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LIST OF ACRONYMS

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SUMMARY

This report contains all the documents issued for preparing and launching the 2024 Joint Transnational Call on “Water for Circular Economy”.

The documents have been published on the Water4All website (www.water4all-partnership.eu) managed by the Partnership Coordinator (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 matrix of topics and modalities
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- National/Regional Regulations
- Pre-proposal template
- Full-proposal template
- Submission Tool Guidelines
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
- Information and Guidelines for the EP members – STEP 1
- Information and Guidelines for the EP members – STEP 2

CALL PRE-ANNOUNCEMENT

The pre-announcement of the Joint Transnational Call launched in September 2024 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 18th July 2024 on a dedicated page of the Water4All website and promoted in Water4All newsletter and social media.

Joint Transnational Call 2024 Pre-Announcement

Funding Organisations from 31 countries all over Europe and beyond are pleased to pre-announce a Joint Transnational Call for research and innovation projects on "**Water for Circular Economy**".

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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 I of the Water4All Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda, "Water for Circular Economy: smart water value". 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 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. Proposals should show cognisance of appropriate legislation and policy frameworks at national and international levels while addressing policy actions and steering mechanisms needed to foster the paradigm shift to Circular Economy.

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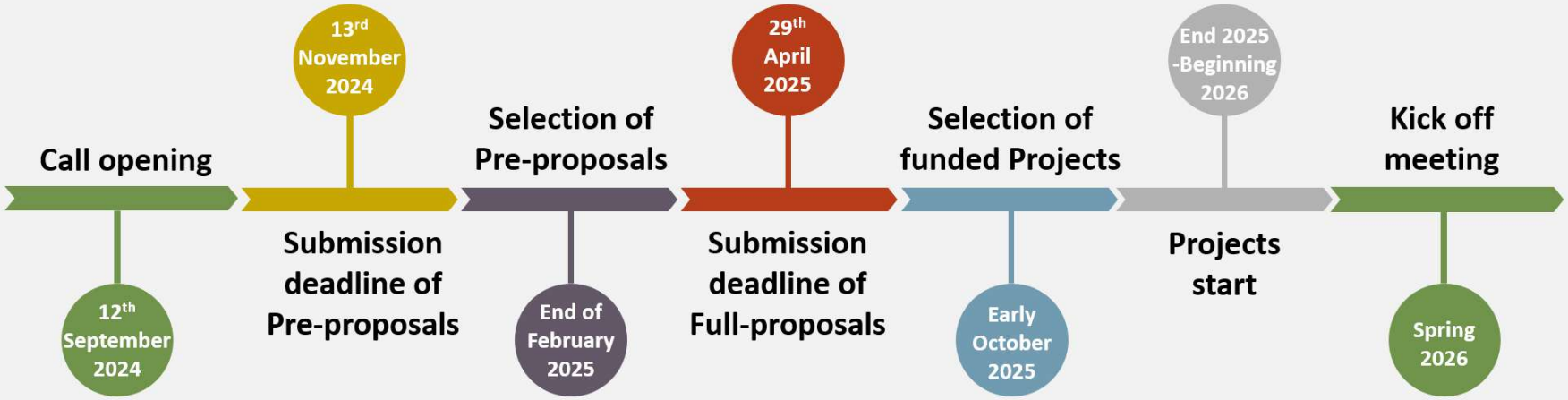

TOPICS

1. **Enhancement of water circularity in industries.**
2. **Urban water circularity.**
3. **Resource recovery and valorization.**
4. **Economic, environmental and social implications of water reuse and recovered products**

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 2024
More information is available at:
www.water4all-partnership.eu

CALL ANNOUCEMENT

The Water4All 2024 Joint Transnational Call on " Water for Circular Economy" and its modalities officially opened on 12th September 2024. 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. Further an Informative Webinar was organized on 02 October 2024 and Frequently Asked Questions - FAQs were made available on the call webpage.

Call webpage: https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/joint-activities/water4all-2024-joint-transnational-call

2024 JOINT TRANSNATIONAL CALL ON "WATER FOR CIRCULAR ECONOMY"

INCLUDING THE MODALITY OF EARLY CAREER RESEARCHERS

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Disclaimer:

In September 2024, the Water4All and the DUT Partnerships under Horizon Europe have launched calls for research on topics that are complementary. Duplication of funding for the same proposal is not allowed, therefore the applicants must carefully choose the best fit for their proposals based on the scope of each call and their respective research priorities.

For topics with a stronger water and circularity focus, applying to the Water4All 2024 Joint Transnational Call is recommended (Water4all Partnership)

For proposals with a focus on urban planning and changes in urban water cycle paradigms, applying to the DUT Call 2024 is recommended (DUT Partnership)

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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 Project Management Agency Karlsruhe (PTKA), 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 Coordinator (CC):** Coordinator of the transnational collaborative RD&I 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.
- **Consortium/Consortia**: Transnational group(s) of partners, submitting a collaborative Research, Development and Innovation (RD&I) proposal.
- **Early Career Researchers (ECR)**: Refers to the Modality of Early Career Researcher of the 2024 Joint Transnational Call aimed at project proposals coordinated by early career researchers, who have obtained their PhD less than 10 years prior to the call launch.
- **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 2024 Joint Transnational Call
- **Evaluation Panel (EP):** Panel of evaluators which will evaluate and rank the Transnational Project full proposals submitted in the 2024 Joint Transnational Call in order of merit. EP members will not submit or participate in proposals within these Call and must sign declarations on confidentiality, conflict of interest and code of conduct.
    - **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.
    - **Evaluators:** Internationally recognised scientific or industry experts appointed for their independent evaluation of the submitted pre and/or full proposals to the 2024 Joint Transnational Call. Evaluators will not submit or participate in proposals within these Calls and must sign declarations on confidentiality, conflict of interest and code of conduct.
- **Funding Partner Organisation (FPO):** Parties that have committed national/regional funds to participate in the 2024 Joint Transnational Call and/or in the modality of Early Career Researchers.
- **Independent Observer:** external expert invited as observer to the EP meeting 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.

- **National Contact Point (NCP):** Each participating FPO in the 2024 Joint Transnational Call and/or in the modality of Early Career Researchers 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 RD&I 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 2024 Joint Transnational Call and its modalities.

1. Introduction

1.1. 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 Goals [1] (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 RD&I 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 RD&I 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

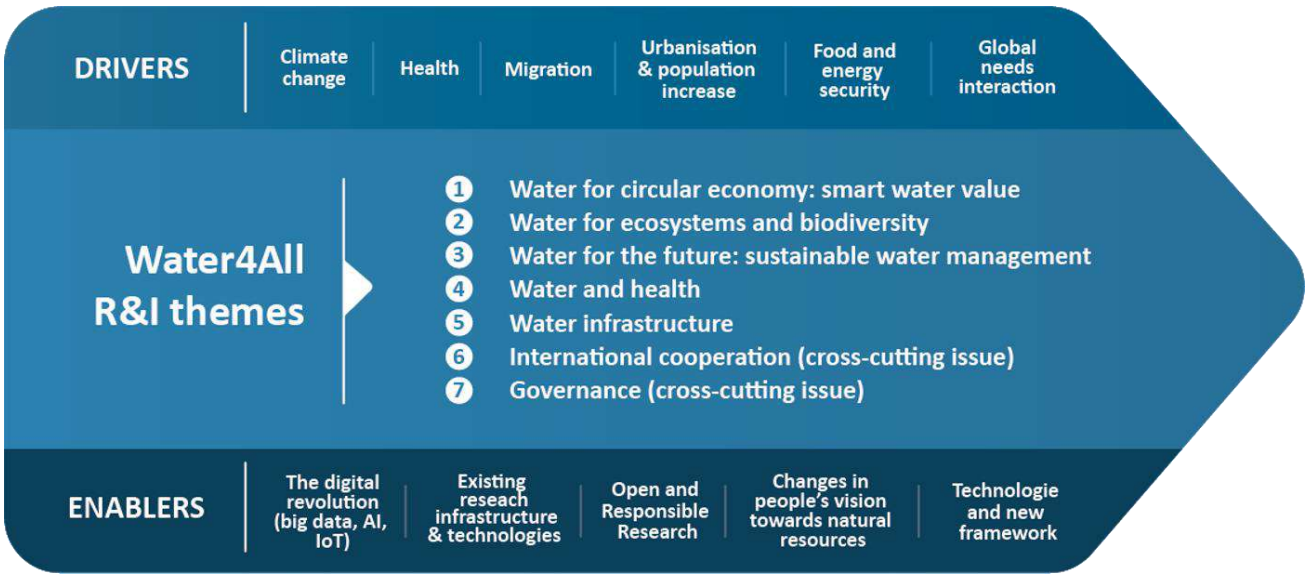

Figure 1 – Water4All RD&I's themes, drivers and enablers

The 2024 Joint Transnational Call (JTC) is the third in the series of the Water4All co-funded calls. It is jointly launched by 35 Funding Partner Organizations (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 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.

1.2. Objectives of the 2024 Joint Transnational Call

Circular Economy is a development strategy that emphasizes the finite nature of resources and the need for efficiency in their use at all scales. The basic principles involved in the changes needed to achieve transition to a Circular Economy include avoiding waste and pollution, circulation of resources, products and materials and environmental protection. Water plays a central role in the Circular Economy, acting as both a valuable resource and a critical component for sustainable development. The European Commission adopted the new Circular Economy Action Plan (CEAP) in March 2020, which is one of the main building blocks of the European Green Deal.

In a Circular Economy framework, water has an economic, societal, and environmental value. Some of the aspects considered in the Circular Economy are not new in the water field, where substantial progress has been made to deal with water stress caused by climate conditions and water demand. However, further progress with a holistic approach is now needed. In a context of global changes and aligned with the political guidelines for the next European Commission 2024-2029 with focus on "Sustaining our quality of life: food security, water and nature" and "A more circular and resilient economy", Water4All's 2024 Joint Transnational Call aims to deliver new solutions to develop new circular feedstocks and value chains, increase water resource efficiency, improve water allocation, and optimize water use in water-dependent sectors. The 2024 Joint Transnational Call will also focus on the barriers to the adoption of proposed solutions and the deployment of outputs, and to the impact in inland and coastal water environments.

The proposed solutions should contribute to a reduction in resource interdependencies and supply of scarce resources. Water4All also wishes to contribute to the resolution of conflicts and the fair distribution and

optimization of water resources, promoting synergies across water uses and needs as an alternative strategy to trade-offs strategies, and through participatory approaches and the empowering of users.

2. Description of the aims and themes of the 2024 Joint Transnational Call and the Early Career Researchers modality

IMPORTANT: The aim and the thematic framework are the same for the proposals submitted in the regular 2024 Joint Transnational Call and for the proposals submitted under the Early Career Researchers modality. **More information on the call structure is included in Chapter 3.**

2.1. Strategic aim of the Joint Transnational Call and the Early Career Researchers modality

The 2024 Joint Transnational Call within the Water4All Partnership is aimed at research and innovation to contribute to 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, within the frameworks of the European Green Deal, the zero-pollution action plan, the Water Framework Directive, Just Transition Mechanism, and the Sustainable Development Goals. Proposals should show cognisance of appropriate legislation and policy frameworks at national and international levels that are relevant for the call, while addressing policy actions and steering mechanisms needed to foster the paradigm shift to Circular Economy.

2.2. Theme of the Joint Transnational Call and the Early Career Researchers modality

The general theme of the call is “Water for Circular Economy”. Research & innovation proposals submitted under the Water4All 2024 Joint Transnational Call and the Early Career Researchers modality are required to address at least one of the following topics:

1. Enhancement of water circularity in industries

1.1. Introducing innovative paradigms and methodologies for transitioning sectors towards circular economy models and decoupling production and water demand. This may include strategies to achieve zero liquid discharge and resource recovery.

1.2. Development of innovative processes and approaches to address minimization of water consumption, wastewater treatment for reuse, sustainable use of water sources, integration of stakeholder engagement for reuse for and among industrial actors and linkage to urban schemes.

1.3. Development of innovative monitoring procedures for process control and development of operating concepts and metrics for efficient water cycle management, compliance with regulation and standards, economic valuation, and risk assessment.

2. Urban water circularity

2.1. Enhancement of water cycle management within urban environments to increase efficiency and circularity and reduce reliance on conventional and less sustainable water supplies.

2.2 Integration of decentralized and centralized treatment systems, nature-based solutions enhancing existing systems, integration with industrial sector, harvesting and reuse of rainwater and runoff.

2.3 Novel monitoring and control methodologies. Comprehensive risk assessment strategies to mitigate potential environmental and operational risks associated with water reuse practices, ensuring compliance with applicable standards and regulations. Develop a comprehensive framework for dynamic risk monitoring and assessment to evaluate the safety and efficiency of water reuse systems under varying operational conditions and environmental impacts.

3. Resource recovery and valorization

3.1. Developing integrated approaches for recovering valuable resources from wastewater, sludges, brines, and reservoir sediments. Among others, strategies may target nutrients, metals, critical raw materials, high value products and energy.

3.2. Exploring synergies between resource recovery and water reuse in both industrial and urban contexts to maximize efficiency and sustainability.

3.3. Assessing the applicability of recovered materials for various uses, considering emerging standards and regulations for resource recovery, business models and the Life Cycle Analysis of the recovered materials across the value chain.

4. Economic, environmental and social implications of water reuse and recovered products

4.1. Conducting comprehensive assessments on the implications of circularity schemes on water environments to ensure long-term sustainability and mitigate negative impacts. This includes assessing how components coupled in a functionally and meaningful way in systems will impact the water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus. Incorporate circularity measurement and assessment with emerging standardized indicators for circularity and sustainability, to foster inclusive and equitable water resource management across all sectors. Compliance with the emerging regulations and standards, monitoring and modelling approaches and potential interventions to minimize the environmental impact may be addressed.

4.2. Identifying and assessing economic and social aspects collectively influencing stakeholders' awareness, market confidence and acceptance, social acceptance, opportunities, drivers and barriers to the creation and adoption of solutions for water reuse and resource recovery and reuse.

4.3. Developing management strategies, policy options, steering mechanisms and governance systems that facilitate the integration of circularity methodologies into existing water management frameworks while addressing economic and social concerns. Approaches may consider innovative regulatory frameworks to promote circularity.

