD.</p>		
<p>Eligible Costs</p>	<p>a. Staff costs; b. Logistics expenses - Capital expenditure; - Expenditure on stocks - supplies and inventory items; - Expenditure on services performed by third parties cannot exceed 25% of the funding from the public budget. The subcontracted parts should not be core/substantial parts of the project work; c. Travel expenses; d. Overhead (indirect costs) is calculated as a percentage of direct costs: staff costs, logistics costs (excluding capital costs and cost for subcontracting) and travel expenses. Indirect costs will not exceed 20 % of direct costs.</p>		
<p>Funding Commitment</p>	<p>Total Amount for the Call</p>	<p>Maximum Amount Per Proposal</p>	
	<p>1.000.000 euros</p>	<p>250.000 euro for all romanian partners in case a Romanian institution is the Coordinator; 200.000 for all romanian partners in case a Romanian institution is not the Coordinator; (please read: https://uefiscdi.ro/pachet-de-informatii-suprogramul-3-2-orizont-2020)</p>	
<p>Funded instruments</p>	<p>Joint transnational Call</p>		<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
	<p>Early Career Resercher Modality</p>		<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
	<p>Knowledge Hub Modality</p>		<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Other Funding Criteria</p>			



Relevant documents	https://uefiscdi.ro/pachet-de-informatii-suprogramul-3-2-orizont-2020
Additional Info	There is no need to submit proposal or other information at national level at the submission stage.
Useful Links	https://uefiscdi.ro/pachet-de-informatii-suprogramul-3-2-orizont-2020

SLOVAKIA

	<p>Funding Organisation:</p>		<p>Slovak Academy of Sciences</p> 
<p>National Contact Point (NCP)</p>	<p>Name:</p>	<p>Email and Phone:</p>	
	<p>Martin Novak</p>	<p>mnovak@up.upsav.sk tel.: +421257510119</p>	
<p>Eligible Institutions</p>	<p>Only research institutes and/or centers of the Slovak Academy of Sciences are eligible organizations for funding by SAS (up to 100%).</p>		
<p>Eligible Applicants</p>	<p>The main applicant must have, at the time of submission, a contract(s) with one or several of the institutes/centres equivalent to more than 50% of <u>the full-time employment</u> valid for the whole duration of the project. Each member of the applicant's team must also have an employment contract or a fellowship with the same or another SAS institute/center</p>		
<p>Eligible Costs</p>	<p>Funding available for eligible Slovak researchers is up to 120,000 EUR per project (i.e. 40,000 EUR per year), of which 45,000 EUR is an in-kind contribution (spoluúčasť) of the respective SAS institute or center</p> <p><u>Personnel costs</u> May be used only to cover the costs (including health and social insurance) related to work agreements performed outside of employment; Up to 15 % of all direct costs excluding the institute's/centre's in-kind contribution or up to 30% of all direct costs excluding the institute's/centre's in-kind contribution, if the Slovak team is the consortium's coordinator.</p> <p><u>Capital expenditures</u>: up to 40% of all direct costs excluding the institute's/center's in-kind contribution.</p> <p><u>Overheads</u> up to 20% of all direct costs excluding the institute's/center's in-kind contribution.</p>		
<p>Funding Commitment</p>	<p>Total Amount for the Call</p>	<p>Maximum Amount Per Proposal</p>	
	<p>240 000 €</p>	<p>120 000 €</p>	
<p>Funded instruments</p>	<p>Joint transnational Call</p>		<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
	<p>Early Career Researcher Modality</p>		<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
	<p>Knowledge Hub Modality</p>		<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Other Funding Criteria</p>			
<p>Relevant documents</p>			



Additional Info	
Useful Links	https://oms.sav.sk/en/documents/documents-of-the-department-of-international-projects/

SOUTH AFRICA

	Funding Organisation:	Water Research Commission (WRC) 
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Mr Tiyani Chauke	Tiyanic@wrc.org.za +27 12 761 9304
Eligible Institutions	South African registered Universities, Science Councils, Research Institutions and Private Sector conducting research, development, and innovation.	
Eligible Applicants	Any person affiliated with the institution and authorized by the institution to lead the specific proposed project.	
Eligible Costs	Direct project related cost: personnel, project activities and procurement of equipment and Other direct costs: consumables and travel costs (flight, accommodation, allowance, travel insurance, visa fees, covid and other required vaccination fees) to participate in the project kick-off and other obligatory project consortium meetings.	
Funding Commitment	Total Amount for the Call	Maximum Amount Per Proposal
	90.000 EUR	Maximum of €45,000 per project (approximately R900 000- the WRC will apply the average exchange rate upon contracting but will not exceed its commitment). This is the total funds committed for the duration of the project and not per annum and will be transferred in tranches as per project contract between the WRC and SA institution participating in the Water4All project.
Funded instruments	Joint transnational Call <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Early Career Resarcher Modality <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Knowledge Hub Modality <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other Funding Criteria	1) To access the WRC funding, all SA lead researchers in approved Water4All projects will be required to submit a funding application through the WRC Online Business Management System (BMS) as the first step for contracting process and also for national reporting. The submission on BMS is mainly to capture the already approved project on the WRC system. (2) All projects should be aligned to one or more of the WRC strategic objectives to qualify for funding. Check WRC website for more information and there must be a clear distinction of new elements and value addition to projects that have been previously funded by the WRC through national calls. Misaligned projects and failure to clearly	

	distinguish the new elements in previously funded projects will lead to funding rejection regardless of Water4All approval.
Relevant documents	National Regulations
Additional Info	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) SA partners are encouraged to include students in the projects for capacity building. 2) Before submitting the proposal to the Water4All call secretariat, it is advised that the SA partner share the project outline with the WRC also highlighting the required financial cost for the SA partner to get WRC endorsement. The project outlines should be submitted to the WRC NCP not later than 2 weeks before the call deadline to allow sufficient time for the WRC expert to assess the application. 3) The WRC National Contact Point will facilitate and assist with partner matching between SA and for Water4All call partners countries should assistance be required by the SA or other Water4All partners. To raise awareness and promote the call in SA, the WRC will share the call information using its website and social media platforms. The WRC NCP will also be available for bilateral virtual meetings with individual institution as per invitation
Useful Links	Any concerns relating to the BMS can be directed to bms-suppot@wrc.org.za

SPAIN

	<p>Funding Organisation:</p>	<p>Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI)</p> 
<p>National Contact Point (NCP)</p>	<p>Name:</p>	<p>Email and Phone:</p>
	<p>Maja Kolar</p>	<p>water4all.aei@aei.gob.es</p>
<p>Funded modalities</p>	<p>Joint Transnational Call <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>Early Career Researcher Modality <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>Knowledge Hub Modality <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>The national eligibility rules for the proposals applying in the Joint Transnational Call and in the Early Career Researcher Call are the same and stated in this national annex. For applicants who would wish to express their interest in participating in the Knowledge Hub, please see the section Eligible costs – Knowledge Hub below for more information.</p>	
<p>Eligible Institutions</p>	<p>Eligible entities for the AEI funding are: Non-profit research organizations (such as universities, public research institutions, technological centres and other private non-profit institutions performing RDI activities in Spain), which must comply with the requirements established by this transnational call and with the rules on eligibility defined in the corresponding Spanish national funding instrument “Proyectos de Colaboración Internacional - PCI” (see PCI 2023-1 as an example) and the PCI Requirements document. They must have been previously beneficiaries of any of the AEI calls, as stated in the PCI Requirements document. They must ensure contractual relationship with the Principal Investigator (PI) during all the implementation of the project.</p>	
<p>Eligible Applicants</p>	<p>Principal Investigators (PIs) requesting funding to the AEI must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be eligible to the corresponding PCI call (see PCI 2023-1 as an example) and the PCI Requirements document • Demonstrate experience as investigators in projects funded by the different Plan Estatal I+D+i: 2013-2016, 2017-2020, 2021-2023, ERC Grants, European Framework Programmes or other relevant national or international programmes. <p>Incompatibilities: The following must be considered when participating in different ERA-Nets, European Co-funded Partnerships or other international initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PIs will not be eligible for funding if they apply (i) in more than one proposal in this transnational joint call, (ii) in more than one proposal in the same PCI call and/or (iii) in PCI calls of consecutive years. • If the same PI submits two or more proposals in this transnational call, they will all be declared ineligible except one, without the possibility of changing the PI. • A PI that has been granted a PCI the previous year will be declared ineligible, without the possibility of changing the PI. • Changes of the PI between the 2 steps of the transnational call are not allowed • PI must remain unchanged between the proposal in this transnational call and the corresponding PCI call should the proposal be recommended for funding 	



	<p>Important: In the application form, the applicants should include the PI's full name (with both surnames) and the full name of their institution as stated in the Sistema de Entidades (SISEN).</p>
<p>Eligible Costs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research and innovation activities are eligible. Mere dissemination, communication or other similar activities will not be eligible. • Only personnel costs for new temporary employment dedicated to the project are eligible. This must be clearly stated in the contract. The costs of permanent staff linked to the beneficiary entity or members of the research team will not be considered eligible costs. • Direct costs such as current costs, small scientific equipment, disposable materials, travelling expenses, coordination costs and other costs that can be justified as necessary to carry out the proposed activities. • Indirect costs (25% of all direct costs, <u>including the subcontracting costs</u>). <p>The AEI will avoid double funding (overlapping with other EU or National funding) and will not grant projects or parts of projects already funded.</p>
<p>Eligible Costs – Knowledge Hub</p>	<p>AEI will fund the knowledge hub (KH) activities as part of the Joint Transnational Call or the Early Career Researchers project budget (i.e. the costs for the KH activities should be embedded in the project's general budget, without separating them from the budget for the rest of the project's RD activities). This means that <u>all the national eligibility criteria and funding limits described in this national annex apply</u>.</p> <p>The participation in the Knowledge Hub is not obligatory and the consortia may decide themselves if they wish to participate.</p> <p>Eligible costs for attending knowledge hub activities are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AEI applicants can appoint an expert group member for the knowledge hub, after consulting and agreeing with their consortium (Important: Each consortium can appoint only one expert group member to represent their project). <p>AEI covers the travel costs (3.600 Euros) of knowledge hub expert group members for attending 3 workshops. The travel costs should be included in the travel cost category of project's general budget as a requested cost. The travel cost <u>should not be included</u> in the "financial data" part in the knowledge hub expression of interest section in EPSS.</p> <p>Personnel costs for contributing to the knowledge hub activities as an expert group member shall be provided in-kind as equivalent of 1,5 PM total for three years. The personnel costs should be included in the personnel cost category of project's general budget as own cost. The personnel cost <u>should not be included</u> in the "financial data" part in the knowledge hub expression of interest section in EPSS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AEI applicants can nominate a scientific coordinator for the knowledge hub, after consulting and agreeing with their consortium (Important: Each consortium can nominate only one scientific coordinator). <p>AEI covers the travel costs (3.600 Euros) of knowledge hub scientific coordinator for attending 3 workshops. The travel costs should be included in the travel cost category of project's general budget as a requested cost. The travel cost <u>should not be included</u> in the "financial data" part in the knowledge hub expression of interest section in EPSS.</p> <p>AEI covers the personnel costs (equivalent of 3 PM) of knowledge hub scientific coordinator for three years. The personnel costs should be included in the personnel cost category of project's general budget as a requested cost. The personnel cost <u>should not be included</u> in the "financial data" part in the knowledge hub expression of interest section in EPSS. Mind that only team members whose costs are eligible as per PCI can apply (costs of permanent staff</p>

	<p>linked to the beneficiary entity or members of the research team are not eligible).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AEI applicants can nominate a facilitator for the knowledge hub, after consulting and agreeing with their consortium (Important: Each consortium can nominate only one facilitator). <p>AEI covers the travel costs (3.600 Euros) of knowledge hub facilitator for attending 3 workshops. The travel costs should be included in the travel cost category of project’s general budget as a requested cost. The travel cost <u>should not be included</u> in the “financial data” part in the knowledge hub expression of interest section in EPSS.</p> <p>AEI covers the personnel costs (equivalent of 6 PM) of knowledge hub facilitator for three years. The personnel costs should be included in the personnel cost category of project’s general budget as a requested cost. The personnel cost <u>should not be included</u> in the “financial data” part in the knowledge hub expression of interest section in EPSS. Mind that only team members whose costs are eligible as per PCI can apply (costs of permanent staff linked to the beneficiary entity or members of the research team are not eligible).</p>	
<p>Funding Commitment</p>	<p>Total Amount for the Call</p>	<p>Maximum Amount Per Proposal</p>
	<p>€ 1.400.000</p>	<p>The following funding limits for direct costs for a three-year project are considered eligibility criteria. Proposals not respecting these limits could be declared ineligible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the consortium is NOT COORDINATED by an AEI-applicant: max. € 140.000 • If the consortium IS COORDINATED by an AEI-applicant: max. € 220.000 • If the consortium IS COORDINATED by an AEI-applicant and there is another AEI-applicant in the proposal, the amount for both Partners is: max. € 260.000 • Additional amount of € 30.000 maximum (direct costs) can be requested per proposal if the work plan includes substantial experimental tasks to be carried out by the AEI applicants and which must be clearly justified in the budget. • On top of the abovementioned direct cost limits, indirect costs must be added in the application: 25% of direct costs (including the subcontracting costs). <p>Important:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • only ONE applicant applying for funding to AEI is allowed per proposal • Two AEI-applicants are allowed in the same proposal only in cases when one of them is acting as Coordinator

	<p>• The direct costs (including subcontracting) in the application must be rounded to the thousands.</p>																		
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<p>Other Funding Criteria</p>	<p>Centres formed by different Spanish legal entities will be considered as a unique entity, and thus the maximum funding should not exceed the limits per proposal established above (for example, mixed centres).</p> <p>Two centres or institutions belonging to the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC) will be treated as two separate partners one from another when one of them is acting as Coordinator of the proposal and their tasks and identity in the project are sufficiently separated and justified.</p> <p>Although private enterprises are not funded by the AEI, the Spanish industrial sector is welcome to participate in the transnational consortia principally obtaining funds from the CDTI participating in this transnational call (see CDTI's requirements), from other innovation and technological development funding agencies, or using own funds.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>All themes in this transnational call are eligible for funding.</p>																		
<p>Relevant Information and Documents</p>	<p>Funding Programme: The framework for this funding action is the Plan Estatal de Investigación Científica, Técnica e Innovación 2021-2023. On a national level, the Call will be managed by the Subdivisión de Programas Científico-Técnicos Transversales, Fortalecimiento y Excelencia (STRAN) of the AEI.</p> <p>Funding Instrument: The instrument funding the Spanish groups requesting funding to the AEI is the corresponding Spanish call "Proyectos de Colaboración Internacional" (PCI) (to be published in due time).</p> <p>Data Protection: By submitting a grant application to the AEI, the applicants consent to communication of the data contained in the application to other public administrations, with the aim of further processing of the data for historical, statistical or scientific purposes, within the framework of the Organic Law 3/2018, of December 5, on Personal Data Protection and Guarantee of Digital Rights.</p>																		



<p>Additional Info</p>	<p>Acknowledgement: Any publication or dissemination activity resulting from the granted projects must acknowledge the AEI funding: “Project (reference nº XX) funded by Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI) through the PCI (year) call”.</p>
<p>Useful Links</p>	<p>As a reference, the applicants are strongly advised to read the call text of the PCI 2023-1 (“Resolución de 24 de marzo de 2023”) and especially the PCI Requirements document on the national call website as well as check their eligibility with the National Contact Point prior to the submission.</p>

SPAIN

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<p style="text-align: center;">National Contact Point (NCP)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Name:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Email and Phone:</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Héctor González</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">partenariadoshe@cdti.es</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Eligible Institutions</p>	<p>For-profit enterprises (large or SMEs) established and carrying out RTDI activities in Spain. Other entities such as Universities, Public Research Institutions, Technological Centres, and other not-for-profit private institutions are not eligible.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Eligible Applicants</p>	<p>For-profit enterprises (large or SMEs) established and carrying out RTDI activities in Spain.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Eligible Costs</p>	<p>Projects should support transnational collaboration; therefore, no single participant or country can exceed 70% of the total project costs.</p> <p>Eligible costs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff costs related to technical staff directly involved in the R&D project. • Project management costs, max. 58 hours per month (approximately 0,4PM) • Instrument and equipment costs • Implementation costs e.g., technical knowledge, patents, or consultancy services, intended exclusively for the research project and procured from external sources at market price. • Other costs including goods and services to be used exclusively for the research project e.g.: (national) audit costs max 2.000€ per year/beneficiary, travel costs associated with the implementation of the project, (8.000€ max. for the duration of the project). <p>Overheads (indirect costs as a percentage of personnel costs) are calculated automatically by CDTI's electronic submission system.</p> <p>CDTI will only fund technology-based activities within industrial research and/or experimental development projects (in accordance with the definitions of the General Block Exemption Regulation, EC Regulation nº651/2014) representing outstanding scientific-technical quality and high innovative potential.</p> <p>Please note that non-technological activities e.g. developing new business models, are excluded from CDTI funding.</p> <p>R&D activities to be financed must belong to TRL 4-7 range and be implemented in Spain.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Funding Commitment</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Total Amount for the Call</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Maximum Amount Per Proposal</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">1.200.000 euros</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">N/A</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Funded instruments</p>	<p>Joint transnational Call <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>Early Career Resercher Modality <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
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<p>Other Funding Criteria</p>	<p>A minimum financeable budget of 200,000 euros is recommended.</p>
<p>Relevant documents</p>	<p><u>Each Spanish company participating in a project and requesting funding from CDTI, must apply via CDTI’s electronic submission system (https://sede.cdti.gob.es).</u></p> <p>CDTI’s application process consists of completing an online application form which is accompanied by a short technical report written in Spanish. The report must focus on the activities (and associated budget) that the company will assume in the project (please check <i>Type of research funded</i> and <i>Eligible costs</i> sections in this table).</p> <p><u>Deadline to complete CDTI’s application process: The same end date as the first phase international application.</u></p> <p>Applicants are strongly advised to check the detailed information available on CDTI website and to contact the NCP for advice about national funding rules, before submitting a proposal.</p>
<p>Additional Info</p>	<p>The CDTI will finance up to 70% of the project budget through grants.</p> <p><u>Please note that failing to comply with the national application process by the deadline, will deem the company ineligible to participate in the call.</u></p>
<p>Useful Links</p>	<p>https://www.cdti.es/</p>