The context for the general call topics is described in Theme I of the Water4All Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA), "Water for Circular Economy: smart water value". 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 themes.

IMPORTANT: Applicants should note that not all the descriptors included in the Water in Circular Economy theme in Water4All SRIA are considered as eligible topics for the 2024 Joint Transnational Call. The use of water for hydroelectric generation, cooling in power plants and industry, and the use of water in agriculture under topics 1, 2 and 3 are not within the scope of the call. Although health approach can be considered in risk assessment, aspects related to epidemiology and downstream fate of contaminants are not eligible.

Please note:

- The call topics are non-exclusive. Proposals can therefore address one or several topics and/or subtopics;
- It is not compulsory to address all subtopics within a topic in the proposals;
- Consult with your Funding Partner Organisation (FPO) which topics are eligible for each applicant. ANNEX A provides a list of national contact points (NCPs) by each participating country/region.

2.3. Expected approach from the proposals

The proposals presented to the Water4All's 2024 Joint Transnational Call are expected to deliver new knowledge, innovative tools, methodologies, and approaches to governance and management enabling the development of new circular feedstocks and value chains, increased water resource efficiency, improved water allocation, and optimized water use in water-dependent sectors.

Delivered knowledge needs to cover relevant existing gaps and have the clear potential to be used in new and improved tools, options and policy making. Consideration should be given to better understanding of the socio-economic and human well-being aspects influencing the social and governance barriers that prevent or delay adoption and implementation of solutions and new paradigms, including a focus on how to overcome them. Likewise, the proposals must avoid too specific and categorized cases; thus, they are expected to address aspects that are cross-cutting and relevant cases where transfer of solutions to other cases and sectors is feasible and can have a higher impact.

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 outputs must be demonstrated. The proposals will be also required to demonstrate how stakeholders are involved to achieve the desired impact.

The complexity of water challenges and the related impact in different domains require systemic approaches, with consortia crosscutting scientific disciplinary boundaries (multi- or interdisciplinarity) since solutions will not come from any single discipline. Multi- and interdisciplinarity must not be a per se approach, but an approach for better defining the problems, developing solutions and deliver them. The proposals must indicate the research questions and multidisciplinarity aspects they will address.

Proposals must not duplicate past efforts and results delivered by projects and actions previously funded by other instruments, e.g. Horizon 2020, Water JPI, Biodiversa and PRIMA calls. Approaches built on the results of previous projects must demonstrate that they include substantially new ideas and approaches for additional progress and 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. Applicants are encouraged to use existing resources and infrastructures for their project.

2.4. Impact of the proposals

Proposals are expected to identify challenges and provide solutions to beneficiaries at local to global scale, thus contributing to the objectives and impact of the call. Furthermore, Horizon Europe aims at creating significant societal and environmental impact. Likewise, the call aims at creating momentum on water in the context of SDGs.

The right stakeholders should be identified and included in the proposal design from the beginning to understand their needs and receive their input (co-design). 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. Ideally at least one of the stakeholders should be end-users or have an understanding of their needs, with regular feedback seen throughout the project (co-creation). This interaction should be an integrated part of the project and not a separate work package.

The proposals should be problem or outcome-driven, with solutions feeding into the impact pathway, through verifiable contributions to the state of the art, including learning from shared negative results. There needs to be a long-term view of the outcomes such that the proposals results will be used to further state of the art in a tangible manner, e.g., publications, policy recommendations, presentations to end-users and SMEs, among others. The different types of impacts, from scientific and technological to societal and environmental, may have different pathways that need to be defined.

Measurable indicators related to the impact pathway should be defined and used to reflect the socio-economic and wider benefits of the solutions, looking at potential for scaling, replication and use in other situations both in and outside of Europe. Proposals not only need to solve technical problems, but also the problems owned by stakeholders benefiting from solutions. The evaluation will examine if the impact pathway expected is credible.

3. Call Structure

3.1. 2024 Joint Transnational Call Structure, including the Early Career Researchers modality

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

- **Joint Transnational Call (JTC)** – the annual Water4All call for funding of excellent research and innovation proposals
- **Early Career Researchers modality (ECR)** – 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.

IMPORTANT: Applicants mark in the submission tool under which modality they are applying (regular JTC or ECR, 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 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 the ECR modality** (see ANNEX A).

3.1.1. 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 launch[2]. 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.

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

3.2. Participating countries

A total of 35 Funding Partner Organisations (FPOs) from 30 countries have agreed to launch a Joint Transnational Call for RD&I proposals on the topic "Water for Circular Economy". In addition, a total of 16 FPOs from 13 countries will support the Early Career Researcher modality.

The research teams applying for funding shall comply with the **general eligibility criteria**, as well as with the **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, a letter of commitment by these partners must be provided upon submitting the full proposal.

For more information on eligibility of international research institutions please see section **Fehler! Verweisquelle konnte nicht gefunden werden.**.

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 regulations and if questions arise, it is highly recommended to contact the NCPs before submitting a pre-proposal and full proposal (see ANNEX A).

3.3. Financial Commitment

A total of approx. 33 million Euros has been provisionally allocated for the 2024 Joint Transnational Call and the ECR modality by the participating FPOs with the support of the EU (Table 1). These funds will be used for RD&I activities carried out by researchers, institutions and companies according to the funding rules and legal frameworks of their respective FPOs.

The funding request per applicant and/or project and/or modality may be limited by relevant FPO, as stated in the national/regional regulations.

TABLE 1: WATER4ALL FPOS COMMITMENTS IN 2024 CALL

No.	Country	Funding Partner Organisation	Short name	JTC (yes/no)	ECR (yes/no)	Total national budget for JTC and ERC in €
1	Austria	Fonds zur Förderung der wissenschaftlichen Forschung	FWF	yes	No	800.000,00
2	Belgium	Flanders foreign investment office	FIO/ VLAIO	yes	No	800.000,00
3	Belgium	Fonds Voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek-Vlaanderen	FWO	yes	Yes	700.000,00
4	Belgium	Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique	F.R.S.-FNRS	yes	Yes	300.000,00
5	Brazil	Brazilian National Council of State Funding Agencies	CONFAP	yes	Yes	1.650.000,00
6	Brazil	Brazilian National Council for Scientific and Technological Development	CNPq	yes	Yes	100.000,00
7	Czechia	Technology Agency of the Czech Republic	TA CR	yes	No	300.000,00
8	Denmark	Innovation Fund Denmark	IFD	yes	No	1.300.000,00
9	Estonia	Sihtasutus Eesti Teadusagentuur	ETAg	yes	No	300.000,00
10	Finland	Suomen Akatemia	AKA	yes	Yes	850.000,00
11	Finland	Ministry of the Environment	YM	yes	Yes	150.000,00
12	France	Agence Nationale de la Recherche	ANR	yes	Yes	1.700.000,00
13	Germany	Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung	BMBF	yes	Yes	2.000.000,00
14	Greece	General Secretariat of Research & Innovation	GSRI	yes	No	1.000.000,00

15	Hungary	Nemzeti Kutatási, Fejlesztési és Innovációs Hivatal	NKFIH	yes	No	330.000,00
16	Ireland	Environmental Protection Agency of Ireland	EPA	yes	Yes	700.000,00
17	Israel	Ministry of Energy	MoE	yes	No	400.000,00
18	Italy	Ministero dell'Università e della Ricerca	MUR	yes	Yes	2.000.000,00
19	Latvia	Latvijas Zinātnes padome	LZP	yes	Yes	570.000,00
20	Lithuania	Lietuvos mokslo taryba	LMT	yes	Yes	300.000,00
21	Luxemburg	Luxembourg National Research Fund	FNR	yes	No	350.000,00
22	Malta	Ministry for Environment, Energy and Regeneration of the Grand Harbour	MEER	yes	No	300.000,00
23	Moldova	National Agency for Research and Development	NARD	yes	Yes	200.000,00
24	Netherlands	Dutch Research Council	NWO	yes	No	1.500.000,00
25	Poland	Narodowe Centrum Badań i Rozwoju	NCBR	yes	No	1.500.000,00
26	Portugal	Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia	FCT	yes	No	500.000,00
27	Slovak Republic	Slovak Academy of Sciences	SAS	yes	No	240.000,00
28	South Africa	Department of Science and Innovation	DSI	yes	Yes	390.000,00
29	Spain	Agencia Estatal de Investigación	AEI	yes	Yes	1.500.000,00
30	Spain	Centre for the Development of Industrial Technology	CDTI	yes	No	400.000,00
31	Sweden	The Swedish Research Council for Environment, Agricultural Sciences and Spatial Planning	FORMAS	yes	Yes	1.800.000,00
32	Switzerland	Swiss National Science Foundation	SNSF	yes	No	1.500.000,00
33	Tunisia	The Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research	MHESR	yes	No	400.000,00
34	Turkey	Turkiye Bilimsel Ve Teknolojik Arastirma Kurumu	TUBITAK	yes	No	500.000,00
35	United Kingdom	Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council	EPSRC UKRI	yes	No	468.000,00
Estimated EU contribution (in Euro)						6.417.900,00
Total national commitment (in Euro)						27.050.000,00
Total contribution (in Euro)						33.467.900,00
EU Member States and Associated countries			Third countries and other countries			

(*) Funding Agencies that may update their own contribution: Please check National Annexes

3.4. 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 will be submitted as part of the ECR modality.

The deadline for the submission of the pre-proposal is 13/11/2024, 15h00 CET.

STEP 2

The Consortium Coordinator must submit a full proposal on behalf of the consortium. Deadline to be confirmed after Step 1.

ANNEX A provides the contact information of the NCPs in each participating country/region for the 2024 JTC and the ECR modality. It is required that each partner in a consortium checks their national/regional eligibility regulations prior to the submission of a pre-proposal and full proposal and confirms their eligibility with the NCPs.

3.5. Dates and deadlines

Tentative Time Schedule of the 2024 Joint Transnational Call and the ECR modality	
First Step: Submission of pre-proposals	
July 2024	**Pre-announcement**
12 Sept. 2024	**Call Publication and 1st Step opening**
13 Nov. 2024 15.00 CET	**Deadline for submission of the pre-proposals**
End of Feb. 2025	**Notification to the applicants of the 1st Step outcomes**
28 Feb. - 12 Mar. 2025	**Period for request to redress**
Second Step: Submission of full proposals	
28 Feb. 2025	**2nd Step opening**
29 Apr. 2025 15.00 CEST	**Deadline submission of the full proposals**
September 2025	**Notification to the applicants of the 2nd Step outcomes**
September/October 2025	**Period for request to redress**
September/October 2025	**Communication of the decision after request to redress**
Last quarter 2025 / 1st quarter 2026	**Start of the RD&I projects**
Last quarter 2028 / 1st quarter 2029	**End of the RD&I projects**

3.6. 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.

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

3.7. Publishable Information

A list of the funded 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.

3.8. 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 Policy[3] is presented on the Online Submission Tool.

4. 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 project proposals at both first and second step.
A (pre-)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.
Proposals passing the general and national eligibility checks will be assessed by the Evaluation Panel. 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 B. **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 2024 Joint Transnational Call or the ECR modality.

4.1. General eligibility criteria

The general eligibility criteria for the Joint Transnational Call (JTC) and the Early Career Researchers (ECR) are summarized in Table 2. Failing to fulfil these requirements, the proposal will not be considered for funding.

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

Scope	• Proposals must address at least one main topic, even though it is not compulsory to address all subtopics within a topic in the proposals.

[3] https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/privacy-policy

Consortium composition	**General Consortium composition:** • Each consortium must be composed of **a minimum of three eligible partners** that request funding from participating Funding Partner Organisations 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. • The **upper limit of eligible project partners per consortium is 7** (including 1 self-funded partner) for the proposals 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 5 partners, maximum two entities that are also involved in the Water4All partnership (listed in ANNEX B) may participate in the same proposal. Larger proposals may involve up to three entities that are also involved in the Water4All partnership (listed in ANNEX B).
	Consortium Coordinator in JTC • 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 Investigator (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).
	Consortium Coordinator in ECR • 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).
	Workload: • The workload distribution within a consortium must be balanced, and no partner (including a self-funded partner) shall have more than 50% of requested person months. • Partners from the same country shall not have, altogether, more than 50 % of requested person months

	Partners not requiring funding (self-funded partners): • 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 laid down 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	• The international RD&I projects duration is 36 months. • Start date and end date of the researcher groups within the consortium must be aligned as far as possible.
Submission	• Pre-proposals and Full Proposals must be submitted before the deadlines. • The pre-proposal and the full proposal must be submitted correctly and completely via the Online Submission Tool as outlined in Chapter 5 and in line with the Guidelines for Proposal Submission. • Proposals must be written in English.

4.2. 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/or the ECR modality:

- 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 funding organization, submission of additional national documents in accordance with national rules.

4.3. Eligibility of international research institutions and partners from countries not participating in the call

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).

4.4. 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 RD&I 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
- 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 highly encouraged, although 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 dimension[4] of RD&I 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 submission[5].

Budget

- There is no specific limit of total budget per whole project proposal.

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

[5] 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

- 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 RD&I projects must be **36 months**. Funded consortia will be asked to agree on a starting date no later than 30 April 2026 and an end date no later than 30 April 2029.

4.5. 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.

4.6. 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 Commission in its guidelines on How to Complete your Ethics Self-Assessment[6].

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

5. Evaluation of Proposals

5.1. 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 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.

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

All proposals, either submitted under the JTC or the ECR modality, will be evaluated in accordance with the evaluation criteria (see section 5.2) and ranked in a 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 Call Secretariat against general 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 3 EP members, as far as possible, based on two criteria - 'Excellence' and 'Impact' (see Table 3). One of the evaluators 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 Evaluation Panel for each criterion, and afterwards, the two criteria will be summed up to produce the final score.
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 financial pressure per FPO. 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 applicable, 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 3 members of the Evaluation Panel (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 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.