SWEDEN

	<p>Funding Organisation:</p>	
<p>National Contact Point (NCP)</p>	<p>Name:</p>	<p>Email and Phone:</p>
	<p>Osman Tikansak</p>	<p>Osman.Tikansak@formas.se</p>
<p>Funded modality</p>	<p>Joint transnational Call <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>Early Career Resarcher Modality <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>Knowledge Hub Modality <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Eligible Institutions</p>	<p>FORMAS Grants for research projects can only be administered by a Swedish university or other research organizations that fulfil the grant administrating organization eligibility requirements of FORMAS, see: How it work - Formas</p>	
<p>Eligible Applicants</p>	<p>Principal applicants and co-applicants must have completed their PhD degree and be affiliated with a Swedish higher education institution, research institute or government agency with a research assignment that meets the FORMAS requirements for administrating organisations, see: How it works-Formas</p>	
<p>Eligible Costs</p>	<p>FORMAS' standard eligibility criteria for research projects apply, please see Formas' general instructions: How it works - Formas VAT should not be included in the budget figures.</p> <p>Additional information about knowledge hub modality: Eligible costs for attending knowledge hub activities are as follows,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swedish applicants to FORMAS can appoint an expert group member for the knowledge hub, after consulting and agreeing with their consortium (Important: Each consortium can appoint only one expert group member to represent their project). <p>FORMAS covers the travel costs (3.600 Euros) of knowledge hub expert group members for attending 3 workshops. The applicant should enter the travel costs into the "financial data" part in the knowledge hub expression of interest section in EPSS as a requested cost. <u>The travel costs should not be included in the project's general budget.</u></p> <p>Personnel costs for contributing to the knowledge hub activities as an expert group member shall be provided in-kind as equivalent of 1,5 PM total for three years. The applicant should enter the personnel costs into the "financial data" part in the knowledge hub expression of interest section in EPSS as own cost. <u>The personnel cost should not be included in the project's general budget.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swedish applicants to FORMAS can nominate a scientific coordinator for the knowledge hub, after consulting and agreeing with their 	

	<p>consortium (<u>Important: Each consortium can nominate only one scientific coordinator</u>).</p> <p>FORMAS covers the travel costs (3.600 Euros) of knowledge hub scientific coordinator for attending 3 workshops. The applicant should enter the travel costs into the “financial data” part in the knowledge hub expression of interest section in EPSS as a requested cost. <u>The travel costs should not be included in the project’s general budget.</u></p> <p>FORMAS covers the personnel costs (equivalent of 3 PM) of knowledge hub scientific coordinator for three years. The applicant should enter the personnel costs into the “financial data” part in the knowledge hub expression of interest section in EPSS as a requested cost. <u>The personnel cost should not be included in the project’s general budget.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swedish applicants to FORMAS can nominate a facilitator for the knowledge hub, after consulting and agreeing with their consortium (Important: Each consortium can nominate only one facilitator). <p>FORMAS covers the travel costs (3.600 Euros) of knowledge hub facilitator for attending 3 workshops. The applicant should enter the travel costs into the “financial data” part in the knowledge hub expression of interest section in EPSS as a requested cost. <u>The travel costs should not be included in the project’s general budget.</u></p> <p>FORMAS covers the personnel costs (equivalent of 6 PM) of knowledge hub facilitator for three years. The applicant should enter the personnel costs into the “financial data” part in the knowledge hub expression of interest section in EPSS as a requested cost. The personnel cost should not be included in the project’s general budget.</p> <p>The facilitator can be hired externally via subcontracting.</p>	
<p>Funding Commitment</p>	<p>Total Amount for the Call (national contribution)</p>	<p>Maximum Amount Per Proposal</p>
	<p>2 000 000 Euro</p>	<p>Maximum funding from FORMAS is 300,000 € per proposal, or a maximum of 500,000 € per proposal if the Swedish applicant is also the project coordinator (regardless of how many Swedish partners participate in the project).</p>
<p>Other Funding Criteria</p>	<p>Swedish applicants in a consortium must apply to FORMAS under one single project application. Project duration is 3 years.</p> <p>Funding criteria for joining knowledge hubs with different roles</p> <p>When applying for different roles in knowledge hub, applicants can request following amounts, in addition to their project budget (knowledge hub budget to be indicated separately in the EPSS system, <u>not within project budget</u>. See Eligible Costs above).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.600 Euros (travel cost for attending 3 workshop) for expert group members, or 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27.600 Euros (travel costs -3.600 Euros- for attending 3 workshops and personnel costs -24.000 Euros- equivalent for 3 PMs) for scientific coordinator, or • 51.600 Euros (travel costs -3.600 Euros- for attending 3 workshops and personnel costs -48.000 Euros- equivalent for 3 PMs) for facilitator.
<p>Relevant documents</p>	<p>Applying for funding - Formas</p>
<p>Additional Info</p>	<p>For Swedish applications to FORMAS, both the pre- and full proposal for research projects must be submitted to Water4All. Swedish applicants who are selected to go to the second stage for submitting full-proposals will be contacted by FORMAS for further information on how to register their proposals with FORMAS. Reports are to be submitted according to the regulations of Water4All and FORMAS.</p>
<p>Useful Links</p>	<p>Formas all calls</p>



SWITZERLAND

	Funding Organisation:		Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF)  Swiss National Science Foundation
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:	
	Martina Kern	water4all@snf.ch +41 31 308 23 24	
Funded modality	Joint transnational Call		YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Early Career Researcher Call		YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Water4All Knowledge Hub		NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Eligible Institutions	Applicants must comply with the SNSF Funding Regulations .		
Eligible Applicants	Applicants must comply with the SNSF Funding Regulations .		
Eligible Costs	<p>Eligible costs are outlined in the SNSF Funding Regulations (Art. 28) and the SNSF General Implementation Regulations (Section 2).</p> <p>Project overhead costs cannot be applied for. They are calculated on the basis of the research funding acquired by eligible institutions under eligible funding schemes. Overhead contributions are paid in retrospect at a flat rate to the institutions of the SNSF awardees.</p>		
Funding Commitment	Total Amount for the Call (national contribution)	Maximum Amount Per Proposal	
	1'000'000 CHF (approx. 1'000'000 EUR)	<p>The SNSF provides a minimum grant of 100'000 Swiss francs per project. The SNSF provides a maximum of 250,000 Swiss francs annually per applicant of a project and a maximum of 1 million Swiss francs annually for the project as a whole (SNSF-funded part).</p> <p>Applicants should bear in mind that the SNSF anticipates funding between 2 and 4 projects under this call.</p>	
Other Funding Criteria	<p>The SNSF exclusively funds research conducted for purposes that are not directly commercial. Pursuant to the Research and Innovation Promotion Act RIPA and the legal framework of the SNSF, no research grants are awarded if the relevant research is conducted for directly commercial</p>		

	<p>purposes or if the persons involved in the research work do not enjoy scientific independence.</p> <p>Participation of Swiss-based partners requesting financial support from the SNSF is restricted to one project (Art.7.3, SNSF Regulations on project funding). They may, however, participate in other consortia projects as self-financed partners.</p> <p>The maximum number of grants in the project funding scheme for the same funding period from the SNSF is limited to three grants, provided at least one grant is for an EU consortium project or has been granted on the basis of a lead agency, Weave or International Co-investigator scheme evaluation. Swiss-based investigators who already hold three SNSF grants in project funding cannot request financial support from the SNSF to participate in this call (Article 13 of the Amended Project Funding Regulations).</p> <p>Proposals with overlapping funding periods with ongoing SNSF projects are only approved if the research projects pursue different goals (Article 17 of the SNSF Funding Regulations).</p>
<p>Relevant documents</p>	<p>-</p>
<p>Additional Info</p>	<p>Mandatory, parallel submission of pre- and full-proposal via mySNF</p> <p>Swiss partners must submit pre-proposals and full proposals via mySNF at the same submission deadline of the consortium application. These submissions are mandatory and do not replace the submission of the consortium application to the Call Secretariat.</p> <p>Pre-proposal forms are created by selecting "Projects: Partnership: Water4All: Pre-proposal".</p> <p>Full-proposal forms are created by selecting "Projects: Partnership: Water4All: Full proposal" and are to be linked to the pre-proposal by selecting its number in the data container "Relation to pre-proposal".</p> <p>In case of multiple Swiss partners participating in the same consortium, only one application is to be submitted on <i>mySNF</i>, whereby one Swiss partner must act as "corresponding applicant" and the other Swiss partners are to be listed as "other applicants".</p> <p>International partners of the consortium applying for funding at different funding agencies from the SNSF cannot be declared as "project partners" in the sense of article 11.2 of the SNSF Funding Regulations. For the submission via <i>mySNF</i>, they are to be declared as "consortium partners" instead and must apply for their funding at their respective research funding organisation.</p> <p>Data management plan</p>



	<p>Applicants will have to complete the DMP on <i>mySNF</i> once the project is approved, regardless of whether a DMP is requested by the consortium. The DMP has to cover the research data, which are collected, observed, generated or reused in the Swiss part of the project and has to comply with the SNSF Open Research Data Policy.</p> <p>Consortium agreement</p> <p>Before the release of the funds, the SNSF requests the submission of a copy of the consortium agreement signed by all the partners.</p> <p>Grant management</p> <p>Grants will be managed according to standard SNSF rules described in SNSF Funding Regulations. Yearly financial reports for the use of SNSF funds must be submitted via <i>mySNF</i>. As a final scientific report, the SNSF requests the submission of the final scientific report submitted to the Water4All Call Secretariat. No other scientific report is requested.</p>
<p>Useful Links</p>	<p>Information available at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SNSF Funding regulations - General Implementation Regulations - SNSF Regulations on Project Funding

TURKEY

	<p>Funding Organisation:</p>		
<p>National Contact Point (NCP)</p>	<p>Name:</p>	<p>Email and Phone:</p>	
	<p>AZMİ SERHAT YILDIRIM</p>	<p>azmiserhat.yildirim@tubitak.gov.tr +90 312 298 1765</p>	
<p>Eligible Institutions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Higher education institutions, training and research hospitals, public institutions and organizations (including public research centers, metropolitan/city municipalities), SMEs and large companies established in Turkey are eligible to be supported. Applications are NOT accepted from foundations, associations and their economic enterprises, cooperatives, unions, sole proprietorships and unincorporated associations. 		
<p>Eligible Applicants</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Principal Investigator (PI) and Lead Principal Investigator (LPI) from academia are expected to hold PhD. The LPI/PI from public institutions/organizations and private sector are expected to hold at least BA/BSc degree. PI and researchers (except researchers abroad) must reside within the borders of Turkish Republic. A foreign national can take place in the project providing that she/he is employed at an institution within the borders of Turkish Republic 		
<p>Eligible Costs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Personnel Expenses (For private sector only) Consumable Expenses. Travel Expenses Service Procurement Expenses (Consultancy and service purchase expenses from national and international project partners are not supported). Tools and Equipment Expenses. Scholarship expenses (For universities and public sector only) Project Incentive Premium (PIP) and overhead (For universities and public sector only) <p>A balanced distribution between the project budget items is required.</p>		
<p>Funding Commitment</p>	<p>Total Amount for the Call</p>	<p>Maximum Amount Per Proposal</p>	
	<p>500.000 Euro</p>	<p>The size of the grant may vary depending of the needs of each project and must be fully justified. TÜBİTAK-funded costs of each grant will be issued and managed by TÜBİTAK according to its funding guidelines and procedures.</p>	
<p>Funded instruments</p>	<p>Joint transnational Call <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>		

	Early Career Resarcher Modality <input type="checkbox"/>
	Knowledge Hub Modality <input type="checkbox"/>
Other Funding Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be a researcher in a project, contribution rate to project should be equal or over 10%. • In order to assign an advisor to a project, the project must have specific topics or topics that require special expertise, and this should be justified in the project proposal. The number of advisors who will be employed in a project is limited to the number of topics required for that particular project. • Public institutions and universities can hire scholars for their projects. "Students" who are studying their undergraduate and postgraduate education in higher education institutions in Turkey or "Research Assistants" (RA) in student status and postdoctoral researchers can take place in the project team as scholars.
Relevant documents	<p>https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/yonetmelik_iii_2_0.pdf</p> <p>https://tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/32_YK_Islenmis_Hali-ARDEB_Idari_Mali_Esaslar.pdf</p> <p>https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/250_sayili_bilim_kurulu_karar_i_islenmis_hali_son.pdf</p> <p>https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/tubitak_tarafindan_ozel_kuruluslar_ve_vakif_universitelerine_proje_karsiligi_yeni_2.pdf</p>
Additional Info	
Useful Links	https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/en

UNITED KINGDOM

	<p>Funding Organisation: UKRI</p>	 <p>UK Research and Innovation</p>
<p>National Contact Point (NCP)</p>	<p>Name:</p>	<p>Email and Phone:</p>
	<p>Jacqueline Wood - NERC Maria Calderon Munoz - EPSRC</p>	<p>jacqueline.wood@nerc.ukri.org EngineeringPeerReview@epsrc.ukri.org</p>
<p>Funded modality</p>	<p>Joint transnational Call <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>Early Career Resarcher Call <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>Water4All Knowledge Hub <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicants may nominate an expert for the KH (expert group member only)</p>	
<p>Eligible Institutions</p>	<p>Only Research Organisations eligible for UKRI funding can apply. For more information go to: Eligibility as an organisation – UKRI</p>	
<p>Eligible Applicants</p>	<p>For UK applicants, the standard UKRI eligibility criteria apply. More information can be found here: Eligibility as an individual – UKRI</p>	
<p>Eligible Costs</p>	<p>For eligible costs please see: Guidance for applicants – NERC – UKRI</p> <p><u>Eligible costs for knowledge hub activities are as follows:</u></p> <p>The applying institution can appoint an expert group member for the knowledge hub, after consulting and agreeing with their consortium (Important: Each consortium can appoint only one expert group member to represent their project).</p> <p>URKI-EPSRC will cover the travel costs (3.600 Euros) of knowledge hub expert group members for attending 3 workshops. The travel costs should be included in the travel cost category of project’s general budget as a requested cost. The travel cost should not be included in the “financial data” part in the knowledge hub expression of interest section in EPSS.</p> <p>Personnel costs for contributing to the knowledge hub activities as an expert group member shall be provided in-kind as equivalent of 1,5 PM total for three years. The personnel costs should be included in the personnel cost category of project’s general budget as own cost. The personnel cost should not be included in the “financial data” part in the knowledge hub expression of interest section in EPSS.</p>	
<p>Funding Commitment</p>	<p>Total Amount for the Call (national contribution)</p>	<p>Maximum Amount Per Proposal</p>
	<p>NERC: £1’000.000 - 100% FEC (€1’160.000)</p>	<p>£400.000 100% FEC (€464.000)</p>

	<p>EPSRC: £250.000 - 100% FEC (€290.000)</p>	
<p>Other Funding Criteria</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The research to be addressed in the UK component should be within the funding research councils' remits. More information can be found here: Remit, programmes and priorities – NERC – UKRI EPSRC remit – EPSRC – UKRI • Applicants are encouraged to contact UKRI to discuss remit before submitting the proposal. • In line with UKRI funding guidelines, proposals will be funded at 80% FEC. • PhD studentships cannot be included. 	
<p>Relevant documents</p>		
<p>Additional info</p>	<p>Only successful applicants will need to submit their proposals to UKRI's funding system, TFS.</p>	
<p>Useful Links</p>	<p>https://www.ukri.org/</p> <p>https://www.ukri.org/councils/nerc/</p> <p>https://www.ukri.org/councils/epsrc/</p>	

PRE-PROPOSAL TEMPLATE

The Pre-proposal template for the 1st step of the Water4All 2023 Joint Transnational Call has been published on 13th September 2023 on the Water4All website (<https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/joint-activities/water4all-2023-joint-transnational-call>).

PRE-PROPOSAL APPLICATION FORM

This template is an indicative model of proposal application form. All proposals have to be submitted online via the online submission tool: Electronic Proposal Submission System (EPSS). The format of the proposal application form will be adapted to fit the EPSS.

General guidance for all applicants:

- *The proposal must be written in English;*
- *The different sections of the application should not exceed the prescribed maximum space;*
- *Any documents other than those requested as part of the proposal will not be forwarded to Evaluation Committee members.*

Please make sure to respect the eligibility rules of the call.

*Please also consult Funding Organisations' rules advertised in Water4All JTC2023 Call Announcement which are compulsory. **Applicants are strongly advised to contact their respective Funding Organisations (list available on Water4All website) and to confirm their eligibility with their Funding Organisations before submitting the proposal.***

Applicants should note that information on the core data (e.g., funding requested or institutions) cannot be changed in full proposals, unless explicitly requested by evaluators, by a funding organisation or by the Call Steering Committee (CSC). Please note that the information given in the pre-proposals is binding. No major changes regarding the proposals' content will be allowed by the CSC between the pre-proposals and full proposals.

Regarding the administrative details, a limited number of changes may be allowed, provided they are in line with the general rules of the call and the rules of the Funding Partner Organisations (FPO). Participant shall contact the Call Secretariat (CS) via e-mail and their FPO via the contacts reported in Annex C in order to inform them about their willingness to modify the project proposal. Requests for changes shall be assessed and allowed by the FPOs.

Minor change of budget must be allowed by the relevant FPO.

Changes in the consortium composition:

No changes of coordinator (i.e., Principal Investigator) will be allowed, except in case of force majeure. A request of change of coordinator must be submitted to the Call Secretariat, at least one week before the deadline for submitting full proposals and it will be discussed on a case-by-case basis by the CSC.

Changes in the consortium composition are allowed (maximum 2 changes of Project Partners in proposals with more than 5 partners; maximum 1 change of project partner in proposals with 5 or less partners), provided approval by the concerned FPO.

Please note that the following actions are considered as changes: addition, removal or replacement of a Partner (incl. subcontracted and self-financed partners). The maximum number of changes applies to "Partner", i.e. the independent legal entity participating in the Transnational RD&I project.

When applying, keep in mind that the submission system will close at 15:00 CET of the deadline date established for Step 1. However, the CS can only ensure responses to email support requests up to 12:00 CEST.

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Main project data

NB: This part will have to be filled in directly in the EPSS.

Proposal ID:	automatically from EPSS (e.g. Water4All2023-1)
Project short name/acronym*	(max 20 characters including spaces)
Project title*	(max 150 characters including spaces)
Project abstract	(max 4000 characters including spaces) The summary must include the a) general objectives of the project (strategic, commercial, etc.); b) scientific and/or technological aims of the project; c) relevance to the call.
Start date	(1 st quarter 2023)
Project duration (months)	The duration is 36 months
Project total costs	
Total funds requested to FPOs	

1. Administrative details

NB: This part will have to be filled in directly in the EPSS.

You will have to provide in this section information on the coordinator and Partners involved, as well as the requested budget per Partner.

There are 2 categories of Partners:

- Partners from countries (and organisations) eligible for direct funding (designated Partners 1, 2... N). Please, consider that there cannot be more than 7 partners, including one self-funded, if present.
- Fully self-financed Partner from any country who bring their own secured budget. The self-funded partner cannot be the project Coordinator. No more than one self-funded project partner per consortium is allowed.

• **Partner data**

Coordinator (Partner 1) or Partner 2, Partner 3 ... Partner N Please insert as many copies of this table as necessary for other Partners. Consider that there cannot be more than 7 partners, including one self-funded, if present.			
Legal full name of the research organisation / Company		Short name (acronym) of the research organisation/Company	
Researcher in charge (Principal investigator):			
Family name		First name	
Title		Gender	
Phone		E-mail	
ORCID id. (optional)		Nationality	
Career Stage ¹³	To be chosen among:		

¹³ Choose one of the following 4 options:

- Category A: the single highest grade/post at which research is normally conducted. (Example: “director of research”)

(optional)	Category A: Top grade researcher Category B: Senior researcher Category C: Recognised researcher Category D: First stage researcher				
Web site					
Participant Identification Code (PIC) of the organisation ¹⁴				Status: Private or Public?	Choose between: Private Public
Participant Organisation Type	Choose between: HES, REC, PRC, PUB, OTH ¹⁵	Small or Medium-sized Enterprise (SME status):	Choose between: YES, NO	Statistical Classification of Economic Activities (NACE) ¹⁶ :	
Registered Office address of the research organisation / company					
Street name and number					
PO Box		Postal Code		Cedex	
Town			Town		
Division / Department / Unit or Laboratory					
Street name and number					
PO Box		Postal code		Cedex	
Town			Country		

- Category B: Researchers working in positions not as senior as top position (A) but more senior than newly qualified doctoral graduates (Example: “senior researcher”).
- Category C: the first grade/post into which a newly qualified doctoral graduate would normally be recruited. (Examples: “researcher”, “investigator” or “post-doctoral fellow”).
- Category D: Either doctoral students at the IsCED level 8 who are engaged as researchers, or researchers working in posts that do not normally require a doctorate degree. (Examples: “Ph.D. students” or “junior researchers” without a Ph.D).

These categories are defined in Frascati manual from OECD <https://www.oecd.org/sti/inno/frascati-manual.htm> (page 249)

¹⁴ 9-digit number serving as a unique identifier for organisations (legal entities) participating in EU funding programmes / procurements. If needed, one can apply for a temporary PIC on: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/how-to-participate/participant-register>. A search tool for organisations and their PICs is available on <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/how-to-participate/participant-register-search>. We suggest validating the PICs via the public available Partner Search – Organisation Profile service. This allows use to fill out some requested data inputs automatically, which is less error-prone and provides much better user experience.

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/support/apis>

¹⁵ Secondary and higher education establishments (HES); Research organisations (excluding education) (REC); Private for-profit companies (PRC); Public bodies (excluding research and education) (PUB); Other entities (OTH).

¹⁶ The NACE code is a Statistical Classification of Economic Activities of the organisation. You can find further information about NACE at Eurostat website <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/nace-rev2> and the classification can be downloaded at https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/nomenclatures/index.cfm?TargetUrl=LST_CLS_DLD&StrNom=NACE_REV2&StrLanguageCode=EN&IntCurrentPage=1&StrLayoutCode=LINEAR#

Employment status information	<i>Choose between:</i> On permanent position On fixed-term position	
	If on fixed term position:	
	- Duration of contract:	
	- Employer Name:	
Other team members involved in the project*		
Team member 1: Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email, ORCID id., Career Stage		
Team member 2: Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email, ORCID id., Career Stage		
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Team member N: Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email, ORCID id., Career Stage		
* Please include all the team members to be involved in the project, would they be funded or not by your Funding Organisation. If you do not have yet this information for one team member (e.g. for a postdoc), you can indicate "to be determined"		

Self-financed Partner data

<i>Partner A</i>			
Legal full name of the research organisation / Company		Short name (acronym) of the research organisation/Company	
Researcher in charge (Principal investigator):			
Family name		First name	
Title		Gender	
Phone		E-mail	
ORCID id.		Nationality	
Career Stage	<i>To be chosen among:</i> Category A: Top grade researcher Category B: Senior researcher Category C: Recognised researcher Category D: First stage researcher		
Web site			
Participant Identification Code (PIC) of the organisation ¹⁷		Status: Private or Public?	<i>Choose between:</i> Private Public

¹⁷ 9-digit number serving as a unique identifier for organisations (legal entities) participating in EU funding programmes / procurements. If needed, one can apply for a temporary PIC on: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/how-to-participate/participant-register>. A search tool for organisations and their PICs is available on <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/how-to-participate/participant-register-search>. We suggest validating the PICs via the public available Partner Search – Organisation Profile service. This allows use to fill out some requested data inputs automatically, which is less error-prone and provides much better user experience.

Participant Organisation Type	<i>Choose between:</i> HES, REC, PRC, PUB, OTH ¹⁸	Small or Medium-sized Enterprise (SME status):	<i>Choose between:</i> YES, NO	Statistical Classification of Economic Activities (NACE) ¹⁹ :			
Division / Department / Unit or Laboratory							
Street name and number							
PO Box		Postal code		Cedex			
Town			Country				
Employment status information			<i>Choose between:</i> On permanent position On fixed-term position				
			If on fixed term position:				
			- Duration of contract:				
			- Funding body:				
Other team members involved in the project*							
Team member 1: Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email, ORCID id., Career Stage							
Team member 2: Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email, ORCID id., Career Stage							
.....							
Team member N: Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email, ORCID id., Career Stage							
* Please include all the team members to be involved in the project, would they be funded or not by your Funding Organisation. If you do not have yet this information for one team member (e.g. for a postdoc), you can indicate "to be determined"							

2. Topics

Please specify which topic and subtopics are addressed by your proposal. Include also an estimation of percentage of coverage.

Topic 1	Sum for topic 1
- Subtopic 1.1	(percentage)
- Subtopic 1.2	(percentage)
- Subtopic 1.3	(percentage)

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/support/apis>

¹⁸ Secondary and higher education establishments (HES); Research organisations (excluding education) (REC); Private for-profit companies (PRC); Public bodies (excluding research and education) (PUB); Other entities (OTH).

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Topic 2	Sum for topic 2
- Subtopic 2.1	(percentage)
- Subtopic 2.2	(percentage)
- Subtopic 2.3	(percentage)
Topic 3	Sum for topic 3
- Subtopic 3.1	(percentage)
- Subtopic 3.2	(percentage)
- Subtopic 3.3	(percentage)

Total (it must be 100%)	100%
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Keywords Maximum 5 keywords related to your project may be entered here. Keywords help effective expert selection to evaluate your proposal.	

Project description

The project description must include a) state of the art, own work, previous activities of the consortium in the field; b) objectives, aims; c) relevance to the call (including theme(s)); d) concept, methods; e) explanation of the novelty of the research planned, in relation to the present state-of-the-art; f) expected results and how they lead to impact; g) Transnational added value of the research proposed; h) workplan; i) exploitation and dissemination of results including open science practices, sharing and management of research outputs and engagement of citizens, civil society and end users where appropriate.

NB: This part will have to be uploaded as a single pdf on the Online Submission Tool. Max. 7 pages – including title and citations – Arial font, 11pts, single spaced, margins of 1.27 cm. Footnotes are allowed, if you respect the above-mentioned layout criteria. Links and hyperlinks are allowed only for bibliographical references.

The Project Description template is available in ANNEX 1.

3. Financial data

Project finances

Please note that you should indicate in this table the total costs of the project and the funding requested to your Funding Organisation and their indicative repartition between the different categories of costs, i.e. personnel (including permanent salaries depending on Funding Organisations’ rules), equipment, consumables, subcontracts, travels, overheads). Please make sure to follow your Funding Organisations’ rules for the determination of the eligible costs and the requested funding calculation. Please note that some Funding Organisations cannot provide a funding equal to 100% of eligible costs. For questions, contact your Funding organisation Contact Point.

*The column **Total costs** comprise all the costs related to the project independently of national funding rules. You have to indicate here all the costs of the project.*

The column Funding requested comprises the part of the costs that you will request from your Funding Organisation.

The column Own funding will be filled in automatically by Online Submission Tool, it includes all the expenses which are not covered by the Funding organisation (either because the funding level is lower than 100% and/or some expenses are not eligible for funding and/or are provided in-kind). The Own funding is equal to the difference between the Total cost and the Funding request.

Please, include one table like the following one for each partner.

Partner 1			
Name	put the short name	Country	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding organisation(s) to which you are applying for funding²⁰ 		To be selected on the list of Funding organizations	

items	Total cost (in Euro including VAT) depending on national rules)	Funding requested (in Euro, including VAT depending on national rules) ²¹	Own funding (equal to the difference between total cost and funding requested)
Personnel			Calculated by Online Submission Tool
Equipment			Calculated by Online Submission Tool
Consumables			Calculated by Online Submission Tool
Subcontracting ²²			Calculated by Online Submission Tool
Travel			Calculated by Online Submission Tool
Overhead			Calculated by Online Submission Tool
Total	Calculated by Online Submission Tool	Calculated by Online Submission Tool	Calculated by Online Submission Tool

Total person months	To be filled in by coordinator/partners
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WORKLOAD DISTRIBUTION

This table will be automatically filled in with data included by partners. This table is only visible on the proposal preview (Downloadable PDF)

Partner 1	Person Months	Workload percentage
Partner 2		

²⁰ Please indicate to which Funding Organisation you are requesting funds

²¹ Please make sure that VAT is eligible according to national/regional legal framework and Funding Organisations' rules. If not, please do not include VAT.

²² Indicate here the total budget and requested budget for your subcontracted Partners and/or any other subcontracting costs.

Partner 3		
....		
	Tot PM	100%

Finance comments

Please enter a brief description of major costs items and short justification (personnel, equipment, consumables, subcontracts, travel expenses, other costs). For overhead costs, national regulations may apply.

(max 1000 characters including spaces)

For the self-financed Partner, please indicate shortly how its participation to the project will be funded. Please note that a Letter of Commitment will be required as a mandatory document in the full proposal application.

Self-financed Partner A	
Name	
Country	
The Partner will be funded through ...	

4. Other Info

Do No Significant Harm (DNSH) assessment

The Do no significant harm principle was introduced in the European Green Deal to ensure that the research and innovation activities do not make directly or indirectly a significant harm to any of the six environmental objectives, according to the EU Taxonomy Regulation (EU) 2020/852 You can find more information on what is considered as doing significant harm to the above objectives in the following note: https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/default/files/c2021_1054_en.pdf .

The applicant shall self-assess the DNSH filling in the following table:

Please indicate which of the following environmental objectives require further evaluation according to the DNSH principle	YES	NO	Justification if NO has been selected
Climate change mitigation			
Climate change adaptation			
The sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources			
The circular economy, including waste prevention and recycling			
Pollution prevention and control to air, water or land			
The protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems			

Only if the answer is YES for an environmental objective, a substantive DNSH assessment is needed. In that case, please fill the corresponding row in the table below.

Questions	NO	Substantive justification
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<p>Climate change mitigation: Is the measure expected to lead to significant GHG emissions? ²³</p>		
<p>Climate change adaptation: Is the measure expected to lead to an increased adverse impact of the current climate and the expected future climate, on the measure itself or on people, nature or assets?</p>		
<p>The sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources: Is the measure expected to be detrimental:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to the good status or the good ecological potential of bodies of water, including surface water and groundwater; or (ii) to the good environmental status of marine waters? 		
<p>The transition to a circular economy, including waste prevention and recycling: Is the measure expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) lead to a significant increase in the generation, incineration or disposal of waste, with the exception of the incineration of non-recyclable hazardous waste; or (ii) lead to significant inefficiencies in the direct or indirect use of any natural resource (1) at any stage of its life cycle which are not minimised by adequate measures (2); or (iii) cause significant and long-term harm to the environment in respect to the circular economy (3)? 		
<p>Pollution prevention and control: Is the measure expected to lead to a significant increase in the emissions of pollutants (4) into air, water or land?</p>		
<p>The protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems: Is the measure expected to be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) significantly detrimental to the good condition (5) and resilience of ecosystems; or (ii) detrimental to the conservation status of habitats and species, including those of Union interest? 		

(1) Natural resources comprise energy, materials, metals, water, biomass, air and land.

²³ Please notice that the mitigation measures in the call announcement do not only refer to GHG emission but it has a broader meaning. In this cell please specify the mitigation measure related to GHG emission, if any.

- (2) For instance, inefficiencies can be minimised by significantly increasing the durability, reparability, upgradability and reusability of products or by significantly reducing resources through the design and choice of materials, facilitating repurposing, disassembly and deconstruction, in particular to reduce the use of building materials and promote the reuse of building materials. Additionally, transitioning to ‘product-as-a-service business models and circular value chains with the aim of keeping products, components and materials at their highest utility and value for as long as possible. This also comprises a significant reduction in the content of hazardous substance in materials and products, including by replacing them with safer alternatives. This further includes significantly reducing food waste in the production, processing, manufacturing or distribution of food.
- (3) Please refer to Recital 27 of the Taxonomy Regulation for more information on the circular economy objective.
- (4) Pollutant means a substance, vibration, heat, noise, light or other contaminant present in air, water or land which may be harmful to human health or the environment.
- (5) In line with Article 2(16) of the Taxonomy Regulation, “‘good condition’ means, in relation to an ecosystem, that the ecosystem is in good physical, chemical and biological condition or of a good physical, chemical and biological quality with self-reproduction or self-restoration capability, in which species composition, ecosystem structure and ecological functions are not impaired”.

Ethics self-assessment

NB: This part will be fetched from the already submitted pre-proposal application.

The applicant shall self-assess the respect of the ethics principles answering to the following questionnaire:

1. HUMAN EMBRYONIC STEM CELLS AND HUMAN EMBRYOS	Y/N	If yes, please detail and indicate how you plan to deal with this ethic issue.
Does this activity involve Human Embryonic Stem Cells (hESCs)?	Y/N	
If yes, will they be directly derived from embryos within this project?	Y/N	
If yes, are they previously established cells lines?	Y/N	
If yes, are the cell lines registered in the European registry for human embryonic stem cell lines?	Y/N	
Does this activity involve the use of human embryos?	Y/N	
If yes, will the activity lead to their destruction?	Y/N	
2. HUMANS		
Does your research involve human participants?	Y/N	
If yes, are they volunteers for nonmedical studies (e.g. social or human sciences research)?	Y/N	

If yes, are they healthy volunteers or medical studies?	Y/N	
If yes, are they patients for medical studies?	Y/N	
If yes, are they potentially vulnerable individuals or groups?	Y/N	
If yes, are they children / minors?	Y/N	
If yes, are they other persons unable to give informed consent?	Y/N	
Does your research involve physical interventions on the study participants?	Y/N	
If yes, does it involve invasive techniques?	Y/N	
If yes, does it involve collection of biological samples?	Y/N	
Does this activity involve conducting a clinical study as defined by the Clinical Trial Regulation (EU 536/2014)? (using pharmaceuticals, biologicals, radiopharmaceuticals, or advanced therapy medicinal products).	Y/N	
If yes, is it a clinical trial?	Y/N	
If yes, is it a low-intervention clinical trial?	Y/N	
3. HUMAN CELLS / TISSUES		
Does this activity involve the use of human cells or tissues?	Y/N	
If yes, are they human embryonic or foetal cells or tissues?	Y/N	
If yes, are they available commercially?	Y/N	
If yes, are they obtained within this project?	Y/N	
If yes, are they obtained from another project, laboratory or institution?	Y/N	
If yes, are they obtained from biobank?	Y/N	
4. PERSONAL DATA		
Does this activity involve processing of personal data?	Y/N	
If yes, does it involve the processing of special categories of personal data (e.g.: sexual lifestyle, ethnicity, genetic, biometric and	Y/N	

health data, political opinion, religious or philosophical		
If yes, does it involve profiling, systematic monitoring of individuals, or processing of large scale of special categories of data or intrusive methods of data processing (such as, surveillance, geolocation tracking etc.)?	Y/N	
Does this activity involve further processing of previously collected personal data (including use of pre-existing data sets or sources, merging existing data sets)?	Y/N	
Is it planned to export personal data from the EU to non-EU countries?	Y/N	
If yes, specify the type of personal data and countries involved:		
Is it planned to import personal data from non-EU countries into the EU or from a non-EU country to another non-EU country?	Y/N	
If yes, specify the type of personal data and countries involved:		
5. ANIMALS		
Does your research involve animals?	Y/N	
If yes, are they vertebrates?	Y/N	
If yes, are they non-human primates (NHP)?	Y/N	
If yes, are they genetically modified?	Y/N	
If yes, are they cloned farm animals?	Y/N	
If yes, are they endangered species?	Y/N	
6. NON-EU COUNTRIES		
Will some of the activities be carried out in non-EU countries?	Y/N	
If yes, specify the countries		
In case non-EU countries are involved, do the activities undertaken in these countries raise potential ethics issues?	Y/N	
If yes, specify the countries		
Is it planned to use local resources (e.g. animal and/or human tissue samples, genetic material, live animals, human remains, materials of	Y/N	

historical value, endangered fauna or flora samples, etc.)?		
Is it planned to import any material (other than data) from non-EU countries into the EU or from a non-EU country to another non-EU country? For data imports, see section 4.	Y/N	
If yes, specify material and countries involved:		
Is it planned to export any material (other than data) from the EU to non-EU countries? For data exports, see section 4.	Y/N	
If yes, specify material and countries involved:		
Does this activity involve low and/or lower-middle income countries? (if yes, detail the benefit- sharing actions planned in the self-assessment)	Y/N	
Could the situation in the country put the individuals taking part in the activity at risk?	Y/N	
7. ENVIRONMENT & HEALTH and SAFETY		
Does this activity involve the use of substances or processes that may cause harm to the environment, to animals or plants (during the implementation of the activity or further to the use of the results, as a possible impact)?	Y/N	
Does this activity deal with endangered fauna and/or flora / protected areas?	Y/N	
Does this activity involve the use of substances or processes that may cause harm to humans, including those performing the activity (during the implementation of the activity or further to the use of the results, as a possible impact)?	Y/N	
8. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE		
Does this activity involve the development, deployment and/or use of Artificial Intelligence? (if yes, detail in the self-assessment whether that could raise ethical concerns related to human rights and values and detail how this will be addressed).	Y/N	
11. OTHER ETHICS ISSUES		
Are there any other ethics issues that should be taken into consideration?	Y/N	

Please specify: (Maximum number of characters allowed: 1000)

Confirmation of submission & use of data

For information: the data provided in this proposal application form will be used to:

- communicate with you about the call and application process
- allow the funding organisations to perform an eligibility check of the applicants
- assess the competencies and complementarities of your proposal and consortia by the Evaluation Committee members and external reviewers
- award funding if your application is successful
- analyse and describe our applicant pool (the name of applicants are anonymised in our analysis)
- collect your feedbacks and improve our communications with potential future applicants in future Joint Calls

Anonymity and confidentiality will be maintained throughout processing of these data for the production of statistics. Please note that these data will be accessible to Funding Organisations participating to the call, including the ones based in non-EU or non-EEA countries. Protection of personal data and compliance with the EU's General Data Protection Regulation (2016/679) (GDPR) is however ensured.