5.2. Evaluation Criteria

If a pre-proposal or a full proposal passes the general and national 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 (Step 2 only)
Threshold: 3/5	**Threshold: 3/5**	**Threshold: 3/5**
1.1 Clarity and pertinence of the project's objectives to the Water4All JTC 2024 topics and extent to which the proposed work is ambitious, and goes beyond the state of the art. - Is the proposal clearly addressing, and has a main focus, aspects related to circularity in the use of water or the creation of water-related circular value chains? - 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…)	**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? - Are the outcomes feeding into the expected pathway?	**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 and innovation management, appropriate? - Are risks properly identified and managed? - 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**

- 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 stakeholders and end-users involved in the definition of the challenge and problems? **1.3 Soundness of the proposed methodology, including the underlying concepts, models, assumptions, inter-disciplinary approaches, 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 end users where appropriate.**	**2.2 Relevance** - Are the cases representative of water intensive sectors and activities? - Can the knowledge and solutions be transferred to other users, activities and sectors? - Can the results enhance the regulatory framework or increase wide compliance with regulation? **2.3 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? **2.4 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 are clear plan for interactions with / exchange and transfer of results within the consortium, to stakeholders or society? - Are the outcomes linked clearly to SDGs	**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?
Overall score Threshold: 10/15		

5.3. 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

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 a number of shortcomings are present.
4 – VERY GOOD - The proposal addresses the criterion very well, but a small number of shortcomings are present.
5 – EXCELLENT - The proposal successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion. Any shortcomings are minor.

Evaluators will identify strengths, shortcomings and weaknesses (if any) and provide context for their comments based on the application, i.e., evaluators will be asked to score proposals as they were submitted, rather than on their potential if certain changes were to be made. When an evaluator 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.

5.4. Funding recommendation

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.

5.5. Redress procedure

Applicants can appeal against 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 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 call secretariat (water4all.call2024@ptka.kit.edu) via email, up to 14 calendar days after the date of dispatch of the evaluation outcome email by the call secretariat 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 appeals

For an appeal to be admissible the following conditions must be met:

- The appeal must be submitted by the Coordinator of the proposal to which the appeal relates
- Only one appeal per proposal will be considered
- The appeal must be addressed to the Water4All Vice-Chair
- The appeal must be submitted via email within the 14 calendar days deadline. The appeal 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 appeal must demonstrate a procedural irregularity, factual error, manifest error of assessment, misuse of powers, or a conflict of interests. Appeals 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 an appeal, an acknowledgement of receipt will be sent by the call secretariat within 7 calendar days. The acknowledgement shall report the redress process and the anticipated date by which a decision on the appeal will be communicated to the appellant.

All appeals 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 appeals.

The Water4ll Vice-Chair will establish an internal appeals committee chaired by the Water4All Vice-Chair and comprised of the Independent Observer, one representative from the Ethics & deontology board of Water4All and one representative of the Water4All consortium (Pillar B leader / CEO or other representative of the coordinator / funding agency not involved in the call). The role of the appeals committee is to evaluate the appeals according to the procedure, ensuring fair and equal treatment of applicants, with support of the call secretariat (or the Chair of the Call Steering Committee) and one representative per funding agency concerned by the appealing proposals, if needed. The 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 a recommendation to the Water4All Vice-Chair, who is in charge of deciding, except for national eligibility.

A negative national eligibility check of a funding organization cannot be overruled by the Water4All Vice-Chair. Appeals 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 text 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 appeal 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 appeals will be treated in confidence and will not prejudice future applications.

6. Application procedures

A 2-step application procedure will apply for the JTC and the ECR modality. Pre-proposals and full proposals must be submitted electronically via a specifically designed web platform, the Electronic Proposal Submission System (EPSS PT-Outline), 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.

6.1. Online Submission Tool

The EPSS PT-Outline is available at the following address: https://ptoutline.eu/app/CircEco-Water4All

Step 1 (Pre-proposal stage)

1. The Consortium Coordinator creates an account on the EPSS PT-Outline for the Water4All 2024 JTC
2. The Consortium Coordinator should choose under which modality they wish to participate: the JTC or the ECR.
3. Only the coordinator can enter, edit and save the electronic forms, add partners to the consortium, upload the project description and submit the proposal.
4. It is possible to save and edit the pre-proposal as many times as necessary until submission (deadline: 13/11/2024, 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 PT-Outline will be open for invited consortia.
2. The information provided in the pre-proposal will be automatically imported into the full proposal.
3. The 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 save and edit the pre-proposal as many times as necessary until submission (deadline: 29/04/2025, 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 by the CS and NCPs are listed in this document (ANNEX A**Fehler! Verweisquelle konnte nicht gefunden werden.**).

For any questions regarding the submission, please contact the Water4All 2024 JTC Call Secretariat (water4all.call2024@ptka.kit.edu).

6.2. Changes between Step 1 (Pre-proposal stage) and Step 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. Participants 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 RD&I project.

7. Project funding and reporting

7.1. 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 project partners. The grants for the funded research projects will be awarded on a national/regional basis by the relevant Funding Organisations according to their terms and conditions. Each Funding Organisation 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.

7.2. 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 funding organisations.

7.3. 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 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 2024 Joint Transnational Call projects include a proper acknowledgement of Water4All Partnership, the EC, and the respective FPOs.

In addition, each 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 coordinators of the projects recommended for funding.

7.4. Dissemination and exploitation

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

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

Events	Participants	When
Water4All Kick-off meeting of the selected projects	Coordinators and partners of funded projects, stakeholders, CSC	Spring 2026
Water4All Mid-term Meeting	Coordinators and partners of funded projects, stakeholders, CSC	Autumn 2027
Water4All Final Meeting	Coordinators and partners of funded projects, stakeholders, CSC	Spring 2029

Dissemination of 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 project.

7.5. 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 projects funded by the Joint Transnational Call 2024 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 projects are requested to develop a Data Management Plan, according to the provisions of the HE MGA art. 17, page 110 - 1127. 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. 2024 JTC Call Secretariat contact

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[7] HE Model Grant Agreement

List of Annexes to the Call Announcement that will be published on the Water4All call website:

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

ANNEX B: List of Water4All beneficiaries that may apply to the 2024 Joint Transnational Call

Stand-alone documents published on the Water4All call website supporting the Call Announcement document:

National/regional funding regulations
Pre-proposal template
Full proposal template
Guidelines for Proposal submission
Frequently asked questions

ANNEX A - LIST OF NATIONAL CONTACT POINTS (NCPS) AND MATRIX OF TOPICS AND MODALITIES

Annex A has been published on 12th September 2024 on the Water4All website (https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/sites/www.water4all-partnership.eu/files/2024-09/Annex%20A%20-%20National%20Contact%20Points-Water4All_JTC2024.pdf)

Annex A: NATIONAL CONTACT POINTS (NCP) AND ELIGIBLE TOPICS AND MODALITIES

An empty cell means that no specific rules apply to the criterion. ATTENTION: This ANNEX is complementary to the corresponding national/regional regulations of FPOs means that you need to check the corresponding national/regional regulations available in the 2024 Joint Transnational Call website and/or on the FPOs' website.

Country	Funding Partner Organisation (FPO)	National/Regional Contact Point (NCP)	Funding ECR modality in addition to participation in the JTC (YES/NO)	NOT Funding All Themes and / or Sub-Topics	Limits on Requested Budget per proposal	NOT all types of partners are eligible for funding	Partners need to submit documentation to their FPO
AT	FWF	Kati Huttunen kati.huttunen@fwf.ac.at Bibiana Dernec bibiana.dernec@fwf.ac.at	NO		⚠	⚠	⚠
BE	FIO/ VLAIO	Kathleen Goris Kathleen.Goris@VLAIO.be	NO		⚠	⚠	⚠
BE	FWO	Toon Monbaliu (general) Kristien Peeters (SBO) europe@fwo.be	YES		⚠	⚠	⚠
BE	F,R,S,-FNRS	Joël GROENEVELD joel.groeneveld@frs-fnrs.be	YES		⚠	⚠	⚠
BR	CONFAP	Elisa Natola Elisa.confap@gmail.com	YES	⚠	⚠	⚠	⚠
BR	CNPQ	Dileine Cunha dileine.cunha@cnpq.br	YES		⚠	⚠	
CZ	TACR	Kamila Kinštová, kamila.kinstova@tacr.cz	NO		⚠	⚠	⚠
DK	IFD	Thorbjørn Gilberg thorbjoern.moth.gilberg@innofond.dk	NO	⚠	⚠	⚠	
EE	ETAg	Katrin Saar Katrin.saar@etag.ee	NO		⚠		
FI	AKA	Laura Forsström laura.forsstrom@aka.fi Vesa Yli-Pelkonen vesa.yli-pelkonen@aka.fi	YES		⚠	⚠	
FI	YM	Laura Höijer laura.hoijer@gov.fi Kirsi-Marja Lonkila kirsi-marja.lonkila@gov.fi	YES		⚠	⚠	

FR	ANR	Water4All-CallsFR@agencerecherche.fr	YES		⚠	⚠	
DE	BMBF	Anne Petzold Simon Frank water4All.call2024@ptka.kit.edu	YES	⚠	⚠	⚠	
GR	GSRI	Georgia Anousaki g.anousaki@gsrt.gr	NO		⚠	⚠	⚠
HU	NKFIH	Dorottya Szemere dorottya.szemere@nkfih.gov.hu	NO		⚠		⚠
IE	EPA	Niamh McCormack research@epa.ie	YES		⚠	⚠	
IL	MoE	Olga Zlatkin olgaz@energy.gov.il	NO		⚠	⚠	⚠
IT	MUR-FIRST/ MUR- EDRF	Aldo Covello Aldo.covello@mur.gov.it	YES	⚠	⚠	⚠	⚠
LV	LCS	Ineta Pliksa Ineta.pliksa@lzp.gov.lv Dace Tirzite Dace.tirzite@lzp.gov.lv	YES		⚠	⚠	
LT	LMT	Viktoras Mongirdas viktoras.mongirdas@lmt.lt	YES		⚠	⚠	
LU	FNR	Helena Burg Helena.burg@fnr.lu	NO		⚠	⚠	⚠
MT	MEER	water4all@gov.mt	NO		⚠	⚠	⚠
MD	NARD	Natalia Bolocan Natalia.bolocan@ancd.gov.md	YES		⚠	⚠	⚠
NL	NWO	Laura Trijsburg Roland Prieler water4all@nwo.nl	NO	⚠	⚠	⚠	⚠
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PT	FCT	Germana Santos germana.santos@fct.pt	NO		⚠	⚠	⚠

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ZA	DSI	Anita Mnisi Anita.Mnisi@dst.gov.za Karabo Mphogo Karabo.Mphogo@dst.gov.za	YES		⚠		⚠
ES	CDTI	Héctor Gonzales partenariadosHE@cdti.es	NO			⚠	⚠
ES	AEI	water4all.aei@aei.gob.es	YES		⚠	⚠	
SE	Formas	Osman Tikansak osman.tikansak@formas.se	YES		⚠	⚠	⚠
CH	SNSF	Martina Kern water4all@snf.ch	NO		⚠		⚠
TN	MHESR	Hayet Souai souaihayet@gmail.com Saida Rafrafi coopint2@gmail.com	NO		⚠	⚠	
TR	TUBITAK	Çağrı YILDIRIM Meltem ÜNLÜ TOKCAER water4all@tubitak.gov.tr	NO	⚠	⚠	⚠	⚠
UK	UKRI/ NERC	Maria Calderon Munoz Andy Lawrence TeamEngineering@epsrc.ukri.org	NO	⚠	⚠	⚠	

ANNEX B - LIST OF WATER4ALL BENEFICIARIES PARTNERSHIP THAT MAY APPLY TO THE 2024 JOINT TRANSNATIONAL CALL

Annex B has been published on 12th September 2024 on the Water4All website (https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/sites/www.water4all-partnership.eu/files/2024-09/Annex%20B-%20List%20of%20Water4All%20beneficiaries%20that%20may%20apply%20to%20JTC2024.pdf). The document provides the list of Water4All beneficiaries (the partners of the Water4All partnership) that may exceptionally apply to the 2024 Joint Transnational Call in addition to being partner of Water4All.

ANNEX B – LIST OF WATER4ALL BENEFICIARIES THAT MAY APPLY TO THE 2024 JOINT TRANSNATIONAL CALL

Research teams from some beneficiaries of 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 2024 Joint Transnational Call or its modality.

Table 1. List of Water4All beneficiaries and research teams that may apply to the call

Water4All participant	Country	Beneficiary may apply to the 2024 JTC
BMBWF	Austria	
FWF	Austria	
F.R.S.-FNRS	Belgium	
Fonds Innoveren	Belgium	
FWO	Belgium	
H2O	Belgium	YES
Mechelen	Belgium	YES
VITO	Belgium	YES
VLAIO	Belgium	
VMM	Belgium	
CNPq	Brazil	
CONFAP	Brazil	
CREA	Czech Republic	YES
MENDELU Brno	Czech Republic	YES
MZP	Czech Republic	
TA CR	Czech Republic	
CLEAN	Denmark	YES
DEPA / MST	Denmark	
DMP	Denmark	
DTU	Denmark	YES
GEUS	Denmark	YES
IFD	Denmark	
Water Valley Denmark	Denmark	YES
ETAg	Estonia	
APE	EU Network	YES
INBO	EU Network	
OIEau	EU Network	
Water Europe	EU Network	YES
AKA	Finland	
MMM	Finland	
SYKE	Finland	YES
YM	Finland	
ANR	France	
BRGM	France	YES
CNRS	France	YES
FWT	France	YES
MEPA	Georgia	
MoESD	Georgia	
DVGW	Germany	YES

Water4All participant	Country	Beneficiary may apply to the 2024 JTC
Fraunhofer IOSB	Germany	YES
KIT-PtKA	Germany	YES
GSRI	Greece	
NTUA	Greece	YES
NKFIH	Hungary	
EPA	Ireland	
MoE	Israel	
CMM	Italy	YES
CNR	Italy	YES
ISPRA	Italy	YES
MIMIT	Italy	
MUR	Italy	
LCS	Latvia	
MoES	Latvia	
LMT	Lithuania	
FNR	Luxemburg	
EWA	Malta	YES
MEER	Malta	
NARD	Moldova	
CEW	Netherlands	YES
FRIDA	Netherlands	
Fryslan	Netherlands	
IenW	Netherlands	
Leeuwarden	Netherlands	
NWO	Netherlands	
Water Alliance	Netherlands	YES
WETSUS	Netherlands	YES
RCN	Norway	
NCBR	Poland	
FCT	Portugal	
LIS-Water	Portugal	YES
LNEC	Portugal	YES
UEvora	Portugal	YES
UEFISCDI	Romania	
EUBA	Slovakia	YES
SAV	Slovakia	
DSI	South Africa	
WRC	South Africa	
AEI	Spain	
CDTI	Spain	
CSIC	Spain	YES
FECYT	Spain	
IMDEA Water	Spain	YES
PTEA	Spain	
ZINNAE	Spain	YES

Water4All participant	Country	Beneficiary may apply to the 2024 JTC
FORMAS	Sweden	
LU	Sweden	YES
SNSF	Switzerland	
MHESR	Tunisia	
SUEN	Turkey	YES
TUBITAK	Turkey	YES
UKRI	United-Kingdom	

STAND-ALONE DOCUMENTS SUPPORTING THE CALL ANNOUNCEMENT DOCUMENT

- **National/Regional Regulations**
- **Pre-proposal template**
- **Full-proposal template**
- **Submission Tool Guidelines**
- **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

NATIONAL/REGIONAL REGULATIONS

The National/Regional Regulations detailing regulations of Funding Partner Organisations involved in the 2024 Joint Transnational Call have been published on 12th September 2024 on the Water4All website (https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/sites/www.water4all-partnership.eu/files/2024-09/National_%20Regulations-Water4All_JTC2024.pdf)

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1.3	25.09.2024	Romania (UEFISCDI)	Romania does not participate in the Call 2024
1.4	03.10.2024	Brasil (CONFAP)/ Austria (FWF)	Budget update/ ECR update
1.5	08.10.2024	France / ANR	ECR update
1.6	16.10.2024	Brasil (CONFAP)/ The Netherlands (NWO)	Budget update/ wider national opening – eligible applicants
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National Contact Point (NCP)	**Name:**	**Email and Phone:**
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Funded modalities	Joint Transnational Call (JTC) ☒	
	Early Career Researchers Call (ECR) ☐	
	We do NOT fund the Early Career Researchers Call	
Eligible Institutions	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.	
Eligible Applicants	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.	
Eligible Costs	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. 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 *Associated Research Partner* 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.	