Retention of personal data shall take an end in accordance with the *Online Submission Tool General [Data Protection Policy](#)*.

5. CV Coordinator and Principal Investigators

NB: This part will have to be filled in directly in the EPSS, using the CV template below.

Participation status: <Project Coordinator or principal investigator of a participant>
Name:
Nationality:
Institution, City, Country:
E-mail:
URL / website (including complete list of publications if any):
Professional status: <Professor, Assistant professor, Associate professor, Senior scientist, Post-Doc, PhD-student, Other>
Education: <Year; type of education; organisation; country > <Year; type of education; organisation; country > ...
Positions: <Year; Position; organisation; country > <Year; Position; organisation; country > ...

Awards received / other responsibilities (max 1,000 characters including spaces):

General expertise and its relevance for the project (max 1,000 characters including spaces):

Up to 5 most important achievements, publications, IP (e.g. patents) relevant to the proposal over 2017-2022, if any:

<...>

<...>

<...>

<...>

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6. Application submission

Before submitting the application, the Coordinator declares that:

- The project applicants hereby declare, that to the best of their knowledge the research outlined in this proposal is unique in character and does not duplicate research already funded at national, regional or EU level, within nation, regional, international or EU calls.
- The applicants confirm that they are aware that failure to fulfil this condition will result in the withdraw of this proposal from the application process or the withdraw of funding from approved projects.
- The proposal is line with the guidelines to ethical aspects of the Horizon Europe Programme

The final step is to press the “Submit”-button. After that, A SUBMITTED PRE-PROPOSAL EXISTS. A submitted pre-proposal can be changed and resubmitted any time until the closing date.



ANNEX 1

WATER 4 ALL JOINT TRANSNATIONAL CALL 2023: “Aquatic Ecosystems services”

Title and acronym of the pre-proposal

TEMPLATE FOR THE PRE-PROPOSAL

*Instructions: the project description shall be written in maximum 7 pages – including title and citations – Arial font, 11pts, single spaced, margins of 1.27 cm. Footnotes are allowed, if you respect the above-mentioned layout criteria. **Links and hyperlinks are not allowed.***

The project description must include:

- a. State of the art, own work, previous activities of the consortium in the field;*
- b. Objectives, aims;*
- c. Relevance to the call (including theme(s));*
- d. Concept, methods;*
- e. Explanation of the novelty of the research planned, in relation to the present state-of-the-art;*
- f. Expected results and how they lead to impact;*
- g. Transnational added value of the research proposed;*
- h. Workplan;*
- i. Exploitation and dissemination of results including open science practices, sharing and management of research outputs and engagement of citizens, civil society and end users where appropriate.*

FULL-PROPOSAL TEMPLATE

The Full-proposal template for the 2nd step of the Water4All 2023 Joint Transnational Call has been published on 28th February 2024 on the Water4All website (<https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/joint-activities/water4all-2023-joint-transnational-call>).

FULL-PROPOSAL APPLICATION FORM

History of changes

Version	Publication Date	Change
V0	28.02.2024	n/a
V1	12.03.2024	Section 5. – new tables for Detailed Ethics Self-assessment

This template is an indicative model of proposal application form. Changes allowed in the online application form and in the project description document must be allowed by the relevant FPO in advance. Each proposal will be assessed against the compliance of such allowed changes as part of STEP 2 International Eligibility check. All proposals have to be submitted online via the Online submission tool - Electronic Proposal Submission System (EPSS). The format of the proposal application form will be adapted to fit the EPSS.

General guidance for all applicants:

- The proposal must be written in English;
- The different sections of the application should not exceed the prescribed maximum space;
- Any documents other than those requested as part of the proposal will not be forwarded to Evaluation Committee members.

Please make sure to respect the eligibility rules of the call.

Please also consult Funding Organisations’ rules advertised in [Water4All JTC2023 Call Announcement](#) which are compulsory. Applicants are strongly advised to contact their respective Funding Organisations (list available on Water4All website) and to confirm their eligibility with their Funding Organisations before submitting the proposal.

Applicants should note that information on the core data (e.g., funding requested or institutions) cannot be changed in full proposals, unless explicitly requested by evaluators, by a funding organisation or by the CSC. Please note that the information given in the pre-proposals is binding. No major changes regarding the proposals’ content will be allowed by the Call Steering Committee (CSC) between the pre-proposals and full proposals.

Regarding the administrative details, a limited number of changes may be allowed, provided they are in line with the general rules of the call and the rules of the Funding Partner Organisations (FPO). Participant shall contact the call secretariat via e-mail and their FPO via the contacts reported in Annex C in order to inform them about their willingness to modify the project proposal. Requests for changes shall be assessed and allowed by the FPOs.

Minor change of budget must be allowed by the relevant FPO.

Changes in the consortium composition:

No changes of coordinator (i.e., Principal Investigator) will be allowed, except in case of force majeure. A request of change of coordinator must be submitted to the Call Secretariat, at least one week before the deadline for submitting full proposals and it will be discussed on a case-by-case basis by the CSC.

Changes in the consortium composition are allowed (maximum 2 changes of Project Partners in proposals with more than 5 partners; maximum 1 change of project partner in proposals with 5 or less partners), provided approval by the concerned FPO.

Please note that the following actions are considered as changes: addition, removal or replacement of a Partner (incl. subcontracted and self-financed partners). The maximum number of changes applies to “Partner”, i.e. the independent legal entity participating in the Transnational RD&I project.

When applying, keep in mind that the submission system will close at 15:00 CEST of the deadline date established for Step 2. However, the CS can only ensure responses to email support requests up to 13:00 CEST.

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Main project data

NB: This part will be fetched from the already submitted pre-proposal application. Changes allowed shall be requested and confirmed only by the relevant FPO involved. Any other change will be rejected.

Project short name/acronym*	(max 20 characters including spaces)
Project title*	(max 150 characters including spaces)
Project abstract	(max 4000 characters including spaces) The summary must include the a) general objectives of the project (strategic, commercial, etc.); b) scientific and/or technological aims of the project; c) relevance to the call.
Start date	(1 st quarter 2025)
Project duration (months)	The duration is 36 months
Project total costs	
Total funds requested to FPOs	

7. Administrative details

NB: This part will be fetched from the already submitted pre-proposal application. Changes allowed shall be requested and confirmed only by the relevant FPO involved. Any other change will be rejected.

You will have to provide in this section information on the coordinator and Partners involved, as well as the requested budget per Partner.

There are 2 categories of Partners:

3. Partners from countries (and organisations) eligible for direct funding (designated Partners 1, 2... N). Please, consider that there cannot be more than 7 partners, including one self-funded, if present.
4. Fully self-financed Partner from any country who bring their own secured budget. The self-funded partner cannot be the project Coordinator. No more than one self-funded project partner per consortium is allowed.

• **Partner data**

Coordinator (Partner 1) or Partner 2, Partner 3 ... Partner N Please insert as many copies of this table as necessary for other Partners. Consider that there cannot be more than 7 partners, including one self-funded, if present.			
Legal full name of the research organisation / Company		Short name (acronym) of the research organisation/Company	
Researcher in charge (Principal investigator):			

Family name		First name		
Title		Gender		
Phone		E-mail		
ORCID id. (optional)		Nationality		
Career Stage ²⁴ (optional)	<i>To be chosen among:</i> Category A: Top grade researcher Category B: Senior researcher Category C: Recognised researcher Category D: First stage researcher			
Web site				
Participant Identification Code (PIC) of the organisation ²⁵		Status: Private or Public?	<i>Choose between:</i> Private Public	
Participant Organisation Type	<i>Choose between:</i> HES, REC, PRC, PUB, OTH ²⁶	Small or Medium-sized Enterprise (SME status):	<i>Choose between:</i> YES, NO	Statistical Classification of Economic Activities (NACE) ²⁷ :
Registered Office address of the research organisation / company				
Street name and number				
PO Box		Postal Code		Cedex
Town		Town		

²⁴ Choose one of the following 4 options:

- Category A: the single highest grade/post at which research is normally conducted. (Example: “director of research”)
- Category B: Researchers working in positions not as senior as top position (A) but more senior than newly qualified doctoral graduates (Example: “senior researcher”).
- Category C: the first grade/post into which a newly qualified doctoral graduate would normally be recruited. (Examples: “researcher”, “investigator” or “post-doctoral fellow”).
- Category D: Either doctoral students at the IsCED level 8 who are engaged as researchers, or researchers working in posts that do not normally require a doctorate degree. (Examples: “Ph.D. students” or “junior researchers” without a Ph.D).

These categories are defined in Frascati manual from OECD <https://www.oecd.org/sti/inno/frascati-manual.htm> (page 249)

²⁵ 9-digit number serving as a unique identifier for organisations (legal entities) participating in EU funding programmes / procurements. If needed, one can apply for a temporary PIC on: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/how-to-participate/participant-register>. A search tool for organisations and their PICs is available on <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/how-to-participate/participant-register-search>. We suggest validating the PICs via the public available Partner Search – Organisation Profile service. This allows use to fill out some requested data inputs automatically, which is less error-prone and provides much better user experience.

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/support/apis>

²⁶ Secondary and higher education establishments (HES); Research organisations (excluding education) (REC); Private for-profit companies (PRC); Public bodies (excluding research and education) (PUB); Other entities (OTH).

²⁷ The NACE code is a Statistical Classification of Economic Activities of the organisation. You can find further information about NACE at Eurostat website <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/nace-rev2> and the classification can be downloaded at https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/nomenclatures/index.cfm?TargetUrl=LST_CLS_DLD&StrNom=NACE_REV2&StrLanguageCode=EN&IntCurrentPage=1&StrLayoutCode=LINEAR#

Division / Department / Unit or Laboratory				
Street name and number				
PO Box		Postal code		Cedex
Town			Country	
Employment status information	<i>Choose between:</i> On permanent position On fixed-term position			
	If on fixed term position:			
	- Duration of contract:			
	- Employer Name:			
Other team members involved in the project*				
Team member 1: Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email, ORCID id., Career Stage				
Team member 2: Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email, ORCID id., Career Stage				
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Team member N: Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email, ORCID id., Career Stage				
* Please include all the team members to be involved in the project, would they be funded or not by your Funding Organisation. If you do not have yet this information for one team member (e.g. for a postdoc), you can indicate "to be determined"				

Self-financed Partner data

<i>Partner A</i>			
Legal full name of the research organisation / Company		Short name (acronym) of the research organisation/Company	
Researcher in charge (Principal investigator):			
Family name		First name	
Title		Gender	
Phone		E-mail	
ORCID id.		Nationality	
Career Stage	<i>To be chosen among:</i> Category A: Top grade researcher Category B: Senior researcher Category C: Recognised researcher Category D: First stage researcher		
Web site			
Participant Identification		Status: Private or Public?	<i>Choose between:</i>

Code (PIC) of the organisation ²⁸					Private Public		
Participant Organisation Type	<i>Choose between:</i> HES, REC, PRC, PUB, OTH ²⁹	Small or Medium-sized Enterprise (SME status):	<i>Choose between:</i> YES, NO	Statistical Classification of Economic Activities (NACE) ³⁰ :			
Division / Department / Unit or Laboratory							
Street name and number							
PO Box		Postal code		Cedex			
Town			Country				
Employment status information			<i>Choose between:</i> On permanent position On fixed-term position				
			If on fixed term position:				
			- Duration of contract:				
			- Funding body:				
Other team members involved in the project*							
Team member 1: Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email, ORCID id., Career Stage							
Team member 2: Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email, ORCID id., Career Stage							
.....							
Team member N: Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email, ORCID id., Career Stage							
* Please include all the team members to be involved in the project, would they be funded or not by your Funding Organisation. If you do not have yet this information for one team member (e.g. for a postdoc), you can indicate "to be determined"							

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8. Topics

Please specify which topic and subtopics are addressed by your proposal. Include also an estimation of percentage of coverage.

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Topic 1	Sum for topic 1
- Subtopic 1.1	(percentage)
- Subtopic 1.2	(percentage)
- Subtopic 1.3	(percentage)
Topic 2	Sum for topic 2
- Subtopic 2.1	(percentage)
- Subtopic 2.2	(percentage)
- Subtopic 2.3	(percentage)
Topic 3	Sum for topic 3
- Subtopic 3.1	(percentage)
- Subtopic 3.2	(percentage)
- Subtopic 3.3	(percentage)

Total (it must be 100%)	100%
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Keywords Maximum 5 keywords related to your project may be entered here. Keywords help effective expert selection to evaluate your proposal.	

Project description

The project description must include a) state of the art, own work, previous activities of the consortium in the field; b) objectives, aims, c) relevance to the call (including theme(s)); d) concept, methods; e) explanation of the novelty of the research planned, in relation to the present state-of-the-art; f) expected results and how they lead to impact; g) Transnational added value of the research proposed; h) workplan;) exploitation and dissemination of results including open science practices, sharing and management of research outputs and engagement of citizens, civil society and end users where appropriate.

*NB: This part will have to be uploaded as a single pdf on the Online Submission Tool. **Max. 16 pages** – including title and citations – Arial font, 11pts, single spaced, margins of 1.27 cm. Footnotes are allowed, if you respect the above-mentioned layout criteria. Links and hyperlinks are allowed only for bibliographical references.*

The Project Description template is available in ANNEX 1.

9. Financial data

NB: This part will be fetched from the already submitted pre-proposal application. Changes allowed shall be requested and confirmed only by the relevant FPO involved. Any other change will be rejected.

Project finances

Please note that you should indicate in this table the total costs of the project and the funding requested to your Funding Organisation and their indicative repartition between the different categories of costs, i.e. personnel (including permanent salaries depending on Funding Organisations’ rules), equipment, consumables, subcontracts, travels, overheads). Please make sure to follow your Funding Organisations’ rules for the determination of the eligible costs and the requested funding calculation. Please note that some Funding Organisations cannot provide a funding equal to 100% of eligible costs. For questions, contact your Funding organisation Contact Point

The column **Total costs** comprise all the costs related to the project independently of national funding rules. You have to indicate here all the costs of the project.

The column Funding request comprises the part of the costs that you will request from your Funding Organisation.

The column Own funding will be filled in automatically by Online Submission Tool, it includes all the expenses which are not covered by the Funding organisation (either because the funding level is lower than 100% and/or some expenses are not eligible for funding and/or are provided in-kind). The Own funding is equal to the difference between the Total cost and the Funding request.

Please, include one table like the following one for each partner.

Partner 1			
Name	put the short name	Country	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding organisation(s) to which you are applying for funding³¹ 		To be selected on the list of Funding organizations	

items	Total cost (in Euro including VAT) depending on national rules)	Funding requested (in Euro, including VAT depending on national rules) ³²	Own funding (equal to the difference between total cost and funding requested)
Personnel			Calculated by Online Submission Tool
Equipment			Calculated by Online Submission Tool
Consumables			Calculated by Online Submission Tool
Subcontracting ³³			Calculated by Online Submission Tool
Travel			Calculated by Online Submission Tool
Other Costs			Calculated by Online Submission Tool

³¹ Please indicate to which Funding Organisation you are requesting funds

³² Please make sure that VAT is eligible according to national/regional legal framework and Funding Organisations’ rules. If not, please do not include VAT.

³³ Indicate here the total budget and requested budget for your subcontracted Partners and/or any other subcontracting costs.

Overhead			Calculated by Online Submission Tool
Total	Calculated by Online Submission Tool	Calculated by Online Submission Tool	Calculated by Online Submission Tool

Total person months	To be filled in by coordinator/partners
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Warning

- The workload distribution within a consortium must be balanced, and no partner (including a self-funded partner) should have more than 50% of person months.
- Partners from the same country shall not have, altogether, more than 50 % of person months

In case of not accomplishment with the above-mentioned rules, the Online Submission Tool will block your proposal submission

WORKLOAD DISTRIBUTION

This table will be automatically filled in with data included by partners. This table is only visible on the proposal preview (Downloadable PDF)

Partner 1	Person Months	Workload percentage
Partner 2		
Partner 3		
....		
	Tot PM	100%

Finance comments

please enter a brief description of mayor costs items and short justification (personnel, equipment, consumables, subcontracts, travel expenses, other costs). For overhead costs, national regulations may apply.

(max 1000 characters including spaces)

For the self-financed Partner, please indicate shortly how its participation to the project will be funded. Please note that a Letter of Commitment will be required as a mandatory document in the full proposal application.

Self-financed Partner A	
Name	
Country	
The Partner will be funded through ...	

Consortia with self-funded partners must upload the Letter of commitment. Sample available for download.

UPLOAD LETTER OF COMMITMENT on the available resources of self-funded partner

10. Declaration of changes between proposals and full proposals

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- Please refer to paragraph 6.2 of the Call Text 6.2 for the changes allowed between Step 1 and 2.
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- • *Was there any change made regarding the total budget requested to a funding organisation between the pre-proposal and full proposal stage?*
- YES NO
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- *Insert as many lines as needed*

Give the name of the organisation/country of the Partner(s) concerned by the change	Has the Funding Organisation(s) already approved the change?	Change details
	Yes/No/Decision still pending	

- *Was there any change made regarding the consortium composition? (This question does not apply to “team members”).*
- YES NO

Insert as many lines as needed

Give the name of the principal investigator/organisation/country of the Partner(s) or Self-funded Partners concerned by the change *	Has the Funding Organisation(s) already been informed about the change?	Has the Call Secretariat already been informed about the change?	Detail the change
	Yes/No/Decision still pending	Yes/No/Decision still pending	

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- 11. Other Info**
- *NB: This table will be populated from the already submitted pre-proposal application. Applicants are responsible for and recommended to provide a more detailed response to all questions, to the best of their knowledge, at the time of full proposal submission.*

Do No Significant Harm (DNSH) assessment

The Do no significant harm principle was introduced in the European Green Deal to ensure that the research and innovation activities do not make directly or indirectly a significant harm to any of the six environmental objectives, according to the EU Taxonomy Regulation (EU) 2020/852 You can find more information on what is considered as doing significant harm to the above objectives in the following note: https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/default/files/c2021_1054_en.pdf .

The applicant shall self-assess the DNSH filling in the following table:

Please indicate which of the following environmental objectives require further evaluation according to the DNSH principle	YES	NO	Justification if NO has been selected
Climate change mitigation			

Climate change adaptation			
The sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources			
The circular economy, including waste prevention and recycling			
Pollution prevention and control to air, water or land			
The protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems			

Only if the answer is YES for an environmental objective, a substantive DNSH assessment is needed. In that case, please fill the corresponding row in the table below.