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<tr><td>Relevant documents</td><td colspan="2">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, 2024, 2:00 pm CET. Pre-proposals can be registered starting September 12, 2024, under the program category "PIK – International Programs draft proposal."

For the full proposal stage, applicants must choose the program category "PIN – International Programs". Both steps are mandatory.

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.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Additional Info</td><td colspan="2">Principal Investigator Projects (P or PAT), International Programs (I, PIN), pre-proposals for Intenational 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.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Useful Links</td><td colspan="2">Application guidelines Principal Investigator Project (PROFI mode) (fwf.ac.at)</td></tr>
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BELGIUM

	Funding Organisation:	**VLAIO** FLANDERS INNOVATION & ENTREPRENEURSHIP Flanders State of the Art
National Contact Point (NCP)	**Name:**	**Email and Phone:**
	Kathleen Goris	Kathleen.Goris@vlaio.be **+32 (0)2 432 42 82**
Funded modalities	Joint Transnational Call (JTC) ☒	
	Early Career Researchers Call (ECR) ☐	
	We do NOT fund the Early Career Researchers Call. Regional eligibility rules apply.	
Eligible Institutions	See “eligible Applicants” section	
Eligible Applicants	VLAIO is involving the Research and Innovation Programme. Therefore the involvement of at least one private company (SME or large company) based in Flanders is mandatory (with the possibility to cooperate with research organizations).	
Eligible Costs	Personnel costs and related direct and indirect costs according to VLAIO rules.	
Funding Commitment	**Total Amount for the Call (national contribution)**	**Maximum Amount Per Proposal**
	800.000 EUR (excluding EC top up)	**500.000 EUR**
Other Funding Criteria	Applicants should motivate how the realization of the project will create added value for the company and for Flanders. Subsidies for this call range from: 40-60% for development projects; 65-70% for research projects	
Relevant documents	An annex is to be submitted together with the international project proposal to Flanders Innovation and Entrepreneurship.	

	The annex(es) must be read together with the international project proposal. For this reason, the focus of this annex should only be on the role of your (Flemish) company in the project, the nature of the activities to be carried out by the Flemish partners and the impact of the project results for your company in particular.
Additional Info	**It is advised to contact VLAIO before submission (see contact point above), in order to avoid ineligible projects and consortia.**
Useful Links	Application process for research project grant | Flanders innovation & entrepreneurship (vlaio.be) The template annex for international and interregional projects can be found under the documents section. The template budget application can also be found here. Subsidies voor O&O&I in een internationaal consortium | Agentschap Innoveren en Ondernemen (vlaio.be) https://www.vlaio.be/nl/nieuws/nieuwe-modaliteiten-voor-deelname-aan-internationale-en-interregionale-oproepen

BELGIUM (Flanders)

	Funding Organisation:	**The Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO)**
National Contact Point (NCP)	**Name:**	**Email and Phone:**
	Toon Monbaliu (general) **Kristien Peeters (SBO)**	**+32 (0)2 550 15 70** **+32 (0)2 550 15 95** **europe@fwo.be**
Funded modalities	Joint Transnational Call (JTC) ☒	
	Early Career Researchers Call (ECR) ☒	
	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.	
Eligible Institutions	The FWO integrates two of its national/regional funding channels within this multilateral framework. The choice of FWO funding channel depends on the type of project the researchers from Flanders wish to undertake (i.e. fundamental in nature vs. strong valorization potential). 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: - FWO Research Projects (FO) - Strategic Basic Research (SBO) Or by contacting the FWO contact points mentioned above.	
Eligible Applicants	See 'Eligible Institutions' section above for the general eligibility criteria linked to participation in the '**Joint Transnational Call' (JTC)** and '**Early Career Researcher call' (ECR)**.	

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<tr><td>Eligible Costs</td><td colspan="2">

The FWO foresees a budget of 700.000 EUR, which guarantees at least two projects.
The respective funding channel regulations apply (see links to national rules above: ‘Eligible Institutions’ section), 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) use 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:

➢ <u>FO:</u> 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.
➢ <u>SBO:</u> 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.

Overhead should be mentioned in the Water4All budget tables, but it should <u>not</u> be inserted in the national/regional FWO pre-registration form on the FWO E-loket (see below under ‘Other Funding Criteria’).

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<tr><td rowspan="2">Funding Commitment</td><td>Total Amount for the Call (national contribution)</td><td>Maximum Amount Per Proposal</td></tr>
<tr><td>700.000 EUR</td><td>350.000 EUR</td></tr>
<tr><td>Other Funding Criteria</td><td colspan="2">
!! IMPORTANT !!

Applicants for FWO funding must submit a mandatory administrative application via the FWO E-loket.

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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 single online form should be submitted by the main PI (promotor(-spokesperson)) itself, containing all relevant information for the different Flemish partners.
The deadline to submit this administrative application to the FWO is identical to the deadline of the joint transnational call (pre-proposal stage). To ensure the eligibility of the proposal, it is recommended to consult the FWO administration at least one week in advance. Failure to comply with these requirements can lead to ineligibility.

- 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 as partner, or only in one project if they take up the role as coordinator.**

- 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 execution, are **not eligible**.

Relevant documents	A **mandatory administrative application via the FWO** e-portal **is an essential part of the application process** (see 'Other Funding Criteria').
Additional Info	It is **strongly advised** to approach the FWO contact points ('NCP') mentioned above, in order not to jeopardize any research projects/consortia.
Useful Links	https://www.fwo.be/en/support-programmes/european-framework-programme/horizon-europe-cofund-partnerships/

BELGIUM

	Funding Organisation:	F.R.S.-FNRS
National Contact Point (NCP)	**Name:**	**Email and Phone:**
	Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique - FNRS	Mr. Joël GROENEVELD +32 2 504 9270 joel.groeneveld@frs-fnrs.be
Funded modalities	Joint Transnational Call (JTC) ☒	
	Early Career Researchers Call (ECR) ☒	
	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.	
Eligible Institutions	**All eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the PINT-MULTI regulations.**	
Eligible Applicants		
Eligible Costs		
Funding Commitment	**Total Amount for the Call (national contribution)**	**Maximum Amount Per Proposal**
	300.000 EUR	**300.000 EUR**
Other Funding Criteria	**300.000 EUR** for a total period of three years. If the project involves the recruitment of a PhD student, the project duration of the F.R.S.-FNRS sub-project could be up to four years. Since this is a co-financed call, this extra year should not be included in the proposal à see article III.6 of the PINT-MULTI regulations.	
Relevant documents	PINT-MULTI regulations.	

Additional Info	• Please note that personnel costs (Article III.6) have an annual average cap of **80.000 EUR** for this call. • For "overhead" costs: Operating expenses: up to 1% within the granted budget. This percentage should be included in the requested operating budget. Personnel: up to 2% outside of the granted budget. This percentage will be paid upon reimbursement of expenses to institutions by the F.R.S.-FNRS. Please check the **Practical guide on costs** for any other questions. • 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 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 able to complete the pre-proposal form and provide information for the full proposal upon validation by the F.R.S.-FNRS.
Useful Links	Projets internationaux (frs-fnrs.be)

BRAZIL

	Funding Organisation:	**CONFAP - Brazilian National Council of State Funding Agencies**
National Contact Point (NCP)	**Name:**	**Email and Phone:**
	Elisa Natola	Participation to the Call: internacional.confap@gmail.com Contact points the involved FAPs are detailed below.
Funded modalities	Joint Transnational Call (JTC) ☒	
	Early Career Researchers Call (ECR) ☒	
	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. In both cases, specific rules of the participating FAPs must be verified.	
Eligible Institutions	Public or private (non-profit) Higher Education and Research Institutions, Scientific Institutions, Technology and Innovation Institutions, eligible for the involved state funding agencies.	
Eligible Applicants	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).	
Eligible Costs	As a general rule, Brazilian Funding Agencies finance scholarships, mobility and grants, related to scientific, technological and innovation projects. Eligible costs may vary, depending on the involved FAP.	
Funding Commitment	**Total Amount for the Call (national contribution)**	**Maximum Amount Per Proposal**
	Total amount: **1.650.000 EUR** Additional budget to be confirmed. The contribution provided by each participating State Funding Agency (FAP) is detailed below	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).

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<tr><td>Relevant documents</td><td colspan="2">Specific Guidelines may be published by the participating FAPs.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Additional Info</td><td colspan="2">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.

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:
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<tr><th></th><th>FAPs</th><th>State</th><th>Budget
EUR</th><th>Max. number of projects within the max. allocated budget</th><th>Contacts</th></tr>
<tr><td>1</td><td>Fundação Araucária</td><td>Paraná</td><td>240.000</td><td>5</td><td>internacionalizacao@fundacaoaraucaria.org.br</td></tr>
<tr><td>2</td><td>FACEPE</td><td>Pernambuco</td><td>20.000</td><td>1</td><td>helen.khoury@facepe.br
international@facepe.br</td></tr>
<tr><td>3</td><td>FAPDF</td><td>Distrito Federal</td><td>20.000</td><td>2</td><td>veridianne.nery@fap.df.gov.br</td></tr>
<tr><td>4</td><td>FAPEAL</td><td>Alagoas</td><td>20.000</td><td>1</td><td>pesquisafapeal@gmail.com</td></tr>
<tr><td>5</td><td>FAPEAM</td><td>Amazonas</td><td>40.000</td><td>2</td><td>internacionalizacao@fapeam.am.gov.br</td></tr>
<tr><td>6</td><td>FAPEAP</td><td>Amapá</td><td>20.000</td><td>1</td><td>fapeapcct@gmail.com</td></tr>
<tr><td>7</td><td>FAPEMA</td><td>Maranhão</td><td>25.000</td><td>3</td><td>isaura.modesto@fapema.br</td></tr>
<tr><td>8</td><td>FAPEMAT</td><td>Mato Grosso</td><td>TBC</td><td>TBC</td><td>TBC</td></tr>
<tr><td>9</td><td>FAPEMIG</td><td>Minas Gerais</td><td>100.000</td><td>3</td><td>nci@fapemig.br</td></tr>
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	10	**FAPEPI**	Piauí	20.000	1	helano.pinheiro@fapepi.pi.gov.br
	11	**FAPERGS**	Rio Grande do Sul	50.000	2	dec@fapergs.rs.gov.br
	12	**FAPERJ**	Rio de Janeiro	100.000	3	assessoria.internacional@faperj.br
	13	**FAPES**	Espírito Santo	100.000	2	parcerias@fapes.es.gov.br
	14	**FAPESB**	Bahia	100.000	2	adriele.almeida@fapesb.ba.gov.br
	15	**FAPESC**	Santa Catarina	100.000	2	internacional@fapesc.sc.gov.br
	16	**FAPESP**	São Paulo	600.000	Not defined	vsubinas@fapesp.br
	17	**FAPESPA**	Pará	50.000	1	assessoriainternacional@fapespa.pa.gov.br
	18	**FAPESQ**	Paraíba	20.000	1	programas-projetos@fapesq.rpp.br
	19	**FAPT**	Tocantins	TBC	TBC	TBC
	20	**FUNDECT**	Mato Grosso do Sul	25.000	1	internacional@fundect.ms.gov.br
	*Other FAPs may still confirm their support					
Useful Links	**CONFAP website: confap.org.br** **Links to FAPs websites – for more details on eligibility rules:** 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. FAPEMA: https://www.fapema.br 8. FAPEMAT: https://www.fapemat.mt.gov.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.** FUNDECT - http://www.fundect.ms.gov.br					

BRAZIL

	Funding Organisation:	CNPq Conselho Nacional de Desenvolvimento Científico e Tecnológico
National Contact Point (NCP)	**Name:**	**Email and Phone:**
	Dileine Cunha	dileine.cunha@cnpq.br
Funded modalities	Joint Transnational Call (JTC) ☒	
	Early Career Researchers Call (ECR) ☒	
	The national eligibility rules for the proposals applying in the Joint Transnational Call and in the Early Career Researcher Call are NOT the same and are stated in this national annex. See **Eligible Applicants.**	
Eligible Institutions	• 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.	
Eligible Applicants	**Joint Transnational Call:** 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. **Early Career Researcher Call:** The research project coordinator for the Brazilian side must hold a Doctoral Degree concluded in the last 10 years (2014) and have a Lattes Curriculum http://lattes.cnpq.br/ up-to-date until the final deadline.	
Eligible Costs	- Direct Costs a) Consumable materials; b) Air Tickets and per diems. - Indirect Costs a) Third party services both natural and legal persons.	

Funding Commitment	Total Amount for the Call (national contribution)	Maximum Amount Per Proposal
	100.000 EUR	**30.000 EUR**
Other Funding Criteria	All criteria for the APQ modality must be complied with otherwise the proposals will not be submitted to meritorious evaluation. Expenses not covered by the specific call will be of responsibility of the project coordinator and/or the project implementing institution.	
Relevant documents		
Additional Info	The applicant should comply with CNPq's Users Guideline for Financial and Accountability Resources (available at 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 Platfom http://carloschagas.cnpq.br/ subsequently to their approval.	

CZECH REPUBLIC

	Technology Agency of the Czech Republic (TA CR):	
National Contact Point (NCP)	**Name:**	**Email and Phone:**
	Kamila Kinštová	kamila.kinstova@tacr.cz, +420 778 438 197
Funded modalities	Joint Transnational Call (JTC) ☒	
	Early Career Researchers Call (ECR) ☐	
	We do NOT fund the Early Career Researchers Call	
Eligible Institutions	Enterprises (according to Annex 1 of the Regulation) Research organizations (according to Article 2 paragraph 83 of the Regulation)	
Eligible Applicants	Eligible applicants for TA CR • Enterprises (according to Annex 1 of the Regulation) • Enterprises who act as natural persons according to Annex 1 of the Regulation engaged in an economic activity pursuant to Act no. 455/1991 coll. on Trades (Trade Act). • Research organisations (according to Article 2 paragraph 83 of the Regulation) TA CR excludes the disbursement of individual aid to an enterprise: • against which a recovery order has been issued which is unpaid • meeting the definition of an "undertaking in difficulty" • which has not met the obligation to publish the financial statements for the years 2021, 2022, 2023 in the respective register - the so-called "Veřejný rejstřík" • which has not disclose its ownership structure in the so-called "Evidence skutečných majitelů" The main applicant may be only an entity that has its registered office, place of business or branch in the Czech Republic	

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personnel costs (including scholarships)
subcontracting costs (max. 20% of total eligible costs throughout the whole project period)
other direct costs (write-offs, protection of intellectual property, operating expenses, travel costs, consumables)
indirect costs (overheads) - full cost/flat rate 25% (indirect costs in the respective year are calculated as 25% of the sum of the personnel costs and other direct costs in the same year.)
These specific categories of eligible costs are defined under Article 17 of the General Terms & Conditions.</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="2">Funding Commitment</td><td>Total Amount for the Call (national contribution)</td><td>Maximum Amount Per Proposal</td></tr>
<tr><td>300.000 EUR</td><td>150.000 EUR</td></tr>
<tr><td>Other Funding Criteria</td><td colspan="2"><u>Eligible projects for TA CR</u>
the project meets the definition of applied research (i.e. industrial research, experimental development and their combination)
research results correspond to the national rules and are applicable/exploitable. (The project proposal has to include a clear description of the exploitation plan and results.)
the aim of the project has to be relevant to the overall aim of the funding programme “SIGMA”
the share of industrial research and experimental development corresponds to the activities of the Czech partner as described in the project proposal
the applicants are eligible (based on the rules stated below)
the costs are eligible (based on the rules stated below)
the requested funding meets the national regulations for aid intensity
<u>Funding rates</u>
The aid intensity for each Czech applicant in the project is determined based on the type of entity according to the Regulation (see the table below) and at the same time must not exceed the maximum permissible aid intensity for the Czech part of the project, which is 80 % of the total eligible costs.</td></tr>
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Applicant	Industrial research	Industrial research with a bonus for effective collaboration	Experimental development	Experimental development with a bonus for effective collaboration
Small enterprise*	70 %	80 %	45 %	60 %
Medium-sized enterprise*	60 %	75 %***	35 %	50 %
Large enterprise	50 %	65 %	25 %	40 %
Research Organisations**	100 %***	100 %***	100 %***	100 %***

* Note: An SME is defined in Annex 1 of the Regulation

** Research organisations must satisfy the definition in the Act and the Framework.

*** While respecting the maximum permissible aid intensity of 80 % per project.

Supported results

Projects that achieve at least one of the following types of results can be supported in this Call. The type of the result has to be clearly described in the project proposal:

P - patent

G - technically realized results - prototype, functional sample

Z - pilot plant, proven technology

R - software

F - results with legal protection - utility model, industrial design

N - Certified methodologies and practices, treatment, conservation methods, procedures and specialized maps with professional expert content

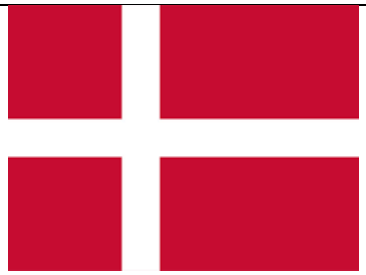
O – other results

Mandatory forms to be submitted

- A Sworn Statement of the Applicant
- Completed “TACR Application Form” Excel file (main applicant)*
- if the applicant plans to achieve the “Patent” type of result, patent search must be substantiated*
- if the applicant plans to achieve the “NmetS” type of result, the "Confirmation of the Certification authority for NmetS results" needs to be attached*
- Sworn statement of the composition of the consortium (if relevant)

	All documents proving the eligibility of the Czech applicant (mentioned above) shall be submitted via the TACR data box (TACR data box ID: afth9xp) within the same deadline as the project pre-proposals. *Applicants who will not submit this mandatory form (if relevant) via databox before the deadline will be considered as not eligible for TA CR funding. Please fill in the subject line as: „Horizont Evropa - Water4All Call 2024 - prokázání způsobilosti - akronym projektu“.
Relevant documents	“Guide for Czech applicants” and all mandatory forms will be available on TA CR website (in Czech).
Additional Info	Project start Please note that following national legislation, Czech applicants shall start within 120 days from the funding decision being communicated by the Call Management (60-day period to enter into a contract + 60-day period to start the project). Intellectual Property Rights The applicants are required to enter into a contract with their foreign partners (sign the so-called Consortium Agreement) which will define the conditions of cooperation on the project where, among other things, they specify the method of allocating rights to the research results, as well as adjustment and management of the rights imported or created during the project's implementation, which are necessary to address the project. Publicity obligations While promoting the project and its results Czech beneficiaries must follow the publicity rules of TA CR.
Useful Links	

DENMARK

	**Funding Organisation:**	Innovation Fund Denmark
National Contact Point (NCP)	**Name:**	**Email and Phone:**
	Thorbjørn Moth Gilberg Aila Lonka	thorbjoern.moth.gilberg@innofond.dk +45 6190 5050 aila.lonka@innofond.dk +45 6190 5036 General contact: internationale@innofond.dk
Funded modalities	Joint Transnational Call (JTC) ☒	
	Early Career Researchers Call (ECR) ☐	
	We do NOT fund the Early Career Researchers Call	
Eligible Institutions	The call targets Danish universities, companies, industry organisations, local/regional governments, research organisations and NGOs. All Danish organizations directly involved in activities in the projects are eligible as applicants to Innovation Fund Denmark	
Eligible Applicants		
Eligible Costs	Innovation Fund Denmark offers co-funding to Danish participants in projects successful in this call. For each project participant, the direct costs must be divided into the following categories: Salaries, travel, subcontracting, materials, communication and knowledge sharing, other expenses, overhead, if applicable cf. the rules stated in Section 2.3 and 2.4.	
Funding Commitment	**Total Amount for the Call (national contribution)**	**Maximum Amount Per Proposal**
	1.300.000 EUR	**500.000 EUR**
Other Funding Criteria		
Relevant documents		

Additional Info	The maximum funding amount is 500.000 EUR per project and maximum 300.000 EUR per Danish partner. Maximum funding rate may vary between 25-90% of the project costs, please see Guidelines for international projects.
Useful Links	**Guidelines International Collaborations**

ESTONIA

	Funding Organisation:	Eesti Teadusagentuur Estonian Research Council
National Contact Point (NCP)	**Name:**	**Email and Phone:**
	Katrin Saar	Katrin.saar@etag.ee +(372) 5333 5625
Funded modalities	Joint Transnational Call (JTC) ☒	
	Early Career Researchers Call (ECR) ☐	
	We do NOT fund the Early Career Researchers Call	
Eligible Institutions	**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 writing 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.	
Eligible Applicants	**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. **The Principal Investigator:** - must have an updated public profile in the Estonian Research Information System (ETIS) by the submission deadline (in case of two-stage application, by the preproposal deadline); - must hold a doctoral degree or an equivalent qualification. The degree must be awarded by the submission deadline (in case of two-stage application, by the preproposal deadline) at the latest; - 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 (in case of two-stage application, prior to the preproposal deadline). 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 maternity, paternity, or parental leave, in compulsory military service, or there have been other exceptional circumstances (e.g., serious illness), they can request the publication period requirement to be extended by the relevant period of time. 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 Centre 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.
Eligible Costs	**If several Estonian institutions are applying in one proposal, the total requested budget can be still max 150.000 EUR per proposal or 300.000 EUR per proposal in case if one Estonian institution is the coordinator.** **Budget** **1.** The budget contains costs directly related to the implementation of the project (**direct costs**) and **indirect (overhead) costs**. The **direct costs** must be used to carry out the project and be separately identifiable. **1.1 Direct costs** **1.1.1 Personnel costs** are monthly salaries (along with all state taxes, contributions, and compensations arising from law) of the project participants, calculated according to their commitment and in proportion to their total workload at their Host Institution. **1.1.2 Other direct costs are:** - **travel costs** that may cover expenses for transport, accommodation, daily allowances and travel Insurance **only for travels abroad**; **national travel costs are not eligible!** - where the project is funded from the European Regional Development Fund (Mobilitas 3.0) resources, travel and accommodation costs are eligible only for travels abroad; - consumables and minor equipment directly and fully related to the project; - publication and dissemination of project results; - organising meetings, seminars or conferences (e.g room rent, catering, equipment rental and related costs); - fees for participating in scientific forums, conferences and other events directly and fully related to the project; - patent costs;

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<tr><td></td><td colspan="2">- all other costs that are identifiable as clearly required for carrying out the project (e.g. translation, copy editing, webpage hosting, etc.) and are directly and fully related to the project.
1.2 Subcontracting costs are direct costs. 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.
1.2 Indirect costs (overhead) are costs that cannot be identified as specific costs directly linked to the performance of the action and/or should cover the general expenses of the Host Institution related to the management of the grant. Office consumables and costs for equipment and services intended for general use (e.g., phone bills, copy service, printer) should be covered from the indirect costs.
Indirect costs may not exceed 15% of the personnel costs.
1.3 **Double funding** of activities is not acceptable.
1.4 If several Estonian institutions participate in one proposal, the sum of their requested
budgets may not exceed the maximum contribution of the respective national Funding
Organisation indicated in the call documents.

2. Exclusion from the scope of the ERDF (Mobilitas 3.0) funding
Following the restrictions laid down in Article 7 of the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council No 2021/1058 of 24 June 2021 on the European Regional Development Fund and on the Cohesion Fund research and other activities related to fossil fuels and their use, as well as other activities not eligible as per Article 7 of the Regulation, cannot be funded from the European Regional Development Fund (Mobilitas 3.0) resources.</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="2">**Funding Commitment**</td><td>**Total Amount for the Call (national contribution)**</td><td>**Maximum Amount Per Proposal**</td></tr>
<tr><td>**150.000 EUR if project partner**
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<tr><td>**Other Funding Criteria**</td><td colspan="2">**State Aid**
EU Regulations on State aid and de minimis aid must be taken into account when requesting funding from the Estonian Research Council (ETAG).

Support is not considered to be State aid for research and evelopment, if the project has ties to the non-economic activities of the Research (or Host) Institution, as long as the research and development activities and the related costs, funding and revenue can be clearly separated, thus avoiding the cross subsidisation of economic activity.</td></tr>
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	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 an undertaking who is considered to be a State aid recipient when it receives support. When an entity applies for State aid or de minimis aid, it has to fill in the **State aid form**. No tax arrears are allowed on the proposal submission date. If State aid and de minimis aid are given, the documents related to giving the support 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 support is considered to be State aid, then support is given on the basis of Article 25, 25a or 25c of Commission 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 (OJ L 187, 26.6.2014, p. 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. If State aid is given on the basis of Article 25, 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). For State aid given on the basis of Articles 25a or 25c, see rules laid down in mentioned Articles accordingly. If the support applied for 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 support is considered de minimis aid, then giving support 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, p. 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 as support cannot exceed 200.000 EUR 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. **Grant Agreement** If a positive funding decision is made, the Estonian Research Council 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. The Consortium Agreement should be signed at the latest six months after the grant agreement has been signed. If one year has elapsed and the CA has not been signed, the next instalment of funding will not be paid out. **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 Estonian Research Council by the start of the relevant activities. **Nagoya Protocol** By applying for funding by the Estonian Research Council, the applicants agree to consider the relevance of the Nagoya protocol for their research, and to submit the Due Diligence Declaration, if applicable.
Relevant documents	**National Eligibility Criteria for grant applications in partnership calls for transnational research projects:** https://etag.ee/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Vastavusnouded-RV-uhiskonkurssidel_2024.pdf

Additional Info	It is expected that publication of results should carried out in accordance with the Horizon programme policy on Open Access. It is strongly advised to contact the contact point before submitting the application. **The State aid form must be sent to the contact point before submitting the application.**
Useful Links	**https://etag.ee/en/cooperation/horizon-europe/eu-partnerships/era-nets/**

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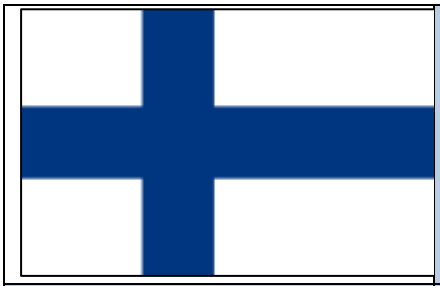	**Funding Organisation:**	**Research Council of Finland (AKA)**
National Contact Point (NCP)	**Name:**	**Email and Phone:**
	Laura Forsström **Vesa Yli-Pelkonen**	**laura.forsstrom@aka.fi**, +358 295 335 041 **vesa.yli-pelkonen@aka.fi**, +358 295 335 095
Funded modalities	Joint Transnational Call (JTC) ☒	
	Early Career Researchers Call (ECR) ☒	
	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.	
Eligible Institutions	Please check AKA's Regulations at: Research Council of Finland's funding terms and conditions 1 Nov 2023-31 Oct 2024 Research Council of Finland's A-Z index of application guidelines	
Eligible Applicants	In this call the eligibility criteria is according to the Academy Project funding criteria. • 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. Please check AKA's Regulations at: Research Council of Finland's funding terms and conditions 1 Nov 2023-31 Oct 2024 Research Council of Finland's Criteria for funding decisions 2023-2024 (in Finnish) Research Council of Finland's A-Z index of application guidelines	

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<tr><td>Eligible Costs</td><td colspan="2">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 1 Nov 2023-31 Oct 2024
Research Council of Finland's A-Z index of application guidelines

Please note: The PI's salary costs can be funded for a maximum of six months in a three-year project, for project management purposes (see details in the Funding terms and conditions document). Please state the amount of PI's salary months in the application.</td></tr>
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<tr><td>850.000 EUR</td><td>250.000 EUR per consortium partner
If there are several Finnish partners in the same consortium, the maximum total commitment is 400.000 EUR per consortium.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Other Funding Criteria</td><td colspan="2"></td></tr>
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Research Council of Finland's Criteria for funding decisions 2023-2024 (in Finnish)
Research Council of Finland's A-Z index of application guidelines</td></tr>
<tr><td>Additional Info</td><td colspan="2">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.