Questions	NO	Substantive justification
Climate change mitigation: Is the measure expected to lead to significant GHG emissions? ³⁴		
Climate change adaptation: Is the measure expected to lead to an increased adverse impact of the current climate and the expected future climate, on the measure itself or on people, nature or assets?		
The sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources: Is the measure expected to be detrimental: (iii) to the good status or the good ecological potential of bodies of water, including surface water and groundwater; or (iv) to the good environmental status of marine waters?		
The transition to a circular economy, including waste prevention and recycling: Is the measure expected to: (iv) lead to a significant increase in the generation, incineration or disposal of waste, with the exception of the incineration of non-recyclable hazardous waste; or (v) lead to significant inefficiencies in the direct or indirect use of any natural resource (1) at any stage of its life cycle which are not minimised by adequate measures (2); or (vi) cause significant and long-term harm to the environment in respect to the circular economy (3)?		

³⁴ Please notice that the mitigation measures in the call announcement do not only refer to GHG emission but it has a broader meaning. In this cell please specify the mitigation measure related to GHG emission, if any.

Pollution prevention and control: Is the measure expected to lead to a significant increase in the emissions of pollutants (4) into air, water or land?		
The protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems: Is the measure expected to be: (iii) significantly detrimental to the good condition (5) and resilience of ecosystems; or (iv) detrimental to the conservation status of habitats and species, including those of Union interest?		

- (6) Natural resources comprise energy, materials, metals, water, biomass, air and land.
- (7) For instance, inefficiencies can be minimised by significantly increasing the durability, reparability, upgradability and reusability of products or by significantly reducing resources through the design and choice of materials, facilitating repurposing, disassembly and deconstruction, in particular to reduce the use of building materials and promote the reuse of building materials. Additionally, transitioning to ‘product-as-a-service business models and circular value chains with the aim of keeping products, components and materials at their highest utility and value for as long as possible. This also comprises a significant reduction in the content of hazardous substance in materials and products, including by replacing them with safer alternatives. This further includes significantly reducing food waste in the production, processing, manufacturing or distribution of food.
- (8) Please refer to Recital 27 of the Taxonomy Regulation for more information on the circular economy objective.
- (9) Pollutant means a substance, vibration, heat, noise, light or other contaminant present in air, water or land which may be harmful to human health or the environment.
- (10) In line with Article 2(16) of the Taxonomy Regulation, “‘good condition’ means, in relation to an ecosystem, that the ecosystem is in good physical, chemical and biological condition or of a good physical, chemical and biological quality with self-reproduction or self-restoration capability, in which species composition, ecosystem structure and ecological functions are not impaired”.

Ethics Self-assessment

NB: This table will be populated from the already submitted pre-proposal application. For all proposed research activities funded by Water4All, the ethical dimension is an integral part of research from the beginning to end, and ethical compliance is seen as pivotal to achieve real research excellence.

*The applicant is responsible for and recommended to provide a more detailed response to all questions by filling-in in addition the **Detailed Ethics Self-assessment** section below, to the best of their knowledge, at the time of this full proposal submission.*

The applicant shall self-assess the respect of the ethics principles answering to the following questionnaire:

1. HUMAN EMBRYONIC STEM CELLS AND HUMAN EMBRYOS	Y/N	If yes, please detail and indicate how you plan to deal with this ethic issue.
Does this activity involve Human Embryonic Stem Cells (hESCs)?	Y/N	

If yes, will they be directly derived from embryos within this project?	Y/N	
If yes, are they previously established cells lines?	Y/N	
If yes, are the cell lines registered in the European registry for human embryonic stem cell lines?	Y/N	
Does this activity involve the use of human embryos?	Y/N	
If yes, will the activity lead to their destruction?	Y/N	
2. HUMANS		
Does your research involve human participants (e.g., stakeholders, end-users)?	Y/N	
If yes, are they volunteers for nonmedical studies (e.g. social or human sciences research)?	Y/N	
If yes, are they healthy volunteers or medical studies?	Y/N	
If yes, are they patients for medical studies?	Y/N	
If yes, are they potentially vulnerable individuals or groups?	Y/N	
If yes, are they children / minors?	Y/N	
If yes, are they other persons unable to give informed consent?	Y/N	
Does your research involve physical interventions on the study participants?	Y/N	
If yes, does it involve invasive techniques?	Y/N	
If yes, does it involve collection of biological samples?	Y/N	
Does this activity involve conducting a clinical study as defined by the Clinical Trial Regulation (EU 536/2014)? (using pharmaceuticals, biologicals, radiopharmaceuticals, or advanced therapy medicinal products).	Y/N	
If yes, is it a clinical trial?	Y/N	
If yes, is it a low-intervention clinical trial?	Y/N	
3. HUMAN CELLS / TISSUES		

Does this activity involve the use of human cells or tissues?	Y/N	
If yes, are they human embryonic or foetal cells or tissues?	Y/N	
If yes, are they available commercially?	Y/N	
If yes, are they obtained within this project?	Y/N	
If yes, are they obtained from another project, laboratory or institution?	Y/N	
If yes, are they obtained from biobank?	Y/N	
4. PERSONAL DATA		
Does this activity involve processing of personal data?	Y/N	
If yes, does it involve the processing of special categories of personal data (e.g.: sexual lifestyle, ethnicity, genetic, biometric and health data, political opinion, religious or philosophical	Y/N	
If yes, does it involve profiling, systematic monitoring of individuals, or processing of large scale of special categories of data or intrusive methods of data processing (such as, surveillance, geolocation tracking etc.)?	Y/N	
Does this activity involve further processing of previously collected personal data (including use of pre-existing data sets or sources, merging existing data sets)?	Y/N	
Is it planned to export personal data from the EU to non-EU countries?	Y/N	
If yes, specify the type of personal data and countries involved:		
Is it planned to import personal data from non-EU countries into the EU or from a non-EU country to another non-EU country?	Y/N	
If yes, specify the type of personal data and countries involved:		
5. ANIMALS		
Does your research involve animals?	Y/N	
If yes, are they vertebrates?	Y/N	
If yes, are they non-human primates (NHP)?	Y/N	

If yes, are they genetically modified?	Y/N	
If yes, are they cloned farm animals?	Y/N	
If yes, are they endangered species?	Y/N	
6. NON-EU COUNTRIES		
Will some of the activities be carried out in non-EU countries?	Y/N	
If yes, specify the countries		
In case non-EU countries are involved, do the activities undertaken in these countries raise potential ethics issues?	Y/N	
If yes, specify the countries		
Is it planned to use local resources (e.g. animal and/or human tissue samples, genetic material, live animals, human remains, materials of historical value, endangered fauna or flora samples, etc.)?	Y/N	
Is it planned to import any material (other than data) from non-EU countries into the EU or from a non-EU country to another non-EU country? For data imports, see section 4.	Y/N	
If yes, specify material and countries involved:		
Is it planned to export any material (other than data) from the EU to non-EU countries? For data exports, see section 4.	Y/N	
If yes, specify material and countries involved:		
Does this activity involve low and/or lower-middle income countries? (if yes, detail the benefit-sharing actions planned in the self-assessment)	Y/N	
Could the situation in the country put the researchers and research participants taking part in the activity at risk?	Y/N	
7. ENVIRONMENT & HEALTH and SAFETY		
Does this activity involve the use of substances or processes that may cause harm to the environment, to animals or plants (during the implementation of the activity or further to the use of the results, as a possible impact)?	Y/N	

Does this activity deal with endangered fauna and/or flora / protected areas?	Y/N	
Does this activity involve the use of substances or processes that may cause harm to humans, including those performing the activity (during the implementation of the activity or further to the use of the results, as a possible impact)?	Y/N	
8. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE		
Does this activity involve the development, deployment and/or use of Artificial Intelligence? (if yes, detail in the self-assessment whether that could raise ethical concerns related to human rights and values and detail how this will be addressed).	Y/N	
9. OTHER ETHICS ISSUES		
Are there any other ethics issues that should be taken into consideration?	Y/N	
Please specify: (Maximum number of characters allowed: 1000)		

Detailed Ethics Self-assessment

In case one of the questions in the above table has been answered with “Yes” explain how you are going to deal with the respective ethics issues and provide additional information, in accordance with the guidelines “[How to complete your Ethics Self-assessment](#)”, in the table below.

This detailed ethics self-assessment offers the applicant an opportunity to identify and detail all the foreseeable ethics issues related to the objective, implementation and likely impact of the activities to be funded, including a confirmation of compliance with the ethical principles and relevant national and international legislation, and a description of how it will be ensured.

ETHICAL DIMENSION OF THE OBJECTIVES, METHODOLOGY AND LIKELY IMPACT
<p>If applicable - Explain in detail the identified issues in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - objectives of the activities (e.g., citizen science activities, stakeholder engagement...) - methodology (e.g., involvement of vulnerable persons, collecting personal data, interviews, questionnaires...) - the potential impact of the activities (e.g., environmental damage, stigmatisation of particular social groups, political or financial adverse consequences, misuse...)

(max 5000 characters including spaces)

COMPLIANCE WITH ETHICAL PRINCIPLES AND RELEVANT LEGISLATIONS
<p>If applicable - Describe how the issue(s) identified in the Ethics Self-assessment table above will be addressed in order to adhere to the ethical principles and what will be done to ensure that the activities are compliant with the EU/national legal and ethical requirements of the country or countries where the tasks are to be carried out. It is reminded that for activities performed in a non-EU country, they should also be allowed in at least one EU Member State.</p>

(max 5000 characters including spaces)

Confirmation of submission & use of data

For information: the data provided in this proposal application form will be used to:

- communicate with you about the call and application process
- allow the funding organisations to perform an eligibility check of the applicants
- assess the competencies and complementarities of your proposal and consortia by the Evaluation Committee members and external reviewers
- award funding if your application is successful
- analyse and describe our applicant pool (the name of applicants are anonymised in our analysis)
- collect your feedbacks and improve our communications with potential future applicants in future Joint Calls

Anonymity and confidentiality will be maintained throughout processing of these data for the production of statistics. Please note that these data will be accessible to Funding Organisations participating to the call, including the ones based in non-EU or non-EEA countries. Protection of personal data and compliance with the EU's General Data Protection Regulation (2016/679) (GDPR) is however ensured.

Retention of personal data shall take an end in accordance with the *Online Submission Tool General [Data Protection Policy](#)* and Water4All [Privacy and Data Policy](#).

12. CV Coordinator and Principal Investigators

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NB: This part will have to be filled in directly in the EPSS, using the CV template below.

Participation status: <Project Coordinator or principal investigator of a participant>
Name:
Nationality:
Institution, City, Country:
E-mail:
URL / website (including complete list of publications if any):
Professional status: <Professor, Assistant professor, Associate professor, Senior scientist, Post-Doc, PhD-student, Other>
Education: <Year; type of education; organisation; country > <Year; type of education; organisation; country > ...
Positions: <Year; Position; organisation; country >

<p><Year; Position; organisation; country ></p> <p>...</p>
<p>Awards received / other responsibilities (max 1,000 characters including spaces):</p>
<p>General expertise and its relevance for the project (max 1,000 characters including spaces):</p>
<p>Up to 5 most important achievements, publications, IP (e.g. patents) relevant to the proposal over 2017-2022, if any:</p> <p><...></p> <p><...></p> <p><...></p> <p><...></p> <p><...></p>

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13. Application submission

Before submitting the application, the Coordinator declares that:

- The project applicants hereby declare, that to the best of their knowledge the research outlined in this proposal is unique in character and does not duplicate research already funded at national, regional or EU level, within nation, regional, international or EU calls.
- The applicants confirm that they are aware that failure to fulfil this condition will result in the withdraw of this proposal from the application process or the withdraw of funding from approved projects.
- The proposal is line with the guidelines to ethical aspects of the Horizon Europe Programme

The final step is to press the “Submit”-button. After that, A SUBMITTED PROPOSAL EXISTS. A submitted full-proposal can be changed and resubmitted any time until the closing date.

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JOINT TRANSNATIONAL CALL 2023: “Aquatic Ecosystem Services”

Title and acronym of the full-proposal

TEMPLATE FOR THE FULL-PROPOSAL

Instructions: the project description shall be written in maximum 16 pages – including title and citations – Arial font, 11pts, single spaced, margins of 1.27 cm. Footnotes are allowed, if you respect the above-mentioned layout criteria. Links and hyperlinks are allowed only for bibliographical references.

The project description must include:

- j. State of the art, own work, previous activities of the consortium in the field;*
- k. Objectives, aims;*
- l. Relevance to the call (including theme(s));*
- m. Concept, methods;*
- n. Explanation of the novelty of the research planned, in relation to the present state-of-the-art;*
- o. Expected results and how they lead to impact;*
- p. Transnational added value of the research proposed;*
- q. Workplan;*
- r. Project coordination and management*
- s. Time schedule and working programme (use a Gantt chart or equivalent)*
- t. Exploitation and dissemination of results:*
 - o Stakeholders’ engagement*
 - o Open science practices, sharing and management of research outputs and Data Management approach*
 - o Engagement of citizens, civil society and end users where appropriate.*

KNOWLEDGE HUB - EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TEMPLATE

The Knowledge Hub – Expression of Interest Template has been published on 13th September 2023 on the Water4All website (<https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/joint-activities/water4all-2023-joint-transnational-call>). The template is an indicative model of Expression of Interest to take part in the 2023 Water4All Knowledge Hub, submitted online on the online submission tool EPSS (<https://proposals.etag.ee/water4all/>)

KNOWLEDGE HUB EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TEMPLATE

This template is an indicative model of Expression of Interest to take part in the 2023 Water4All Knowledge Hub. The Expression of Interest has to be submitted online via the online submission tool: Electronic Proposal Submission System (EPSS). The format of this proposal application form will be adapted to fit the EPSS.

General guidance for all applicants:

- The proposal must be written in English;
- The different sections of the application should not exceed the prescribed maximum space;
- Please consider the national/regional regulations of your FPO to verify that you are eligible for funding of the Knowledge Hub activities.
- The applicant should refer to the Annex C “Terms of reference of the Water4All Knowledge hub” for further information on the implementation of the 2023 Water4All Knowledge Hub.
- Application to participate in the KH should be made after discussion with the project coordinator who assigns the consortium partner under the EPSS.

Expression of Interest to take part in the 2023 Water4All Knowledge Hub

14. Administrative details

Participant data

Project short name/acronym*	automatically from EPSS		
Legal full name of the research organisation / Company		Short name (acronym) of the research organisation/Company	
Family name		First name	
Title		Gender	
Phone		E-mail	
ORCID id. (optional)		Nationality	
Career Stage ³⁵ (optional)	<i>To be chosen among:</i> Category A: Top grade researcher Category B: Senior researcher Category C: Recognised researcher Category D: First stage researcher		
Web site			

³⁵ Choose one of the following 4 options:

- Category A: the single highest grade/post at which research is normally conducted. (Example: “director of research”)
- Category B: Researchers working in positions not as senior as top position (A) but more senior than newly qualified doctoral graduates (Example: “senior researcher”).
- Category C: the first grade/post into which a newly qualified doctoral graduate would normally be recruited. (Examples: “researcher”, “investigator” or “post-doctoral fellow”).
- Category D: Either doctoral students at the ISCED level 8 who are engaged as researchers, or researchers working in posts that do not normally require a doctorate degree. (Examples: “Ph.D. students” or “junior researchers” without a Ph.D).

These categories are defined in Frascati manual from OECD <https://www.oecd.org/sti/inno/frascati-manual.htm> (page 249)

Participant Identification Code (PIC) of the organisation ³⁶				Status: Private or Public?	<i>Choose between:</i> Private Public
Participant Organisation Type	<i>Choose between:</i> HES, REC, PRC, PUB, OTH ³⁷	Small or Medium-sized Enterprise (SME status):	<i>Choose between:</i> YES, NO	Statistical Classification of Economic Activities (NACE) ³⁸ :	
Registered Office address of the research organisation / company					
Street name and number					
PO Box		Postal Code		Cedex	
Town			Town		
Division / Department / Unit or Laboratory					
Street name and number					
PO Box		Postal code		Cedex	
Town			Country		
Employment status information	<i>Choose between:</i> On permanent position On fixed-term position				
	If on fixed term position:				
	- Duration of contract:				
	- Employer Name:				

15. Expressions of Interest

The applicant can express interest for only one of the following roles: expert group member, scientific coordinator or facilitator. The two scientific coordinators and the facilitator will be selected among the

³⁶ 9-digit number serving as a unique identifier for organisations (legal entities) participating in EU funding programmes / procurements. If needed, one can apply for a temporary PIC on: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/how-to-participate/participant-register>. A search tool for organisations and their PICs is available on <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/how-to-participate/participant-register-search>. We suggest validating the PICs via the public available Partner Search – Organisation Profile service. This allows use to fill out some requested data inputs automatically, which is less error-prone and provides much better user experience. <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/support/apis>

³⁷ Secondary and higher education establishments (HES); Research organisations (excluding education) (REC); Private for-profit companies (PRC); Public bodies (excluding research and education) (PUB); Other entities (OTH).

³⁸ The NACE code is a Statistical Classification of Economic Activities of the organisation. You can find further information about NACE at Eurostat website <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/nace-rev2> and the classification can be downloaded at https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/nomenclatures/index.cfm?TargetUrl=LST_CLS_DLD&StrNom=NACE_REV2&StrLanguageCode=EN&IntCurrentPage=1&StrLayoutCode=LINEAR#

applicants who showed interest by the Knowledge Hub Steering Committee. Applicants not selected for the roles of scientific coordinators and facilitator will take on the role of the Expert Group member.

Please consider the national/regional regulations to verify which roles are supported by your FPO.

Role of the Expert Group Member:

The duties of the Knowledge Hub Expert Group are to:

- Prepare the Knowledge Hub Implementation Plan and realize the activities and outputs described therein;
- Actively contribute to the Knowledge Hub activities, including attendance at planned and ad-hoc meetings;
- Actively disseminate the activities of the Knowledge Hub via various channels and networks.

- Domain of expertise:

Please describe your domain of expertise and to which of the topics of the Call it relates most.

Maximum 200 words

- Previous experience (if any) and interest in science to policy interface:

Short answer of maximum 200 words

Role of Scientific Coordinator:

The Knowledge Hub Expert Group is co-chaired by two Scientific Coordinators who are selected by the Steering Committee among the applicants for the position through the JTC. Applicants not selected for the Coordinator's role will take on the role of the Expert Group member.

The duties of the Knowledge Hub Scientific Coordinators are to:

- Ensure the scientific coordination of the Knowledge Hub activities;
- Lead the work in developing the Knowledge Hub Implementation Plan;
- Lead the work in developing the proposed Knowledge Hub outputs;
- If requested, support additional foresight exercises carried out by the Water4All.

- Domain of expertise:

Please describe your domain of expertise and to which of the topics of the Call it relates most.