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.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Useful Links</td><td colspan="2">https://www.aka.fi/en/</td></tr>
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	Funding Organisation: Ministry of the Environment	Ministry of the Environment Finland
National Contact Point (NCP)	**Name:**	**Email and Phone:**
	Laura Höijer Research Director Kirsi-Marja Lonkila Senior Specialist	laura.hoijer@gov.fi +358 29 525 0139 kirsi-marja.lonkila@gov.fi +358 29 525 0356
Funded modalities	Joint Transnational Call (JTC) ☒	
	Early Career Researchers Call (ECR) ☒	
	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.	
Eligible Institutions	Companies are not funded, no other restrictions.	
Eligible Applicants	No restrictions	
Eligible Costs	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)	
Funding Commitment	**Total Amount for the Call (national contribution)**	**Maximum Amount Per Proposal**
	150.000 EUR	**150.000 EUR**
Other Funding Criteria	The funding is only for non-economic activities.	

Relevant documents	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)
Additional Info	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. In the online submission tool, applicants must choose either AKA (Research Council of Finland) 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.
Useful Links	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)

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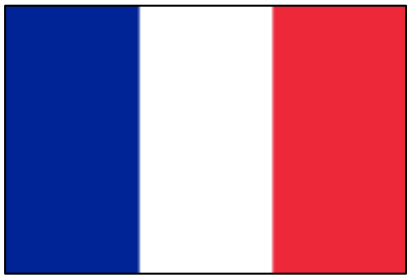	**Funding Organisation:**	**Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR)**
National Contact Point (NCP)	**Name:**	**Email and Phone:**
	Claire Treignier	**Water4All-CallsFR @agencerecherche.fr**
Funded modality	Joint Transnational Call (JTC) ☒	
	Early Career Researchers Call (ECR) ☒	
Eligible Institutions	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. **In this call, to be eligible, the consortium must include at least one French public research organisation (EPA, EPSCP, EPST, EPIC).** 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 in the consortium; otherwise the French Partners requesting funding to ANR will be declared ineligible.** 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.	
Eligible Applicants	See above. Early Career Researchers must hold their PhD since less than 10 years, i.e. since 13th September 2014.	

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<tr><td>Eligible Costs</td><td colspan="2">Please check the ANR Funding Regulations at:
https://anr.fr/fr/rf/</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="2">Funding Commitment</td><td>Total Amount for the Call (national contribution)</td><td>Maximum Amount Per Proposal</td></tr>
<tr><td>1.700.000 EUR</td><td>The maximum amount that can be requested from ANR <u>by each proposal</u> with French applicant(s) is:
• 400.000 EUR (if Coordinating Partner is French)
• 300.000 EUR (for French Partners)</td></tr>
<tr><td>Other Funding Criteria</td><td colspan="2">The funding requested from ANR for a project must be between 15.000 EUR and 300.000 EUR. If there are several Partners requesting funding from ANR, the 300.000 EUR 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 EUR.
For calculation of overheads, please check the ANR Funding Regulations at:
https://anr.fr/fr/rf/</td></tr>
<tr><td>Relevant documents</td><td colspan="2">National Funding Regulations
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<tr><td>Additional Info</td><td colspan="2"><u>Additional eligibility criteria:</u>
To be eligible, a proposal must not be deemed similar to another proposal still undergoing evaluation in another ANR call, or already funded.

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/

Project partners' commitment:
• 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

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").

The above-mentioned terms and conditions are only summarized translations of those entailed in the ANR Funding regulations and in the document "Modalités pour les Partenaires sollicitant une aide de l'ANR". In case of inconsistencies, the terms of the ANR Funding Regulations and the Annex shall prevail. Please consult these documents for more details.</td></tr>
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Useful Links	https://anr.fr/Water4All2024

GERMANY

	Funding Organisation:	**German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)** Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung
National Contact Point (NCP)	**Name:**	**Email and Phone:**
	Anne Petzold **Simon Frank**	anne.petzold@kit.edu +49 721 608 31410 simon.frank@kit.edu +49 721 608 26729
Funded modalities	Joint Transnational Call (JTC) ☒	
	Early Career Researchers Call (ECR) ☒	
	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.	
Eligible Institutions	Applications may be submitted by German research institutions, universities and companies (in particular small and medium-sized enterprises-SME) based in Germany. Further, local authorities, non-profit organizations or associations are eligible for funding.	
Eligible Applicants	Research institutions receiving basic funding from the Federal Government and the Länder can only be granted funds to cover extra expenditure in addition to their basic financing. For information regarding the EU's standard definition of SMEs, please visit http://ec.europa.eu/growth/smes/business-friendly-environment/sme-definition_en.	
Eligible Costs	Costs of personnel: Costs of scientific staff, technical staff and/or student assistants, required in connection with the proposed project can be funded. Costs of durable equipment: Funding for equipment can be provided. However, this only includes equipment that does **not** form part of an institution's basic equipment (i.e. no laptops, notebooks or equipment which is regularly used by the applicants). Consumables and supplies: Any consumables necessary for the project implementation (expendable items, devices, business needs, transportation expenses, literature, rents, orders, etc.) may be considered as direct costs.	

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Sub-contracting: The general rule applies that applicants shall implement the project and shall have the necessary resources to that end. However, it should be accepted that as an exception certain parts that are not "core" parts of the project may be subcontracted, such as rent of locations, translation costs, costs for technical equipment in the context of the organization of events or printing services etc. The EU regulation on public procurement has to be considered: https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/TXT/?uri=celex%3A32014L0024

Travel costs: Project related expenses / costs for travels and stays of German scientists and experts can be funded. Travel and stays of foreign scientists and experts can only be funded in well-justified exceptional cases.

Indirect costs and overheads: Overhead costs are eligible depending on the type of institution as well as on the respective accounting system.
Projektpauschale: Universities should consider cost for an additional lump sum of 20% of the requested funding for research projects already in the preparation of the proposal.

Applicants from Germany should also take the following information into account: Zuwendungsanträge auf Ausgaben / Kostenbasis(AZA/AZK) https://foerderportal.bund.de/easy/easy_index.php?auswahl=formularschrank_foerderportal&formularschrank=bmbf</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="2">Funding Commitment</td><td>Total Amount for the Call (national contribution)</td><td>Maximum Amount Per Proposal</td></tr>
<tr><td>2.000.000 EUR</td><td>The maximum budget per German partner per proposal is 350.000 EUR. If a German partner is coordinator of a proposal, the maximum amount of funding requested can reach 500.000 EUR. If there are several German partners in the same consortium, the max. total commitment from BMBF is 600.000 EUR per consortium.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Other Funding Criteria</td><td colspan="2">Specific topics within the call:
BMBF is only funding topics 1, 3 and 4 of the JTC 2024. Proposals focusing on topic 2 “Urban water circularity” are not eligible for funding.</td></tr>
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	Only two German partners in a consortium are eligible. The prerequisite for two German partners in a consortium is that at least one partner can be classified as a practice partner (e.g. companies, SMEs, municipalities, authorities, associations, etc.). If there is no German partner from the practice in the consortium, only one German partner per consortium can participate.
Relevant documents	**National Regulations:** Research for Sustainable Development, www.fona.de Funding is subject to the national procedures set by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research, published at: http://foerderportal.bund.de/easy/easy_index.php?auswahl=easy_formulare For proposals with German applicants the application process has two parts and is structured into: 1) an international part, according to the procedures of Water4All, and 2) a national part, according to the German funding regulations (German applicant institutions whose project outlines have been reviewed positively will be invited to present a formal application for funding according to the national German funding regulations)
Additional Info	**Funding rate:** • Universities, Research and scientific organisations, Associations and local authorities: up to 100% • Companies: up to max. 50 % SMEs: Up to max. 70% (incl. bonus)
Useful Links	https://www.fona.de/de/themen/wassermanagement.php

GREECE

	Funding Organisation:	**General Secretariat for Research and Innovation**
National Contact Point (NCP)	**Name:**	**Email and Phone:**
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Funded modalities	Joint Transnational Call (JTC) ☒	
	Early Career Researchers Call (ECR) ☐	
	We do NOT fund the Early Career Researchers Call	
Eligible Institutions	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). Individuals as well as individual enterprises are not eligible under this scheme. Besides natural persons, the following categories of undertakings are also not eligible: An "undertaking in difficulty" (according to art.2 of Reg. (EU) 651/2014*), whose affairs are being administered by the court, who have entered into an arrangement with creditors, who have suspended business activities or who are in any analogous situation; An undertaking which is subject to an outstanding recovery order following a previous Commission decision declaring an aid illegal and incompatible with the internal market. Large enterprises are eligible to receive funding under the condition that a Greek SME participates in the consortium.	
Eligible Applicants	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.	

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<tr><td>Eligible Costs</td><td colspan="2">(a) personnel costs: researchers, technicians and other supporting staff to the extent employed on the project.
(b) 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
(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 = flat rate of 25% of direct costs (except subcontracting 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.</td></tr>
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<tr><td>1.000.000 EUR</td><td>180.000 EUR (230.000 EUR if the Greek beneficiary is the project coordinator)</td></tr>
<tr><td>Other Funding Criteria</td><td colspan="2">Compliance with the National areas of intervention and respective Priorities of the sector: Environment and Circular Economy</td></tr>
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Additional Info

At national level, only eligibility check is conducted and not a full peer review at pre-proposal and full proposal stages, where the evaluation is made by the Call Evaluation Committee and external reviewers.

Submission at the national level is required at a later stage. A national procedure will follow for the approved for funding, at the transnational level, proposals only.

Funding rates

The maximum state aid intensity will be calculated according to the provisions of the European state aid rules and regulations in force (type of research activity, size of the participating enterprise, collaborative research etc).

Maximum funding percentages:

		Basic research	Industrial/ Applied Research	Experimental development/ innovation
Large Enterprises			50-65%	25-40%
Medium Enterprises			60-75%	35-50%
Small Enterprises			70-80%	45-60%
Universities, public research organisations		100%		
Public authorities with R&D activities		100%		
Associations without economic activities, NGOs	**Large**		50-65%	25-40%
	Medium		60-75%	35-50%
	Small		70-80%	45-60%

Useful Links

- General Secretariat for Research and Innovation
- COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) No 651/2014
- COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2021/1237

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NEMZETI KUTATÁSI, FEJLESZTÉSI ÉS INNOVÁCIÓS HIVATAL</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="2">National Contact Point (NCP)</td><td>Name:</td><td>Email and Phone:</td></tr>
<tr><td>Dorottya Szemere</td><td>dorottya.szemere@nkfih.gov.hu
+36(1)-795-4702</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="3">Funded modalities</td><td colspan="3">Joint Transnational Call (JTC) ☒</td></tr>
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Eligible Costs	Personnel (temporary, permanent), subcontracting and services, including travel, consumables, equipment, coordination, travel, communication and dissemination, overhead (20%), overhead for travel related activities (5%)	
Funding Commitment	**Total Amount for the Call (national contribution)**	**Maximum Amount Per Proposal**
	330.000 EUR	**170.000 EUR (exception: 330.000 EUR for HU coordinator and further HU partner(s) – not subcontractors – involved in the same proposal)**
Other Funding Criteria	The Hungarian partners of winning proposals should submit a separate proposal for funding to NKFIH after having been informed of the international funding decision. 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).	
Relevant documents	Proposals must be submitted to NKFIH through the dedicated call for Partnerships: https://nkfih.gov.hu/palyazoknak/nkfi-alap/horizont-europa-europai-partnersegek-magyar-szervezetek-tamogatasa-2024-121-he-partnerseg/palyazati-felhivas	
Additional Info	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.	
Useful Links	**https://nkfih.gov.hu/palyazoknak/palyazatok/aktualis-felhivasok?save=1&cimke=NKFI**	

IRELAND

	Funding Organisation:	**Environmental Protection Agency**
National Contact Point (NCP)	**Name:**	**Email and Phone:**
	Niamh McCormack	research@epa.ie
Funded modalities	Joint Transnational Call (JTC) ☒	
	Early Career Researchers Call (ECR) ☒	
	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.	
Eligible Institutions	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	
Eligible Applicants	For details on eligibility of applicants to apply for EPA funding, please refer to the EPA Research Programme 2021-2030 Guidelines and Terms & Conditions	
Eligible Costs	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	
Funding Commitment	**Total Amount for the Call (national contribution)**	**Maximum Amount Per Proposal**
	700.000 EUR	**Eligible applicants in Ireland may request from the EPA:** • **Up to 200.000 EUR if participating as a Project Partner** • **Up to 350.000 EUR if participating as a Project Coordinator** **A Maximum of one IE organisation (Coordinator or Partner) may request**

		budget from the EPA within a consortium
Other Funding Criteria	N/A	
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	There is no requirement for applicants to send the EPA any paperwork related to their submission in advance of the call deadline. 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. 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. 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.	
Useful Links	https://www.epa.ie/our-services/research/	