Maximum 200 words

- Previous experience (if any) and interest in science to policy interface:

Short answer of maximum 200 words

Role of Facilitator:

The Knowledge Hub activities will be supported by a Knowledge Hub Facilitator who has subtle expertise and competence in knowledge brokerage and communication activities. Facilitator is selected by the Steering Committee among the applicants for the position through the JTC. Applicants not selected for the Coordinator's role will take on the role of the Expert Group member.

The duties of the Knowledge Hub Facilitator include:

- Closely work with Knowledge Hub Scientific Coordinators and Steering Committee Chairs to make sure that the planned activities and outputs are delivered on time;
- Support the preparation of the Implementation plan;
- Create a communication plan and dissemination strategy, and identify key target groups for outreach activities;

- Coordinate meeting preparations (agenda, documentation, minutes);
- Facilitate communication within the Knowledge Hub Expert Group and with the Steering Committee.

- Domain of expertise:

Please describe your domain of expertise and to which of the topics of the Call it relates most.

Maximum 200 words

- Previous experience (if any) and interest in science to policy interface:

Short answer of maximum 200 words

16. Financial data

PLEASE CONSIDER THE NATIONAL/REGIONAL REGULATIONS OF YOUR FPO TO VERIFY WHETHER YOU SHOULD DECLARE THE COSTS EITHER AS EMBEDDED IN YOUR PROJECT’S GENERAL BUDGET OR IN THE FOLLOWING SECTION.

The column Funding requested should include all the costs requested to your Funding Organisation.

The column Total costs comprise all the costs related to your participation to the Knowledge Hub activities.

Please consult your National regulations to check which costs are covered by your FPO.

The column Own funding will be filled in automatically by Online Submission Tool, it includes all the expenses which are not covered by the Funding organisation (either because the funding level is lower than 100% and/or some expenses are not eligible for funding and/or are provided in-kind). The Own funding is equal to the difference between the Total cost and the Funding request.

For questions, please contact your Funding organisation Contact Point.

ROLE OF MEMBER OF THE EXPERT GROUP

items	Total cost (in Euro including VAT) depending on national rules)	Funding requested (in Euro, including VAT depending on national rules) ³⁹	Own funding (equal to the difference between total cost and funding requested)
Personnel			<i>Calculated by Online Submission Tool</i>
Travel			<i>Calculated by Online Submission Tool</i>
Total	<i>Calculated by Online Submission Tool</i>	<i>Calculated by Online Submission Tool</i>	<i>Calculated by Online Submission Tool</i>

ROLE OF SCIENTIFIC COORDINATOR

items	Total cost (in Euro including VAT) depending on national rules)	Funding requested (in Euro, including VAT depending on national rules) ⁴⁰	Own funding (equal to the difference between total cost and funding requested)
Personnel			<i>Calculated by Online Submission Tool</i>

³⁹ Please make sure that VAT is eligible according to national/regional legal framework and Funding Organisations’ rules. If not, please do not include VAT.

⁴⁰ Please make sure that VAT is eligible according to national/regional legal framework and Funding Organisations’ rules. If not, please do not include VAT.

Travel			<i>Calculated by Online Submission Tool</i>
Total	<i>Calculated by Online Submission Tool</i>	<i>Calculated by Online Submission Tool</i>	<i>Calculated by Online Submission Tool</i>

ROLE OF FACILITATOR

items	Total cost (in Euro including VAT) depending on national rules)	Funding requested (in Euro, including VAT depending on national rules) ⁴¹	Own funding (equal to the difference between total cost and funding requested)
Personnel			<i>Calculated by Online Submission Tool</i>
Subcontracting ⁴²			<i>Calculated by Online Submission Tool</i>
Travel			<i>Calculated by Online Submission Tool</i>
Total	<i>Calculated by Online Submission Tool</i>	<i>Calculated by Online Submission Tool</i>	<i>Calculated by Online Submission Tool</i>

17. CV

NB: This part will have to be filled in directly in the EPSS, using the CV template below.

Participation status: <Project Coordinator or principal investigator of a participant>
Name:
Nationality:
Institution, City, Country:
E-mail:
URL / website (including complete list of publications if any):
Professional status: <Professor, Assistant professor, Associate professor, Senior scientist, Post-Doc, PhD-student, Other>
Education: <Year; type of education; organisation; country > <Year; type of education; organisation; country > ...
Positions: <Year; Position; organisation; country > <Year; Position; organisation; country > ...

⁴¹ Please make sure that VAT is eligible according to national/regional legal framework and Funding Organisations' rules. If not, please do not include VAT.

⁴² Indicate here the total budget and requested budget for your subcontracted Partners and/or any other subcontracting costs.

Awards received / other responsibilities (*max 1,000 characters including spaces*):

General expertise and its relevance for the project (*max 1,000 characters including spaces*):

Up to 5 most important achievements, publications, IP (e.g. patents) relevant to the proposal over 2017-2022, if any:

<...>

<...>

<...>

<...>

<...>

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

The Frequently Asked Questions is complementary to the Call International webinar organised on 5th October 2023 to provide information to the applicants. It is available on the Water4All website (<https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/joint-activities/water4all-2023-joint-transnational-call>), along with the record on the webinar.

2023 JOINT TRANSNATIONAL CALL “AQUATIC ECOSYSTEM SERVICES”

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

(Update of 17 October 2023)

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CALL TEXT (themes, scope, methodological approach)

The Call Secretariat and the funding organisation contact points cannot answer questions related to the research themes of individual proposals, i.e., whether these are in adequacy with the call text topics. This task will be performed by an independent Evaluation Committee at both steps.

1.1. Should the proposal address one of the topics or sub-topics specifically?

Research & innovation proposals submitted under the Water4All 2023 Joint Transnational Call (JTC) or Early Career Researcher (ECR) modality are required to address at least one of the following main topics:

- Topic 1. Mapping, monitoring, and assessment for a better understanding of ecosystem services in a context of changes, from local to global change.
- Topic 2. Understanding and predicting multiple pressures (including anthropogenic pressures) - impact – response relationships in ecosystem services through advanced methods and techniques.
- Topic 3. New tools and solutions for a better integration of ecosystem services into the management of water resources.

It is not mandatory to address all subtopics in a topic but addressing several subtopics is encouraged. A least one topic must be addressed.

More information concerning the topics and sub-topics may be found in the [Call Announcement](#). The applicants are also strongly recommended to consult the [Water4All Strategic and Innovation Research Agenda \(SRIA\)](#), the Water4All main strategic document identifying the water challenges around which the joint calls are prepared. The context for this joint call is described in the SRIA Theme II on “Water for ecosystems and biodiversity”. The cross-cutting SRIA Themes VI and VII on “International cooperation” and “Governance”, respectively, should be considered as well.

1.2. Does this call also accept projects on the marine environment or is it restricted to fresh water environments? What cover the coastal waters?

As indicated in the 2023 call text, “the general theme of the Water4All’s joint transnational call is “Ecosystem services”, with aquatic ecosystems as the focus, including inland surface water, groundwater, transitional and coastal water”. According to the Water Framework Directive, coastal waters are defined as “surface water on the landward side of a line, every point of which is at a distance of a nautical mile on the seaward side from the nearest point of the baseline from which the breadth of territorial waters is measured”.

Proposals will not be eligible for funding if:

- They focus on areas beyond the ones indicated above; OR
- They cover exclusively marine/ maritime areas; OR
- They address specifically marine/ maritime ecosystems.

1.3. How complementary are the calls launched by the European Partnerships under Horizon Europe?

The joint calls on complementary topics under three European Partnerships were launched in the month of September 2023:

- The Biodiversa+ Partnership call on Nature-based solutions for biodiversity, human well-being and transformative change (BiodivNBS)
- The Water4All Partnership call on Aquatic Ecosystem services
- The DUT Partnership call on People-centred Urban Transformation

The [BiodivNBS](#) call supports transdisciplinary, interdisciplinary and cross-sectoral research on biodiversity to gain a better understanding of the tipping points, trade-offs and socio-ecological mechanisms affecting NBS, as well as their successful implementation.

The [Water4All](#) call supports research and innovation for a better understanding of the status of ecosystem services at varying spatial and temporal scales, underlying pressure factors and integration in the management of water resources.

The [DUT](#) call supports research and innovation that explores intentional planning and design approaches that integrate nature back into the existing building stock of our cities.

1.4. Which types of results are preferred / expected in this call: scientific (published papers) or applied (stakeholder involvement, decision support tools, actions...)?

All of them are acceptable provided that they contribute to impact defined in the call text and the research proposed is in line with the national/regional regulations of the consortium partners.

1.5. How shall the projects contribute to the overall impacts defined for this call?

Overall impacts of the projects include:

- Integration of ecosystem services approach and accounting approaches in policy and practice;
- Improved governance of ecosystems for the delivery and protection of their ecosystem services;
- Mitigation and adaptation to global changes, and improved resilience of aquatic ecosystems for securing delivery of services;
- Supporting the implementation of the UN SDGs and ensuring a Just Transition for all, EU Green Deal, Biodiversity Strategy;
- Maintenance or restoration of natural ecosystems for preservation of ecosystem services;
- Providing guidelines for the creation and management of habitats in regions where they were previously lost (e.g., in urban areas) to restore lost ecosystem services.

1.6. Where do technical solutions and innovations will best fit? Is there a TRL level required?

No, there is no restriction in the TRL of the proposals if the objectives of the call are clearly addressed on the general, call level. Nevertheless, some national/regional funding organisations might have their specific rules about the TRL level of research they are funding.

ELIGIBILITY (general call eligibility criteria and funding rules on a national/regional level)

2.1. Who is funding the projects?

In a funded project, each national/regional funding organisation participating in the call will fund “their” national applicant in accordance with their funding rules and funding limits. For example, in a consortium of France, Spain and Italy, ANR would fund the French research group, AEI and/or CDTI the Spanish one and MUR and/or MIMIT the Italian ones.

2.2. My funding organisation will not fund SMEs but can EU funds support financially the work of such an SME 100% as part of a consortium?

Each national/regional funding organisation participating in the call will fund “their” national applicant in accordance with their funding rules and funding limits.

The EU cofunding cannot be used if a funding organisation does not fund some organisation types.

2.3. Which countries/regions can participate in this joint call?

The call is open to partners from the countries/regions with a funding organisation participating to the call. Please, consult the Call Announcement for the updated list of participating funding organisations. Each funding organisation participating to the call will fund its national/regional research groups.

2.4. Who can apply?

The call is open to any organisation that complies with the national/regional eligibility criteria and rules of the funding organisations from countries participating in the call. This may include public research organisations as well as private sector organisations (profit and non-profit).

The applicants that are not eligible for funding or coming from countries not participating in the call may still join the consortia using their own funds or may be subcontracted by another eligible partner.

The applicants are strongly advised to approach their respective funding organisation contact point to make sure they respect all the eligibility criteria and rules. Only eligible pre-proposals and full proposals will be evaluated.

Please refer to the contact list Annex A and the National/Regional Regulations document.

2.5. What is the difference between the general eligibility call rules and the funding organizations’ rules?

For the projects to be considered eligible for funding, they need to comply with a set of general eligibility rules of the call (see [Call Announcement](#)). In addition, each project partner must be eligible according to the rules and criteria of their funding organisation.

IMPORTANT: if one partner in the consortium is declared ineligible by its funding organisation, this may lead to the ineligibility of the whole proposal, for example, if they consequently fail to comply with the general rules (such as a minimum of 3 eligible partners in the consortium).

2.6. What is the minimum/maximum size of the consortium (the number of eligible partners)?

The project must be a transnational project involving eligible research partners from at least three different countries participating in the call. In addition, at least two eligible partners must be from

different EU Member States or Horizon Europe Associated Countries participating in the call. In this call, the only participating countries that are currently NOT EU Member States or HE Associated Countries are: Brazil, Switzerland and United Kingdom.

Consortia of a maximum of 7 partners (including a potential self-funded partner) are allowed.

Example:

- Consortium with Poland, Turkey and Brazil: this consortium is eligible (includes partners from 3 different countries participating in the call and requesting funding to three different funding organisations AND includes 2 different EU MS and AC (Poland & Turkey).

2.7. Is it possible for a proposal to be submitted by 3 eligible partners, 2 from same country requesting funding to different funding organisations and 1 from a second country?

No. A proposal submitted by 3 partners is eligible only if the 3 partners come from different countries participating in the call.

2.8. Can two different organisations from the same country participate as partners in the same consortium if other eligibility rules are met?

Yes, as long as this is in line with the funding rules of the funding organisation(s) of that particular country and the general criterion on 3 eligible partners from 3 countries is met.

2.9. Some countries like Italy, Spain, or Finland have two national organisations. How do we select the funding organization?

Applicants need to contact the funding organisations to check their eligibility. Two partners from the same country may be funded by two different national funding organisations, depending on the type of research /organisations they fund.

2.10. If we have the minimum of eligible partners in a consortium, how many non-eligible (self-funded) partners can we invite to participate?

Maximum 1 self-funded partner may be included in a consortium.

2.11. Who is a self-funded partner?

Applicants coming from countries not participating in the call or those that are not eligible for funding may join the consortium as self-funded partners if they can bring a secured budget from their own source of funding. This can be another grant (from the EU, international or national scheme) or a private source. Self-funded partners must provide evidence that their organisations will support their activities. They should send a duly signed official letter of commitment to their project coordinator who will upload the commitment letter and submit it as part of the full proposal by the proposal deadline (see Call Announcement).

The letters of commitment are only requested for self-funded partners in the Step2 (full proposal). While some of the general eligibility criteria take into account the participation of self-funded partners (the e.g. the maximum number of partners per consortia), these partners are not subject to any national eligibility check.

2.12. What are the rules for self-funding partners? How much do they have to fund?

Self-funded partners join consortia at the same condition of other partners, therefore they have to carry out project activities according to the project description and an overall distribution of effort which shall be balanced among all the partners. Self-funded partners cannot assume the project coordinator role and cannot expose more than the 50% of the overall person months declared in the workplan (same condition applies to all the partners anyway). In this frame, self-funded partners shall ensure that all the costs needed for carrying out their own share of the project are secured, either from own resources or from external resources.

2.13. My country (e.g. Croatia, Serbia, Slovenia, Indonesia, Chile) does not fund in the call, can I participate in a project?

Partners from any country not participating in the call can participate in the project as:

- self-financed partners if they can bring a secured budget from their own source of funding. They will be requested to upload a signed official letter of when submitting their full proposals (Step2 of the call process)
- subcontracted partners. Non-eligible partners may be sub-contracted by eligible partners if their funding organisation rules permit it.

Self-funded or subcontracted partners cannot coordinate a project.

2.14. Is the UK considered an eligible country under Horizon Europe?

UK is currently not considered as an Associated Country (AC) of Horizon Europe. However, UK applicants are eligible to participate in the call through UKRI and NERC funding. This is important when considering the general eligibility criterion of the consortium composition (3 eligible partners from 3 countries, of which 2 must be from EU member states or from AC of Horizon Europe).

The situation might be reviewed after 1st January 2024. If this changes the role of the UK, the list of AC of Horizon Europe will be reviewed by the EC.

2.15. Are international / intergovernmental organisations eligible to receive funds and to be part of a consortium?

International organisations have to refer to the national regulations and NCPs of the country they are based in for further details on their eligibility and funding.

2.16. The call text mentions the need to have stakeholders and SMEs involved. Under what contractual forms can they participate in a project?

It will depend on the national regulations of the country where the company is established. If the funding organisation can fund companies and other stakeholders, they can be partners of the project. If not, they can be subcontracted or participate as self-funded partners.

2.17. We are an organisation that would need to be subcontracted by an eligible research organisation. Would this research organisation need to be in the same country or would another EU/funding member suffice?

Organisations can be subcontracted by partners in any country, as long as their funding organisation allows it.

2.18. Is it required to have stakeholders' organisations as a project partner?

No, it is not required. The only mandatory conditions for the consortia are described in the eligibility criteria in the call text.

2.19. Are Letters of Support from stakeholders/beneficiaries recommended (or even required) for the proposal submission?

Letters of support are NOT requested and won't be considered for the evaluation.

2.20. Is there a maximum or minimum in terms of a total project budget?

At the level of the call, there are no rules regarding a minimum or maximum budget per proposal. Please note, however, that some funding organisations have defined a minimum and/or maximum amount per partners or per project in their funding organisation regulations.

2.21. Does this call cover 100% of the expenses or there is any co-funding required?

Each funding organisation applies its own national/regional funding regulations. The document "List of National/Regional Regulations" is available on the call website and it summarises the funding schemes (eligibility, cost and funding rate) of all the funding organisations participating in this call.

2.22. Is the maximum budget per project the same as the maximum contribution to the call of the country?

Usually this is not the case. Many funding organisations intend to fund several projects and thus impose a maximum budget per project/per researcher that can be requested. These amounts are usually lower than the total committed amount to the call by a funding organisation.

2.23. Can a researcher or organisation participate in several proposals submitted?

The Principal Investigator of the entity acting as Consortium Coordinator can only participate in one proposal (i.e., if the Principal Investigator is the Consortium Coordinator of a proposal, he/she cannot participate in any other proposal, neither as a Consortium Coordinator nor as Principal Investigator of a partner). No other limits apply to Principal Investigators of organisations acting as partners, meaning they can be involved with several proposals as long as the national/regional rules allow it.

2.24. What are the key requirements for a consortium coordinator? Are all career stages, including early career researchers, welcome to coordinate? Is a PhD a requirement? Is the experience of the coordinator included in the evaluation criteria?

The call on a general level does not specify any restrictions with regard to the coordinator's experience or profile. The rest is in the domain of the funding organisations and their eligibility rules

– different countries may have different conditions and require a certain level of experience/profile for the coordinator.

2.25. Can a private company be the coordinator of the consortium?

Yes, if eligible for funding with the relevant Funding Organisation.

2.26. Can organisations from non-EU member states (e.g. South Africa or UK) but from countries participating in the call coordinate the project?

Yes.

2.27. Should the project coordinator or PIs be permanent staff or are temporary contracts allowed?

At the level of the call, there are no rules regarding the duration of contract for each project team members. Members of the scientific Evaluation Panel will evaluate the proposals following the criteria defined in the Call Announcement. Thus, projects will not be disqualified by the evaluation committee because of the work contract.

Nevertheless, the funding organisations may have specific restrictions regarding the work contract/position of the researchers they fund and the proposal may be declared ineligible if the applicants do not follow their national rules.

2.28. Are co-coordinators allowed?

No.

2.29. Are Water agencies (water administrations) eligible for the call?

Yes, if eligible for funding with the relevant funding organisation.

2.30. Can you submit the same project for both DUT and Water4All?

No, applicants must carefully choose the best fit for their proposals based on the scope of each call and their respective research priorities.

**2.31. Does the project have to be the same for the involved countries in the consortium?
Can each partner submit their own project?**

The call aims to fund collaborative projects with a strong transnational added value. The proposals should not be a collage of individual national projects but demonstrate integration and collaboration between partners involved in the proposal.

2.32. In which language(s) should the pre-proposals and full proposals be written?

Proposals must be written in English only.

2.33. What is the project duration in this call?

The project duration is 3 years.

2.34. Does gender balance in the research teams have any role in evaluation of the project?

This is not an evaluation criterion per se; nevertheless, the applicants are encouraged to take gender balance into account when setting up the proposals.

2.35. My entity is a partner in Water4All, but I am not involved, am I eligible as PI and coordinator?

The Annex D indicates the research teams from some beneficiaries of Water4All Partnership (the partners of the Water4All Partnership) that may exceptionally participate in the projects' consortia of this call. For those beneficiaries, measures have been foreseen to mitigate the risk of, perception of, or de facto conflict of interest or unequal treatment of applicants. No other beneficiary of Water4All Partnership may apply for funding under the 2023 Joint Transnational Call or its modalities.

2.36. What are the benefits or constraints, if any, of the Water4All Partnership members applying to this call?

The participation of Water4All members in the proposals are limited to maximum 2 Water4All members in consortia with up to 5 partners and maximum 3 Water4All members in consortia with more than 5 partners. The list of Water4All members that may apply in this call are listed in the Annex D of the Call Announcement.

The Water4All members are participating under equal rules and conditions as any other applicant.

2.37. Is there any requirement for uploading a document to prove date of PhD completion for the Early career modality?

When choosing the ECR modality the Consortium Coordinator will be requested to enter the date of his/her PhD defence in the Electronic Platform Submission System. No national document will be required to be uploaded. However, the funding agencies may require such document to confirm the eligibility of their candidate.

2.38. The PI of project proposal is an early career scientist, but their national funding organisation does not fund the Early Career Researcher (ECR) modality. Can he/she apply for normal call (JTC)?

Yes, if an early career researcher wants to coordinate a project but his/her funding organisation does not support the ECR modality, he/she can submit his/her project under the regular JTC.

2.39. What are the requirements for a Consortium Coordinator if he/she wishes to submit his/her proposal under the Early Career Researcher modality?

Consortium Coordinator who obtained their PhD since less than 10 years before the call launch has the possibility to apply under the Early Career Researcher modality if the funding organisation is

supporting this modality (see national regulations). When creating the proposal, the Coordinator chooses whether to apply under the regular JTC or under the Early Career Researcher modality (ECR). Consortium Coordinator who complies with the ECR criteria may decide whether he/she wishes to participate in the JTC or in the ECR, however, participation in both modalities is incompatible.

2.40. Is there an advantage of participating under the Early Career Researchers modality?

While the evaluation and ranking of the proposals submitted in the JTC and ECR will be done under a single call process and subject to the same rules, the funding organisations participating in the ECR modality with available budget will prioritize the funding of ECR proposals, in cases of equal ranking of several projects.

2.41. If the coordinator has more than 1 PhD, which is the one considered for the 10 years rule?

The date of defence of the older PhD counts (i.e., the first PhD obtained).

2.42. Any age limit for Early Career Research modality?

There is no age limit. Only the date of the PhD obtention counts.

2.43. Does the condition for ECR of having obtained a PhD in less than 10 years consider medical leaves (e.g. maternity leaves)?

For the ECR modality, consideration of maternity leave, parental leave, etc. have to be checked with the funding organisation as per national / regional regulations.

2.44. Can the Consortium Coordinator be the person who applies to participate in the KH or does it need to be someone else from the consortium?

Each consortium submitting a proposal in the JTC or ECR modality is encouraged to nominate one expert (maximum) amongst the researchers involved in the project to participate in the KH activities on behalf of the consortium if the project is finally selected for funding. The expert can be the Coordinator, a partner Principal Investigator or any other team member from any of the consortium partners.

BUILDING A CONSORTIUM

3.1. I am looking for a Partner for my project or a project to join. What should I do?

Water4All has developed a [Partner Search Tool](#) that allows you to look for a partner for a project you would like to submit; or look for a project to join.

3.2. Is cooperation between universities, other research institutes, and utilities encouraged?

Yes, it is encouraged, although there is no prescribed composition of the consortium in terms of the partners' profiles. The funding and eligibility will depend on national regulations for each participating country.

3.3. Are proposals involving developing countries/countries out of the EU welcome?

Such proposals are welcome but not obligatory and will not be given extra points for that.

3.4. Is the self-funded partner mandatory for every consortium?

No.

3.5. Is UK considered as a Horizon Europe Associated Country (AC)?

Currently, in 2023, the UK is not considered as Horizon Europe Associated Country (AC). For step 1 with submission deadline of 13 November 2023, the UK partners will be counting as requesting funding from a participating country and not as an AC. This is important with respect the eligibility criteria on the consortium composition.

The Call Secretariat together with the Partnership Coordinator will exchange with the EC Officer to see if, after 1 January 2024, UK will be included in the list of AC Countries. If so, the information will be updated for Step 2 process.

3.6. Are Hungarian participants eligible for the EC funding, or only for the national funding?

Some Hungarian entities are concerned by the measures set out in the Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/2506 preventing them to participate in EU-cofunded actions including application to this call for proposals. Further information [here](#). Hungarian applicants are strongly recommended to consult their eligibility with their national funding organisation.

3.7. Bearing in mind the max limit of 50% workload, is there a specific way of determining the workload for each partner in the consortium?

Total time to be dedicated to the project by this partner in person months (including the Principal Investigator and all other team members) and the costs associated to the working time spent on the project will be declared on the Electronic Platform Submission System (EPSS).

CALL PROCESS (call calendar, evaluation procedure and criteria, changes between Steps 1 and 2)

4.1. When is the deadline for pre-proposal submission?

The deadline to submit pre-proposals is **13/11/2023, 15.00 CET (Paris time)**.

4.2. When is the deadline for full proposal submission?

The deadline to submit full proposals will be **29/04/2024, 15.00 CEST (Paris time)**. Deadline to be confirmed after Step 1.

4.3. Do we have to submit separately (each country) first for the FPO and only if accepted, submit the pre-proposal regarding the whole consortium?

There is no pre-submission to your funding organisation. There is a unique submission of the pre-proposal in the online platform.

However, some funding organisations might require to their applicants to submit additional documents on the applicants work plan to confirm their eligibility. Please refer to the national regulations and NCPs of your region/country.

4.4. What are PIC and NACE codes (requested in the application forms)?

A PIC (Participation Identification Code) is a 9-digit number serving as a unique identifier for organisations (legal entities) participating in EU funding programmes / procurements. A search tool for organisations and their PICs is available [here](#).

The NACE code is a Statistical Classification of Economic Activities of the organisation. You can find further information about NACE [here](#).

4.5. When is the eligibility check performed?

Eligibility checks will be performed AFTER pre-proposal submission. The Call Secretariat will perform an eligibility check of the proposal against the main administrative requirements of the Call Announcement (countries of applicants and composition of consortia, accomplishment of the submission procedure). Each funding organisation then will check the formal eligibility of their own applicants based on the requirements of national/regional funding schemes. After that, eligible pre-proposals will be sent to the Evaluation Panel members for scientific evaluation.

The applicants are strongly encouraged to check and confirm with their NCPs their eligibility BEFORE the Step 1 deadline. Once the pre-submission is closed and the official eligibility check done, the ineligible applicants may be removed from the proposal, which could lead to ineligibility of the whole proposal.

4.6. How will my project be evaluated and according to which criteria?

A two-step procedure will be organised:

1) Step 1 procedure will consist in an **administrative eligibility check** according to criteria reported in §4 of the Call Announcement.

All eligible pre-proposals will be subject to a **scientific evaluation** by an Evaluation Panel (EP) based on two criteria - **'Excellence' and 'Impact'**. The EP will be composed by an adequate number of independent experts. An EP meeting will complete the evaluation procedure, agreeing the final individual score for each criterion and the overall score for each proposal. A ranked list of pre-proposals will be produced based on the final scores.

The Call Steering Committee (CSC, i.e., all funding organisations) will decide on the number of projects to be invited to Step 2, following the ranking established by the EP and taking into account the financial pressure.

2) The Step 2 will also foresee an **administrative eligibility** check and an **evaluation of full proposals by the EP** which will evaluate full proposals against the following assessment criteria: **‘Excellence’, ‘Impact’ and ‘Quality and Efficiency of Implementation’**.

An EP meeting will complete the evaluation procedure, agreeing the final individual score for each criterion and the overall score for each proposal. The threshold on the final score is 10/15: no project with a lower score will be funded. A ranked list of proposals will be produced based on the final scores.

The CSC will take the final decision on the funding of the projects, strictly adhering to the order of the ranking list established by the EP until the committed funds are exhausted.

For more detailed information about the evaluation procedure, please consult the Call Announcement.

4.7. What will be the scientific background of reviewers?

An Evaluation Panel will be set up to cover the required skills and the pre/full proposals will be carefully allocated among the experts with adequate profiles to evaluate individual project pre/full proposals.

4.8. Will the applicants receive feedback/assessment after the evaluation in Step 1?

Yes, the Coordinator of the proposal will receive a consensus report.

4.9. How is the funding of the best projects guaranteed if the national financing is limited? Does the EC come up with the missing funds? Can the national funding agencies decide if they will fund a certain project or not?

The ranking list of projects is established by the independent Evaluation Panel of experts. The funding organisations are obliged to follow this ranking list, funding the projects following the top-down principle and with each country funding their own part in the ranked projects.

The participating countries aim at funding as many of the top-ranked proposals as possible. The EC contributes with a % of cash to the call, which is used to fill in the funding gaps in the top-rated proposals and maximize as much as possible the number of projects that can be funded.

4.10. Will all proposals above the threshold in Step 1 go to Step 2 or is there a further reduction to a certain number of proposals?

The decision on the list of pre-proposals that are invited to go to Step 2 will be taken by the funding organisations based on the eligibility checks and scientific evaluation ranking list. The eligible pre-proposals will be divided in 3 groups, according to their scores in the ranking list: Group A (highest evaluation scores), Group B (medium evaluation scores) and Group C (low evaluation scores). All pre-proposals in Group A will be invited to Step 2. Among the pre-proposals in Group B, proposals will be invited to Step 2, following the ranking list and taking into account the financial pressure (acceptable oversubscription ratio per countries) and representativeness of countries. Not all proposals in Group B may be invited. Proposals in Group C will not be invited to Step 2.

4.11. What kind of changes are allowed in the proposals between Steps 1 and 2?

The information given in the pre-proposals is binding. No major changes regarding the proposals' content will be allowed. However, a limited number of administrative changes may be allowed (minor budget modification, changes of Partners (legal entities), provided they are in line with the general rules of the call and the rules of the funding organisations. In some cases, it will be the funding organisations which will suggest the modification following the eligibility check.

IMPORTANT: Participant shall contact the Call Secretariat via e-mail and their funding organisations to inquire about the possibility of modifying the project proposal. **Any kind of change should be checked against the eligibility rules PRIOR to submission of full proposal in Step 2. No change should change the substance of the proposal!**

4.12. Are partners allowed to change between pre-proposal and full proposal stage?

No changes of coordinator (i.e., Principal Investigator of the coordinating entity) will be allowed, except in case of force majeure. A request of change of coordinator must be submitted to the Call Secretariat, at least one week before the deadline for submitting full proposals and it will be discussed on a case-by-case basis by the CSC.

Changes in the consortium composition are allowed (maximum 2 changes of Project Partners in proposals with more than 5 partners; maximum 1 change of project partner in proposals with 5 or less partners), provided approval by the concerned funding organisations. Please note that the following actions are considered as changes: addition, removal or replacement of a partner (incl. subcontracted and self-financed partners). Please note that the maximum number of changes applies to "Partner", i.e., the independent legal entity participating in the transnational project. Applicants should contact the Call Secretariat or their funding organisation in order to inquire about the possibility of modifying the project proposal.

4.13. Does adding a partner after Step 1 refer to adding a new institution with an extra budget or adding a person to a research team of an existing partner?

Adding a new institution to the consortium is possible but it should be approved and checked for eligibility by the funding organisation PRIOR to submission of full proposal. This does not imply an extra budget but is done rather as a replacement of another partner under exceptional circumstances or adding a partner with redistribution of the existing budget.

Adding or changing a person in a research team is not considered a change of partner (except in the case of a coordinator), nevertheless, it should be consulted with and allowed by the relevant funding organisation.

4.14. What happens if a partner changes during the project life?

All changes occurring in the consortium once the project has been selected for funding will require the approval of the funding organisation of the partner in question. In addition, the coordinator of the affected project should duly inform the Follow-Up Secretariat of the funded projects regarding any change in the consortium (partners change, change of PIs, requests for extension, etc.).

4.15. Is the budget allowed to be changed between pre-proposal and full proposal stage?

Minor change of budget may be allowed by the relevant funding organisation. Funding organisations may also request a budget modification following the eligibility check.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION PLATFORM

5.1 How do I apply for the call?

Pre-proposals and full proposals must be submitted via [Online Submission Tool](#) before 13 November 2023, 15:00 CET.

The proposals must be submitted in English.

Pre-proposals have to provide information about the project consortia, and to include a 7-pages description of the project and the required budget for each partner.

Submission of pre-proposals is MANDATORY; it will not be possible to enter the procedure at a later stage. The online form is the only format that will be accepted. NO application can be sent by email.

5.2 Which documents should be submitted for pre-proposal and full proposal?

The application process consists of filling in the coordinator's, partners' data and project data through the [Online Submission Tool](#). For the pre-proposal application, it is required to upload a brief project description (up to 7 pages). Document with higher number of pages will not be considered. The template for project description is available for download from the Call website.

The full proposal application will require the submission of a more extensive project description.

Please note: for both pre-proposals and full proposals, only one .PDF file can be uploaded. If you upload more than one file, the first file uploaded will be erased and will not be evaluated. Other file's types than .PDF are not accepted.

Please note: some of the partners will also need to submit an application directly to their respective national/regional funding organisations. For further details about these procedures and schedule, please consult the national/regional regulations and/or your NCPs.

Letters of support are not requested and won't be considered for the evaluation (except for self-financed partner in the full-proposal step who have to submit letters of commitment to provide evidence that their organisations will support their activities).

5.3 Is it necessary to provide a Consortium Agreement with the full proposal?

No Consortium Agreement need to be submitted with the full proposal form. It will only be mandatory for the projects funded in this call.

5.4 Should the coordinator submit the proposal, or should each partner submit the application separately?

The application procedure of the transnational proposals is unique. The project coordinator initiates the procedure on the Online Submission Tool by opening the proposal, then he/she invites the other applicants of the consortium in joining the proposal on the platform. Only the coordinator can submit the final proposal.

Each applicant must check the National Annexes and the related Funding Organisations whether a parallel national application is required

5.5 Is it possible to make multiple submission of the same proposal until the deadline?

Yes, the proposal can be modified and resubmitted at any time before the deadline. Please consider that the tool will enable the “Submit” button only once the application is fully complete.

5.6 Is it possible to change the project title & acronym before the pre-proposal submission?

The project title and acronym can be changed until the step 1 submission; however, they cannot be changed between the pre-and full proposal.

CONTACTS AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION

6.1. Whom can I contact if I have further question?

First and foremost, please read entirely the Call documents. Please also consult your Funding Organisations’ rules and, if needed, contact your Funding Organisation Contact Points (NCPs).

- **For specific questions related to the budget, criteria and rules of your funding organisation,**
please consult your National Contact Point.
- **For general information on the call,** please contact the Call Secretariat (Claire Treignier and Sylvain Pasquier): water4All-CallsFR[[@](mailto:water4all-callsfr@agencerecherche.fr)]agencerecherche.fr
- **For technical questions regarding the Electronic Platform Submission System,** please contact the technical helpdesk: epss.water4all[[@](mailto:epss.water4all@g.etag.ee)]g.etag.ee

For GDPR questions, please contact your funding organisation. Please note that you can also consult the [Water4All EPSS General Data Protection Policy](#) available on the Electronic Platform Submission System platform.

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You were nominated to become a member of the Evaluation Panel in Step 1 of the 2023 Water4All Joint Transnational Call (JTC) on “Aquatic Ecosystem Services”.

Your role will be as a scientific expert in your field of experience rather than as a representative of any organisation or nation. You cannot send any replacement.

The Water4All’s partners thank you very much for your interest in this joint call and for your willingness to participate in the evaluation procedure.

Each EP member will receive a fee of 50 EUR for each pre-proposal and a fixed fee of 250 euros for the participation to the two-days online EP meeting. For each preproposal, 3 experts from the EP will be considered for the evaluation.

NB: Please note that you cannot be a member of the EP if you are involved in a proposal submitted to the call. In case you were invited while you are involved in a proposal within the present call, please let the Call Secretariat know as soon as possible.

Overview of the evaluation procedure & your role in the evaluation process

The Evaluation Panel (EP) in Step 1 of the 2023 Water4All Joint Transnational Call (JTC) on “Aquatic Ecosystem Services” is a panel of internationally recognised scientific, industry and policy experts who evaluate and rank the pre-proposals in order of merit.

A Chair and Vice-chair lead the EP meeting by ensuring active, all-inclusive and rich participation of all members; managing the collective decision-making by the EP; launching voting procedures if necessary, and approving the consensus reports.

The Call Secretariat (CS) will allocate the pre-proposals to the EP members. For each pre-proposal to review (about 8), you will be asked to declare online that you do not have any conflict of interest (CoI). If you identify a CoI, please inform the CS and the concerned proposal(s) will be allocated to another EP member and you will have to “leave the room” during the EP meeting when this proposal will be under discussion.

You must work independently in a personal capacity and not on behalf of any organisation.

All documents you will receive during the evaluation process are strictly confidential.

All written assessments of pre-proposals and feedbacks to the applicants are exclusively performed on the evaluation platform Electronic Platform Submission System (EPSS).

As a member of the EP, you will have to:

- (i) Provide a written assessment of the pre-proposal (individual evaluation report on the EPSS) using exclusively the set of evaluation criteria. This evaluation is performed before the EP meeting.
- (ii) Present the pre-proposals and summarize the evaluation made of the pre-proposals to the EP during the evaluation meeting (rapporteur first, and then evaluators).
- (iii) Agree with the Chair and Vice-Chair and all EP members on generic feedback to be sent to all applicants (consensus reports).

Access to the Evaluation platform

You will receive an email from the Electronic Platform Submission System (EPSS) inviting you to create your account as EP member. **If you have any problem with the access please contact the EPSS technical helpdesk: epss.water4all@g.etag.ee or the Call Secretariat Water4All-CallsFR@agencerecherche.fr**

All written assessments of pre-proposals and feedbacks to the applicants are exclusively performed on the EPSS.

As a member of the EP, you must read, accept the terms and sign online on the EPSS the Code of Conduct about Conflict of interest, confidentiality, and non-disclosure policy (see Annex 2).