ISRAEL

	Funding Organisation:	**Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure**
National Contact Point (NCP)	**Name:**	**Email and Phone:**
	Dr. Olga Zlatkin	olgaz@energy.gov.il
Funded modalities	Joint Transnational Call (JTC) ☒	
	Early Career Researchers Call (ECR) ☐	
	We do NOT fund the Early Career Researchers Call	
Eligible Institutions	Research institutes, under "Academia" programme (see at https://www.gov.il/he/departments/guides/rd_grants (Hebrew)	
Eligible Applicants	Research institutes for "Academia"; Research will not be funded simultaneously by MoE on more than one grant (EC programme or national cal).	
Eligible Costs	Eligible costs are for salaries, equipment, materials and subcontractors. Funding rates are 100% for "Academia".	
Funding Commitment	**Total Amount for the Call (national contribution)**	**Maximum Amount Per Proposal**
	400.000 EUR	**The following will be used as national eligibility criteria:** **Up to 750.000 Sh (Ca. 180.000 EUR) for "Academia" programme (see at https://www.gov.il/he/departments/guides/rd_grants (Hebrew)**
Other Funding Criteria	According to the "Academia" programme (see at https://www.gov.il/he/departments/guides/rd_grants (Hebrew)	
Relevant documents		

Additional Info	
Useful Links	

ITALY

	Funding Organisation:	**MINISTERO DELL'UNIVERSITA' E DELLA RICERCA (MUR)**
National Contact Point (NCP)	**Name:**	**Email and Phone:**
	Aldo Covello	**Aldo.covello@mur.gov.it** **+39 375 510 2431**
Funded modalities	Joint Transnational Call (JTC) ☒	
	Early Career Researchers Call (ECR) ☒	
	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.	
Eligible Institutions	Eligible partners are the following legal entities having stable organization in Italy: • Private legal entities: enterprises, foundations and other not-for-profit registered legal entities • Universities/higher education institutions (State universities and legally recognized universities as defined in L. 29 July 1991, n. 243) • Public research institutions (as listed in D.Lgs. n. 218/2016 Art 1) • Public and private research organisations ('organismo di ricerca') in accordance with EU Reg. n. 651/2014 of the European Commission - June 17, 2014. IMPORTANT NOTICE: Public and private legal entities carrying out research activities by a local unit (laboratory, research centre, workshop, plant, branch, agency etc.) located in the regions of: Basilicata, Calabria, Campania, Molise, Puglia, Sardegna, Sicilia, are supported primarily through the Structural Funds (ERDF) component and shall therefore select the appropriate option in the application form (transnational and national). IMPORTANT NOTICE: The presence of enterprises is recommended in any proposals requiring funds through Structural funds. Other specific eligibility requirements or restrictions may apply to applicants supported by Structural Funds component. Further details will be included	

	in the “Avviso integrativo nazionale”, published at a later stage.
Eligible Applicants	No restrictions
Additional eligibility criteria	**Call topics eligibility:** 1. Enhancement of water circularity in industries **(eligible only for entities requesting support through Structural funds)** 2. Urban water circularity **NOT ELIGIBLE** 3. Resource recovery and valorisation (eligible for all entities) 4. Economic, environmental and social implications of water reuse and recovered products (eligible for all entities) **Applicants shall:** • not be defaulting with regard to other funding received by the Ministry of University and Research • not have requested/got any other funding for the same project • be compliant to the Italian law "D.Lgs. n 159 del 6/09/2011 e successive modificazioni ed integrazioni" • not be subject to bankruptcy proceedings as of art. 5, comma 4, letter b) of DM 1314/2021 or must not be a company in difficulty according to the definition under number 18) of article 2 "Definitions" of Regulation (EU) no. 651/2014 • be in compliance with the obligations laid down in the contributory and social security regulations (DURC) Applicants shall demonstrate their viability and financial soundness regarding their own contribution to the project. For any private entity, if the following financial criteria listed under a) and b), calculated using the data reported in the last approved balance sheet, are not fulfilled, the applicant can be funded only if a bank guarantee is provided: a) CN > (CP – I)/2 Where: • CN = net assets (Capitale netto) • CP = sum of the costs of all the projects for which public funding has been requested by the participant during the year • I = sum of the contributions received, approved or requested for the same projects b) OF/F < 8%

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• F = turnover (Fatturato)
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• 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].
All R&D activities considered as: Industrial research and Experimental development are eligible for funding. Basic research is eligible only for proposals supported with national funds
However, Basic Research and Industrial research activities must be predominant with respect to Experimental development activities (in terms of budget share).

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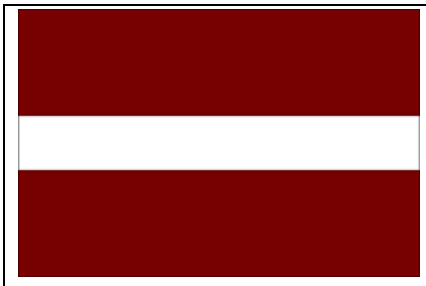
Other Funding Criteria	The amount of funding which can be granted to each beneficiary is calculated multiplying the eligible costs for the funding rates listed hereafter: Basic research: 70% Industrial Research: 70% Experimental Development: 25%
Relevant documents	Applicable laws and rules: • Decreto legge n. 83/2012 • Decreto Ministeriale n. 1314 del 14 dicembre 2021 • Decreto Ministeriale n. 1368 del 24 dicembre 2021 • Avviso integrativo nazionale
Additional Info	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. **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.mur.gov.it (NEW PLATFORM) 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.** More information on the national documentation to be submitted to MUR is available at the web page dedicated to the Water4All Joint Call 2024: http://www.ricercainternazionale.mur.gov.it/era/european-partnership-2021-27/water4all.aspx **It is recommended to contact the National Contact Persons already in early stage of project preparation.** The admission to funding is subject to the adoption of the necessary accounting and administrative measures for the allocation of the resources.

	National Reporting Funded participants will be requested to submit financial and scientific reports to MUR.
Useful Links	**http://www.ricercainternazionale.mur.gov.it/era/european-partnership-2021-27/water4all.aspx**

LATVIA

	**Funding Organisation:**	**Latvijas Zinatnes padome (LZP)**
National Contact Point (NCP)	**Name:**	**Email and Phone:**
	Ineta Plikša **Dace Tirzīte**	**Ineta.pliksa@lzp.gov.lv** **+371 26443380** **Dace.tirzite@lzp.gov.lv** **+37129644426**
Funded modalities	Joint Transnational Call (JTC) ☒	
	Early Career Researchers Call (ECR) ☒	
	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 annexe.	
Eligible Institutions	R&D institutions (research institutes, universities, higher education establishments, research centres etc.) and enterprises. R&D institutions must 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.	
Eligible Applicants	See above. No more than two partners from Latvia may participate in the same project.	
Eligible Costs	Eligible costs are: 1. 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. 2. Indirect costs: can reach a maximum of 25% of total direct costs, excluding subcontracting costs	

Funding Commitment	**Total Amount for the Call (national contribution)**	**Maximum Amount Per Proposal**
	570.000 EUR	**100.000 EUR per project year per partner**
Other Funding Criteria	Double funding of the same project, as a whole or in part, is prohibited, whether the funding comes from LZP or from another source.	
Relevant documents	The funding of RTD activities is provided pursuant in accordance with: - 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	
Additional Info	Eligible for funding is fundamental research, applied research and experimental development (TRL1 -TRL8)	
Useful Links	Further information on the conditions for receiving funding can be found on the LZP website: www.lzp.gov.lv	

LITHUANIA

	Funding Organisation:	**Research Council of Lithuania (LMT)**
National Contact Point (NCP)	**Name:**	**Email and Phone:**
	Viktoras Mongirdas	viktoras.mongirdas@lmt.lt +370 676 19613
Funded modalities	Joint Transnational Call (JTC) ☒	
	Early Career Researchers Call (ECR) ☒	
	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.	
Eligible Institutions	Eligible implementing institution – Lithuanian research and higher education institution which is included in the Register of Education and Research institutions	
Eligible Applicants	Implementing institution together with partners - a public or private legal entities	
Eligible Costs	Personal, travel, purchase (assets, services), indirect, subcontracting	
Funding Commitment	**Total Amount for the Call (national contribution)**	**Maximum Amount Per Proposal**
	300.000 EUR	**200.000 EUR (Coordinator)** **150.000 EUR (Partner)**
Other Funding Criteria	Maximum project duration: up to 36 months VAT is included in the budget 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.	
Relevant documents	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.
Additional Info	No national official paperwork until positive evaluation decision
Useful Links	https://lmt.lrv.lt/lt/veiklos-sritys/mokslo-finansavimas/tarptautinio-bendradarbiavimo-priemones/europos-partnerystes-era-net-ir-kitos-koordinavimo-veiklos/water4all/

LUXEMBOURG

	Funding Organisation: Luxembourg National Research Fund	**FNR** Luxembourg National Research Fund
National Contact Point (NCP)	**Name:**	**Email and Phone:**
	Dr. Helena Burg	Helena.burg@fnr.lu +352 691362812
Funded modalities	Joint Transnational Call (JTC) ☒	
	Early Career Researchers Call (ECR) ☐	
	The national eligibility rules for the proposals applying in the Joint Transnational Call are stated in this national annex. We do NOT fund the Early Career Researchers Call	
Eligible Institutions	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/	
Eligible Applicants	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/). A principal investigator may act in one proposal only.	
Eligible Costs	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 .	

Funding Commitment	Total Amount for the Call (national contribution)	Maximum Amount Per Proposal
	350.000 EUR	**350.000 EUR**
Other Funding Criteria	The FNR supports all topics of the Water4All Joint Call 2024. 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 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.	
Relevant documents	The FNR INTER guidelines and FNR INTER programme description provide details about the basic administrative data and the documents to be provided.	
Additional Info	Please do not hesitate to contact the NCP if you require any additional information.	

Useful Links	FNR INTER guidelines https://www.fnr.lu/fnr-beneficiaries/how-we-fund-research/ FNR Policy on Open Access FNR Policy on Research Data Management

MALTA

	Funding Organisation:	GOVERNMENT OF MALTA MINISTRY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND REGENERATION OF THE GRAND HARBOUR
National Contact Point (NCP)	**Name:**	**Email and Phone:**
	Ministry for Environment, Energy and Regeneration of the Grand Harbour	water4all@gov.mt +356 20953115
Funded modalities	Joint Transnational Call (JTC) ☒	
	Early Career Researchers Call (ECR) ☐	
	We do NOT fund the Early Career Researchers Call	
Eligible Institutions	Applications may be submitted by Public Entities, which do not carry out any form of economic activity.	
Eligible Applicants	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.	
Eligible Costs	Eligible Costs cover 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	

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<tr><td>300.000 EUR</td><td>150.000 EUR for all Maltese partners in case a Maltese partner is not the coordinator.
200.000 EUR for all Maltese partners in case a Maltese partner is the coordinator of a proposal</td></tr>
<tr><td>Other Funding Criteria</td><td colspan="2">- 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.
- 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.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Relevant documents</td><td colspan="2">Water4All – National Rules for Participation for Maltese Entities</td></tr>
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<tr><td>Useful Links</td><td colspan="2">https://sustainability.gov.mt/</td></tr>
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MOLDOVA

	Funding Organisation:	**National Agency for Research and Development (NARD)**
National Contact Point (NCP)	**Name:**	**Email and Phone:**
	Natalia Bolocan	natalia.bolocan@ancd.gov.md, +37369068281
Funded modalities	Joint Transnational Call (JTC) ☒	
	Early Career Researchers Call (ECR) ☒	
	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.	
Eligible Institutions	Public research organisations	
Eligible Applicants	Project coordinator must hold a PhD degree	
Eligible Costs	a) Remuneration of the staff who are part of the research team, in compliance with the limits provided by the legislation in the budgetary sector and the related normative framework - up to 50%, including the taxes paid by the employer; Note: scientific researchers expected to be remunerated from the state budget will take into account not to exceed the work norm of 1.5 salary. b) Procurement of raw materials, consumables, including reagents, laboratory inventory necessary for carrying out experiments for the purpose of realizing the project - as needed; c) Organization of scientific events (conferences, seminars, symposia, workshops, etc.) during the duration of the project - up to 5%; d) Business trips abroad and in the country according to normative acts - up to 10%;	

	e) Editing and publication of monographs, scientific articles, including the publication fee - up to 10%; f) Services related to the project (experimental and production works) - as needed; g) Laboratory equipment - up to 30%; h) Computing technique and related accessories – up to 5%.	
Funding Commitment	**Total Amount for the Call (national contribution)**	**Maximum Amount Per Proposal**
	200.000 EUR	**100.000 EUR**
Other Funding Criteria		
Relevant documents	- The Science and Innovation Code of the Republic of Moldova - GD 382/2019 regarding the Methodology for financing projects in the fields of research and innovation. - GD no. 267 of 20.10.2021 for the modification of annexes no. 1 and no. 2 to Government Decision no. 382/2019 regarding the approval of the Methodology for financing projects in the fields of research and innovation.	
Additional Info	For full details of the general NWO funding process, please refer to www.ancd.gov.md	
Useful Links	**https://ancd.gov.md/ro/content/anunt-preliminar-pentru-concursul-water-circular-economy**	