Evaluation of pre-proposals

Allocation of pre-proposals to EP members:

The Call Secretariat allocates the proposals to the EP members. Each proposal is assigned to:

- min 2 experts (one acting as principal rapporteur, and one as evaluator).

Remote evaluation (before the EP meeting)

As member of the EP you will have to read the pre-proposal assigned to you and provide an **individual evaluation report** per pre-proposal using exclusively the set evaluation criteria EXCELLENCE and IMPACT (no half scores).

The evaluation procedure applies equally to the proposals submitted in the Water4All 2023 two modalities: Joint Transnational Call (JTC) and the Early Career Researcher (ECR). The ECR modality is aimed at supporting projects coordinated by early career researchers. The thematic framework, the eligibility and the evaluation process, and the ranking and the selection process are the same for the JTC and for the ECR except for the general eligibility criteria for the Coordinator who is requested to have defended his/her PhD for less than 10 years.

This evaluation process is performed on the EPSS.

The deadline to submit the individual evaluation reports per pre-proposal on the EPSS is the **25th of January**.

A few days before the EP meeting, each EP member will have access to the individual evaluation report submitted by the other evaluators.

EP meeting

During the EP meeting, for each pre-proposal, the scientific experts (rapporteur and evaluators) assigned to a pre-proposal discuss the quality of the pre-proposal. Based on their respective evaluations and scores, they agree on common final scores for both criteria EXCELLENCE and IMPACT.

Any pre-proposal for which there is a consensus between the scores provided by all evaluators on any of the two criteria being below the threshold (i.e. 3 out of 5 in each criterion) may not be discussed. Due to the large number of proposals evaluated, the EP could decide to focus on those proposals that report divergent scores from the evaluators.

The decisions of the EP should be taken collectively, preferably by consensus or by simple majority of the EP members, in case consensus cannot be reached.

The final score is agreed by the EP for each criterion, and afterwards, the two criteria are summed up to produce the final score of each pre-proposal.

The rapporteur is in charge of writing the **consensus report** based on the individual evaluation reports and discussions at the EP meeting.

After the EP meeting

Common consensus reports will be validated by the EP Chair/Vice-Chair and will be checked for consistency by the CS.

The CSC will decide on the projects to be invited to step 2 to submit full proposals.

The pre-proposals will be shared in three groups A, B or C based on the final ranking:

- **“Group A”** (highly evaluation scores): All pre-proposals in Group A will be invited to step 2.

- **“Group B”** (medium evaluation scores): Among the pre-proposals in Group B, proposals will be selected to step 2, considering the ranking list, the representativeness of all Funding Organisations and the funding oversubscription ratio.
- **“Group C”** (low evaluation scores): Pre-proposals in Group C will be dismissed for their low ranking.

Summary of the Time Schedule

Time Schedule of the Water4All 2023 Joint Transnational Call	
12 Sept. 2023	Call Publication and 1 st Step opening
13 Nov. 2023, 15.00 CET	Deadline for submission of the pre-proposals
11 Dec. 2023	Eligibility check: pre-proposals are checked by the Call Secretariat and each Funding Organisation according to their eligibility criteria
End Dec. to 25 Jan. 2024	Remote evaluation: read and assess the pre-proposals into the EPSS.
1-2 Feb. 2024	Evaluation Panel Meeting
End of Feb. 2024	Notification to the applicants of the 1 st Step outcomes
28 Feb. - 12 Mar. 2024	Period for request to redress
28 Feb. 2024	2 nd Step opening
29 Apr. 2024, 15.00 CEST	Deadline for submission of the full proposals
Mid-May – End June	Evaluation period of full proposals
September 2024	Notification to the applicants of the 2 nd Step outcomes
September/October 2024	Period for request to redress
September/October 2024	Communication of the decision after request to redress
Last quarter 2024 / 1st quarter 2025	Start of the Transnational Projects

Annex 1: Evaluation criteria and Scoring system

Please note that:

You are invited to use the full range of scoring available to you. Please note that you are not allowed to use half scores.

Any project that does not fit within the topics described in the Call announcement will not be recommended for funding, regardless of its scientific quality.

For each criterion: proposals which do not meet the threshold for one criterion will not be ranked nor recommended for funding.

Evaluation criteria

The evaluation criteria (and sub-criteria) are summarised below. The experts must consider all sub-criteria described below.

EXCELLENCE (STAGES 1 AND 2): Threshold: 3/5

1.1 Clarity and pertinence of the project's objectives to the Water4All 2023 JTC topics and extent to which the proposed work is ambitious, and goes beyond the state of the art.

- Is the proposal contributing to and/or increasing the advancement of the Science & Technology knowledge?
- Does the proposal take scientific and/or technological risk? (Please comment...)
- Does the proposal have a potential breakthrough despite this risk-taking?

1.2 Addressing the knowledge gaps:

- Are the methodology and research design clear, feasible and suitable to answer the identified knowledge gaps and/or achieve the proposed objectives?
- Are risks properly identified and managed?

1.3 Soundness of the proposed methodology, including the underlying concepts, models, assumptions, interdisciplinary approaches, appropriate consideration of the ethical issues according to the EU "Do no significant harm" principle (DNSH), appropriate consideration of the gender dimension in research and innovation content, and the quality of open science practices, including sharing and management of research outputs and engagement of citizens, civil society and stakeholders where appropriate.

IMPACT (STAGES 1 AND 2): Threshold: 3/5

2.1 Credibility of the pathways to achieve the expected outcomes and impacts specified in the call text, and the likely scale and significance of the contributions from the project.

- Is the plan for impact clear and does it follow logically from the expected results of the project?
- Is it suitably ambitious with regards to solving the problem addressed?
- Is there strategic impact on reinforcing competitiveness and/or on solving societal or environmental problems at European and international level?

2.2 Suitability and quality of the measures to maximise expected outcomes and impacts, as set out in the dissemination and exploitation plan, including communication activities.

- Are there feasible exploitation and dissemination plans of the scientific project results (including management and IPR)

- Are the expected results or the knowledge acquired of importance for economic/ societal sectors and the economic development?
- Is there a clear communication plan?

2.3 Added value of European transnational co-operation and networking

- Does the proposal identify the right actors to make successful use of the results possible?
- Is there a clear plan for interactions with /exchange and transfer of results within the consortium, to stakeholders or society?

Each criterion will be scored from 0 to 5 (no half marks allowed) based on the following scoring system. The threshold for each criterion is 3 out of 5. No project with a lower score for one of the criteria will be invited in step 2.

EP members will identify strengths and weaknesses (if any) and provide context for their comments based on the application, *i.e.*, EP members will be asked to score pre-proposals as they were submitted, rather than on their potential if certain changes were to be made. When an EP member identifies substantial shortcomings, he/she must reflect this by awarding a lower score for the criterion concerned. There should be consistency between the numerical scores and written comments.

Scoring system

- 0 – LIMITED** – The pre-proposal fails to address the criterion or cannot be assessed due to missing or incomplete information.
- 1 – POOR** – The criterion is inadequately addressed, or there are serious inherent weaknesses.
- 2 – FAIR** – The pre-proposal broadly addresses the criterion, but there are significant weaknesses.
- 3 – GOOD** – The pre-proposal addresses the criterion well, but several shortcomings are present.
- 4 – VERY GOOD** – The pre-proposal addresses the criterion very well, but a small number of shortcomings are present.
- 5 – EXCELLENT** – The pre-proposal successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion. Any shortcomings are minor.

Annex 2 - Conflict of Interest, Confidentiality, and Non-Disclosure Declaration for members of the EP

The EP members are requested to read the following declaration about the code of conduct regarding conflict of interest, confidentiality and non-disclosure declaration for members of the EP. The EP members must read it, agree with it, respect it and accept the terms of this code of conduct online on the EPSS.

1. Your Potential Conflicts of Interests.

Your participation in this joint call requires that you be aware of potential conflict situations that may arise. Read the examples of potentially biasing affiliations or relationships listed in the “Conflict of interest, confidentiality and non-disclosure”.

As a member of the EP, you will be asked to contribute to the evaluation process. You might have a conflict or be perceived to have a conflict with one or more submitted proposals. Should any conflict arise during your term, or when asked to do a review, you must bring the matter to the attention of the Call Secretariat who will determine how the matter should be handled and will tell you what further steps, if any, to take.

2. No Use of “Insider” Information.

Your designation gives you access to information not generally available to the public. You must not use that information for your personal benefit or make it available for the personal benefit of any other individual or organisation.

3. Your Obligation to Maintain the Confidentiality of Proposals and Applicants.

Proposals are received with the expectation of protection of the confidentiality of their contents. For this reason, you must not copy, quote, or otherwise use or disclose to anyone, including your graduate students or post-doctoral or research associates, any material from any proposal you are asked to review. If you believe a colleague can make a substantial contribution to the review, please obtain permission from the Call Secretariat who asked that you review the proposal before disclosing either the content of the proposal or the name of any applicant or principal investigator.

You must respect the confidentiality of all applicants and of other reviewers, as appropriate. You cannot disclose their identities, the relative assessments or rankings of proposals by a peer review panel, or other details about the peer review of proposals.

4. Confidentiality of the Evaluation Process and Evaluator’s Names.

The names of the EP members will be made public after the announcement of awards. Which EP members assessed which proposals will however be kept confidential.

YOUR ONLINE CERTIFICATION

Your Potential Conflicts.

I have read the list of affiliations and relationships that could prevent my participation in matters involving such individuals or institutions. To the best of my knowledge, I have no affiliation or relationship that would prevent me from performing my duties. I understand that I must contact the Call Secretariat if a conflict exists

*or arises during my service. I further understand that **I must accept online this Conflict Statement before I can review proposals.***

Maintaining the Confidentiality of Others

I will not divulge or use any confidential information, described above, that I may become aware of during my service. I have read and understand the information on Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure and promise to take all necessary measures to fulfil my obligations in my role as EP member.

Release of the names of the EP

Following the announcement of awards for the call, the names of the EP members will be published.

By accepting the terms of this document online, I certify that I read the code of conduct and that I agree with it and will respect it

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TABLE 4 - LIST OF ACRONYMS

CR	Consensus Report
CS	Call Secretariat
CSC	Call Steering Committee
EP	Evaluation Panel
EPSS	Electronic Platform Submission System
ER	Evaluation Report
JTC	Joint Transnational Call

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Your role will be as a scientific expert in your field of experience rather than as a representative of any organisation or nation. You cannot send any replacement.

Each EP member will receive a fee of 75 EUR for each full-proposal and a fixed fee of 250 euros for the participation to the two-days online EP meeting, plus the travel and accommodation costs for attending in case of onsite participation at the meeting in Brussels.

For each full-proposal, 3 experts from the EP will be considered for the evaluation.

NB: Please note that you cannot be a member of the EP if you are involved in a proposal submitted to the call. In case you were invited while you are involved in a proposal within the present call, please let the Call Secretariat know as soon as possible.

Overview of the evaluation procedure & your role in the evaluation process

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A Chair and Vice-chair lead the EP meeting by ensuring active, all-inclusive and rich participation of all members; managing the collective decision-making by the EP; launching voting procedures if necessary, and approving the consensus reports.

The Call Secretariat (CS) allocates the full-proposals to the EP members on behalf of the Call Steering Committee. For each full-proposal to review, you will be asked to declare online that you do not have any conflict of interest (CoI). If you identify a CoI, please inform the CS and the concerned proposal(s) will be allocated to another EP member and you will be asked to leave the room during the EP meeting when this proposal will be under discussion.

You must work independently in a personal capacity and not on behalf of any organisation.

All documents are strictly confidential.

All written assessments and feedbacks to the applicants are exclusively performed on the online platform - Electronic Platform Submission System (EPSS).

The evaluation procedure applies equally to the full proposals submitted in the Water4All 2023 two modalities: Joint Transnational Call (JTC) and the Early Career Researcher (ECR). The ECR modality is aimed at supporting projects coordinated by early career researchers (requested to have defended his/her PhD for less than 10 years). The thematic framework, the eligibility and the evaluation process, and the ranking and the selection process are the same for the JTC and for the ECR.

Access to the Evaluation platform

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Evaluation of full-proposals

Allocation of full-proposals to the EP members:

The Call Secretariat allocates the proposals to the EP members. Each full-proposal is assigned to 3 experts, including one acting as rapporteur.

Remote evaluation (before the EP meeting)

EP members are requested to provide one **individual Evaluation Report** per full-proposal of their portfolio. The evaluation is performed using exclusively the set of evaluation criteria: EXCELLENCE, IMPACT and IMPLEMENTATION. **Each criterion is scored from 0 to 5 with no half marks allowed.** This part of the evaluation process is performed remotely on the EPSS, using the template provided on the platform (one section per criterion).

The **deadline to submit the individual evaluation reports** per full-proposal on the EPSS is **Monday 17th June**.

A few days before the EP meeting, each EP member will have access to the individual evaluation reports submitted by the other evaluators.

EP meeting

During the EP meeting, for each full-proposal, the EP members (rapporteur and evaluators) assigned to the same project discuss the quality of the proposal. Based on this debate, they agree on common final scores for the three criteria EXCELLENCE, IMPACT and IMPLEMENTATION. **As for the individual scores, each criterion is scored from 0 to 5 with no half marks allowed.**

For each proposal, the debate and important points raised during the discussion will also feed the consensus report written by the rapporteur.

Any full-proposal for which there is a consensus between the scores provided by all evaluators on any of the three criteria being below the threshold (i.e. 3 out of 5 in each criterion) may not be discussed. Due to the large number of proposals evaluated, the EP could decide to focus on those proposals that report divergent scores from the evaluators.

The decisions of the EP should be taken collectively, preferably by consensus or by simple majority of the EP members, in case consensus cannot be reached.

The final scores are agreed by the EP for each criterion, and afterwards, the three criteria are summed up to produce the final score (out of 15) of each full-proposal.

After the EP meeting

The **rapporteur** is in charge of writing the **common consensus report** (CCR) based on the individual evaluation reports and on the debates and important points raised during the EP meeting discussion.

The CCR is written on the online platform (EPSS) **within one week following the EP meeting**. During this week, if necessary, each rapporteur is invited to contact the two other evaluators by email (contacts available on the EPSS) to agree on the final wording.

Common consensus reports will be proof-read by the EP Chair/Vice-Chair and will be checked for consistency by the Call Secretariat before being sent to the applicants. Applicants receive the common report and the agreed scores per criterion (as well as the total score), but no individual assessment (no report or scores)

Summary of the Time Schedule

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1-2 Feb. 2024	Evaluation Panel Meeting (online)
End of Feb. 2024	Notification to the applicants of the 1 st Step outcomes
28 Feb. - 12 Mar. 2024	Period for request to redress
28 Feb. 2024	2 nd Step opening
29 Apr. 2024, 15.00 CEST	Deadline for submission of the full proposals
13 May – 17 June 2024	Remote evaluation: individual assessment of the full-proposals on the EPSS
24 June - 25 June 2024	Evaluation Panel Meeting – University Foundation, Brussels
September 2024	Notification to the applicants of the 2 nd Step outcomes
September/October 2024	Period for request to redress
September/October 2024	Communication of the decision after request to redress
Last quarter 2024 / 1st quarter 2025	Start of the Transnational Projects

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You are invited to **use the full range of scoring available to you**. Please note that you are **not allowed to use half scores**.

Any project that does not fit within the topics described in the Call announcement will not be recommended for funding, regardless of its scientific quality.

For each criterion: proposals which do not meet the threshold for one criterion will not be ranked nor recommended for funding.

Evaluation criteria

The evaluation criteria (and sub-criteria) are summarised below. The experts must consider all sub-criteria described below.

EXCELLENCE (STAGES 1 AND 2): Threshold: 3/5

1.1 Clarity and pertinence of the project's objectives to the Water4All 2023 JTC topics and extent to which the proposed work is ambitious, and goes beyond the state of the art.

- Is the proposal contributing to and/or increasing the advancement of the Science & Technology knowledge?
- Does the proposal take scientific and/or technological risk? (Please comment...)
- Does the proposal have a potential breakthrough despite this risk-taking?

1.2 Addressing the knowledge gaps:

- Are the methodology and research design clear, feasible and suitable to answer the identified knowledge gaps and/or achieve the proposed objectives?
- Are risks properly identified and managed?

1.3 Soundness of the proposed methodology, including the underlying concepts, models, assumptions, interdisciplinary approaches, appropriate consideration of the ethical issues according to the EU "Do no significant harm" principle (DNSH), appropriate consideration of the gender dimension in research and innovation content, and the quality of open science practices, including sharing and management of research outputs and engagement of citizens, civil society and stakeholders where appropriate.

IMPACT (STAGES 1 AND 2): Threshold: 3/5

2.1 Credibility of the pathways to achieve the expected outcomes and impacts specified in the call text, and the likely scale and significance of the contributions from the project.

- Is the plan for impact clear and does it follow logically from the expected results of the project?
- Is it suitably ambitious with regards to solving the problem addressed?
- Is there strategic impact on reinforcing competitiveness and/or on solving societal or environmental problems at European and international level?

2.2 Suitability and quality of the measures to maximise expected outcomes and impacts, as set out in the dissemination and exploitation plan, including communication activities.

- Are there feasible exploitation and dissemination plans of the scientific project results (including management and IPR)
- Are the expected results or the knowledge acquired of importance for economic/ societal sectors and the economic development?
- Is there a clear communication plan?

2.3 Added value of European transnational co-operation and networking

- Does the proposal identify the right actors to make successful use of the results possible?
- Is there a clear plan for interactions with /exchange and transfer of results within the consortium, to stakeholders or society?

IMPLEMENTATION (only STAGE 2):

3.1 Quality and effectiveness of the work plan, assessment of risks, and appropriateness of the effort assigned to work packages, and the resources overall.

- Is the proposed organization and management of the scientific project effective and efficient?
- Are the management structures and procedures, including risk and innovation management, appropriate?
- Are the resources assigned to the work packages in line with their objectives and deliverables?

3.2 Capacity and role of each participant, and the extent to which the consortium as a whole brings together the necessary expertise.

- Are participants in the proposal well-suited to the tasks assigned to them (necessary expertise)?
- Is their role well-defined and do they complement each other well?
- Are tasks well balanced among partners?

3.3 Appropriateness of the partners and justification of the resources to be committed (budget, staff, equipment ...)

- Is the estimated effort/allocation of resources appropriate?
- Is it ensured that all participants have a valid role and adequate resources in the project to fulfil that role?
- Do the work and financial plans plus the time schedule show prospects for success?
- Is there a balance of scientific and financial contributions from respective countries' partners?

Scoring system

0 – LIMITED – The proposal fails to address the criterion or cannot be assessed due to missing or incomplete information.

1 – POOR – The criterion is inadequately addressed, or there are serious inherent weaknesses.

2 – FAIR – The proposal broadly addresses the criterion, but there are significant weaknesses.

3 – GOOD – The proposal addresses the criterion well, but several shortcomings are present.

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