THE NETHERLANDS

	Funding Organisation:	**Dutch Research Council (NWO)**
National Contact Point (NCP)	**Name:**	**Email and Phone:**
	Laura Trijsburg Roland Prieler	**water4all@nwo.nl** +31 616 048 292
Funded modalities	Joint Transnational Call (JTC) ☒	
	Early Career Researchers Call (ECR) ☐	
	NWO does NOT take part in the Early Career Researchers Call	
Eligible Institutions	See eligible applicants	
Eligible Applicants	For scientists based in the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the NWO eligibility criteria apply. 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 Dutch **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: • 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 In addition, for this Call for proposals, IHE-Delft Institute for Water Education researchers with a comparable position* to full, associate and assistant professors, lectors or senior researchers AND a tenured position (and therefore a paid position for an indefinite period) or a tenure track agreement, can be a **Dutch co-applicant. This**	

	means there should be another, eligible, Dutch main applicant applying for NWO funding. Furthermore, researchers who are interested to apply for NWO funding as co-applicants in a national consortium but are not employed at an organisation listed above as eligible applicants could be eligible if their organisation meets the following cumulative criteria: - be established in the Netherlands; - have a public service mission; - *receives at least 50 percent public funding;* - carry out research independently; - have no profit motive other than for the purposes of conducting further research. Based on the above, capital companies and partnerships are in any case excluded from participating in the consortium as co-applicants. Other legal forms will be assessed against the cumulative criteria. 'The conduct of research' from the sub criterion 'is independent in the conduction of research' means that conducting research, as defined in the NWO Grant Rules 2017, chapter 5, is the main task of the research organisation; evidenced by official documentation as the statutes, deed of incorporation or other formal documentation. In addition, the research must be conducted by the organisation's own employees with a salaried employment contract. ***Please note:*** prior to the submission of an application, NWO will assess whether an organisation satisfies these cumulative criteria and may therefore participate as a co-applicant. NWO carries out this assessment amongst other things to check there is no provision of forbidden state support. To this end, the organisation of the intended co-applicant should submit the following documents by email to water4all@nwo.nl at least ten working days prior to the call deadline, Tuesday 13 November 2024 before 15:00:00 CET: - a recent extract from the Netherlands Chamber of Commerce; - the deed of incorporation or current articles of association or other formal document evidencing the public service mission and absence of profit motive; - the latest available annual accounts accompanied by an audit statement. Other relevant documentation may be added. NWO may request additional information if the above documents are not sufficiently conclusive to determine whether there would be the provision of forbidden state support or whether the organisation may act as a co-applicant. *If the applicant's organisation does not submit the necessary documents for this check in time, NWO cannot accept the organisation as a co-applicant.* **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 appointment and the exception stated above for lectors and researchers employed at a TO2 institute. 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. Applicants with a part-time contract should guarantee adequate supervision of the project and all project members for whom funding is requested.
Eligible Costs	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. ***Available budget modules*** - *Postdoc* – at least 6 full months and at most 36 full-time months, according to UNL or NFU rates - *Research leave* – max. 5 months, 1 fte, according to UNL or NFU rates - *Personnel universities of applied sciences, TO2 institutes and IHE Delft* rates based on Handleiding Overheidstarieven (HOT) (Manual for Dutch Government Fees) - *Material costs* – 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, TO2 organisation or IHE Delft - *Knowledge utilisation* - max. €25,000 - *Internationalisation* - max. €25,000 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. Note that PhD positions cannot be applied for in this Call for proposals, due to the maximum project duration of 3 years. 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.

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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.

Do not hesitate to contact the national contact person in case of questions.</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="2">Funding Commitment</td><td>Total Amount for the Call for proposals (national contribution)</td><td>Maximum Amount Per Proposal</td></tr>
<tr><td>1.500.000 EUR</td><td>325.000 EUR</td></tr>
<tr><td>Other Funding Criteria</td><td colspan="2">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. Co-applicants on a national level are allowed.

An applicant may only request NWO funding for one project (part of a European consortium) in this Call for proposals 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.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Relevant documents</td><td colspan="2">Full details for project funding in this Call for proposals and relevant forms are available on the NWO website:

https://www.nwo.nl/calls/partnership-water4all-water-for-circular-economy

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.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Additional Info</td><td colspan="2">Impact of the research is at the heart of this Call for proposals 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 The Netherlands in this Call for proposals is brought together by the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management (IenW), the Dutch Ministry of</td></tr>
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	Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality (LNV) and the Dutch Research Council (NWO). The budget for The Netherlands in this Call for proposals is brought together by the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management (IenW), the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Food Security and Nature (LVVN) and the Dutch Research Council (NWO).
Useful Links	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 2008 are applicable to the part of the project's budget covered by the grant from NWO and can be found on the NWO website: - www.nwo.nl/en/nwo-grant-rules - www.nwo.nl/en/approval-funding-scientific-research-2008 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: https://www.nwo.nl/en/lodging-objection

POLAND

	Funding Organisation:	**National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR)**
National Contact Point (NCP)	**Name:**	**Email and Phone:**
	Kinga Szymańska-Rzeźnik	kinga.szymanska@ncbr.gov.pl +48 519 684 066
Funded modalities	Joint Transnational Call (JTC) ☒	
	Early Career Researchers Call (ECR) ☐	
	We do NOT fund the Early Career Researchers Call	
Eligible Institutions	N/A	
Eligible Applicants	1. Enterprises - SME and Large[1], 2. Research organisations (research and knowledge-dissemination organisations)[2] , 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, 5. Group of entities composed of at least two research organisations.	

[1] 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");

[2] Defined in Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014;

	Entities must be established as a legal person[3] 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 register[4]. 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.
Eligible Costs	The eligible costs shall be the following: 1. **personnel costs** (researchers, technicians and other supporting staff to the extent employed on the research project); 2. **costs of 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 3. **operating costs including** (depending on the type of eligible institution): **Research Organizations:** • 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; training costs; travel costs including conference fees; cost of required external audit, costs of project promotion (e.g. articles, project webpage);

[3] 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;

[4] If applicable.

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• 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.
4. additional overheads incurred indirectly as a result of the research project (depending on the type of eligible institution);
Research Organizations:
additional overheads for research organizations should account 25% of all eligible direct costs; That costs (4) are counted as a multiplication by percentage given above (called x%) and the rest of direct costs for research organizations, excluding subcontracting (2); It means 4=(1+3)*25%.
Enterprises:
additional overheads for enterprises include also other operating costs, eg. costs of materials, supplies and similar products incurred directly as a result of the research activity, training costs; travel costs including conference fees; cost of required external audit, costs of project promotion (e.g. articles, project webpage). That costs should account 20% of all eligible direct project costs; Additional overheads (4) are counted as a multiplication by percentage given above (called x%) and the rest of direct costs for enterprises; It means 4=(1+2+3)*20%.</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="2">Funding Commitment</td><td>Total Amount for the Call (national contribution)</td><td>Maximum Amount Per Proposal</td></tr>
<tr><td>1.500.000 EUR</td><td>up to 300.000 EUR for one Polish partner in the project
up to 350.000 EUR for all Polish partners in the project</td></tr>
<tr><td>Other Funding Criteria</td><td colspan="2">Funding quota for Polish participants may be up to 100% for universities and research organisations. In case of enterprises, funding quota will be decided on a case-by-case basis depending on the size of the company and type of research/development under Section 2 of the Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 19 August 2020 on granting state aid by the</td></tr>
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National Centre for Research and Development, published in Journal of Laws item 1456, 2020.
In any case only Industrial Research and Experimental Development will be funded. Other type of activities (e.g. coordination, dissemination, management) cannot be included into separate task.

For entrepreneurs independently undertaking projects at the national level (meaning there is no Polish group of entities or Polish group of enterprises), there is no possibility of increasing the intensity of state aid for industrial research and experimental development based on the condition of effective cooperation between entrepreneurs or between entrepreneurs and research organisations. For more details please check the information available in the call announcement at: www.ncbr.gov.pl, in particular the files "Information for applicants (…)" and "National application form"[5]

Funding rates

Maximum funding percentages:

	Basic research	**Industrial/ Applied Research**	**Experimental development**
Large Enterprises	not eligible	Up to 50+5/15/25 (max 75 %)	Up to 25+5/15/25 (max 50 %)
Medium Enterprises	not eligible	Up to 50+10+5/15/25 (max 80 %)	Up to 25+10+5/15/25 (max 60 %)
Small Enterprises	not eligible	Up to 50+20+5/15/25 (max 80 %)	Up to 25+20+5/15/25 (max 70 %)

[5] Files available after launch of the call in September.

	Universities, public research organisations	not eligible	Up to 100%	Up to 100%	
	Public authorities	not eligible	not eligible	not eligible	
	Associations without economic activities, NGOs	not eligible	not eligible	not eligible	
Relevant documents	All proposals must be aligned with national regulations, inter alia: • 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.				
Additional Info	• 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.
Useful Links	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

PORTUGAL

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	Funding Organisation:	**FCT** Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia
National Contact Point (NCP)	**Name:**	**Email and Phone:**
	Germana Santos Pedro Ferreira	germana.santos@fct.pt / (+351) 213 911 569 pedromiguel.ferreira@fct.pt / (+351) 213 924 445
Funded modalities	Joint Transnational Call (JTC)	x
	Early Career Researchers Call (ECR)	☐
	We do NOT fund the Early Career Researchers Call	
Eligible Institutions	For eligible institutions see **article 3** of FCT Regulation.	
Eligible Applicants	For eligible applicants and projects see **articles 5** and **6** of FCT Regulation.	
Eligible Costs	For form of support and financing rate, eligible expenses and non-eligible expenses see **Articles 7, 8** and **9** of FCT Regulation. • Also consult FCT's Normas de Execução Financeira. • For the purposes of defining the budget, the terms defined in **article 8** of FCT Regulation apply to **eligible expenses** and in **article 9** to **non-eligible expenses**. • Excluded from the range of eligible expenses are the **salaries and other remuneration supplements** of teachers, researchers and other staff with a previously established indefinite contract with the Public Administration. • Expenditure on **adapting buildings and facilities** is limited to a maximum of 10% of the project's total eligible expenses. • The **project's indirect costs** are based on the application of a flat rate of **25%** of the direct eligible costs. • In accordance with no. 1 of **article 7** of FCT Regulation, the funding to be granted to proposals requesting funding from FCT under this call is non-reimbursable and is based on **real costs.** As such it must be justified through invoices paid or other accounting documents of similar probationary value, under the terms of no. 5 of **article 8** of FCT Regulation.	

Funding Commitment	**Total Amount for the Call (national contribution)**	**Maximum Amount Per Proposal**
	500.000 EUR	The following funding limits are considered eligibility criteria. Proposals not respecting these limits could be declared ineligible: • **200 000,00 EUR Coordination of proposal** • **100 000,00 EUR Participation in proposal**
Other Funding Criteria	• If more than one Portuguese applicant participating in the **same international consortium** applies for funding by FCT, the **combined funding** demanded by all the Portuguese applicants **may not exceed the maximum financial threshold for proposals with a Portuguese coordination** (200 000,00 €) or **with Portuguese participants only** (100 000,00 €). Portuguese Coordinators and/or project participants in the same international consortium will therefore have to share the funding that will be granted by FCT. • For information on funding rates, see no. 2 of **article 7** of FCT Regulation.	
Relevant documents	• FCT Regulation • Normas de Execução Financeira	
Additional Info	• **Within 10 working days after the deadline for submitting the pre-proposal**, a **Statement of Commitment** duly signed by the Researcher in Charge (partner and/or coordinator) and by the legal representative of the Portuguese Proposing Institution must be sent to **the NCPs:** germana.santos@fct.pt and pedromiguel.ferreira@fct.pt. • The stamp or white seal of the Portuguese Proposing Institution will not be required on a digitally signed Statement of Commitment, as long as it is signed, in the Authenticação.gov application, with professional attributes that identify the functions performed by the signatory. • The percentage of time dedicated to transnational projects **will not be added** to the percentage of time dedicated to existing national projects. • Portuguese applicants of transnational consortia that do not apply for funding from FCT do not need to submit the Statement of Commitment to FCT. • Check FCT Regulation 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.	
Useful Links	• The information provided in this table is a summary only. Portuguese institutions must follow FCT Regulation and other relevant documents. Therefore, it's necessary to consult the detailed and complete information in the FCT webpage dedicated to this call (link). • For more information, please see the call's page on FCT website.	

SLOVAKIA

	Funding Organisation:	**Slovak Academy of Sciences**
National Contact Point (NCP)	**Name:**	**Email and Phone:**
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Funded modalities	Joint Transnational Call (JTC) ☒	
	Early Career Researchers Call (ECR) ☐	
	We do NOT fund the Early Career Researchers Call	
Eligible Institutions	**Only research institutes and/or centers of the Slovak Academy of Sciences are eligible organisations for funding by SAS**	
Eligible Applicants	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 the full-time employment 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.	
Eligible Costs	Total eligible costs = Permanent salaries + Other costs (DC + IC) • Permanent salaries 45.000 EUR (36 months) • Other costs: 75.000 EUR (36 months) Direct costs (DC): Personnel (max. 15% of DC for the Project Partner, max. 30% of DC for the Project Coordinator), Consumables and Travel costs Indirect costs (IC, Overheads): max. 20 % of DC. No capital expenditures are allowed	
Funding Commitment	**Total Amount for the Call (national contribution)**	**Maximum Amount Per Proposal**
	240.000 EUR	**120.000 EUR**
Other Funding Criteria		

Relevant documents	**https://oms.sav.sk/dokumenty/dokumenty-referatu-medzinarodnych-projektov/**
Additional Info	Consortium Agreement is required no later than 6 months after the start of the project
Useful Links	**http://www.sav.sk/** **https://oms.sav.sk/**

SOUTH AFRICA

	Funding Organisation: Department of Science and Innovation	science & innovation Department: Science and Innovation REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA
National Contact Point (NCP)	**Name:**	Email and Phone:
	Anita Mnisi Karabo Mphogo	Anita.Mnisi@dst.gov.za Karabo.Mphogo@dst.gov.za Copy contact@esastap.org.za
Funded modalities	Joint Transnational Call (JTC) ☒	
	Early Career Researchers Call (ECR) ☒	
	The national eligibility rules for the proposals applying in the Joint Transnational Call and in the Early Career Researcher Call are Not the same and are stated in this national annex	
Eligible Institutions	This call is open to working researchers residing in South Africa and affiliated with a recognised higher education or research institution such as a university, university of technology or science council, small, medium (SMEs) and large enterprises in the private sector and national system of innovation (NSI) organisations involved in R&D. It is “obligatory” for South African lead researcher/principal investigator (PI)s based at historically advantaged institutions, SMEs and large companies to include, as part of the research team, a research partner from any of the historically disadvantaged institutions. Proposals submitted by an applicant based at a historically advantaged institution without a research partner from a historically disadvantaged institution will be ineligible. The research partner from the historically disadvantaged institution in this case can serve as a co-applicant in the proposal. Applicants based at historically disadvantaged institutions can act as PIs and submit proposals without the involvement of and or partnering with researchers based at historically advantaged institutions if they prefer. Please note that only the following eight universities will be recognized as historically disadvantaged in line with the Department of Higher Education and Training November 2015 Ministerial Statement on university funding: • University of Limpopo (UL)	

	• University of Fort Hare (UFH) • University of Venda (Univen) • Walter Sisulu University (WSU) • University of the Western Cape (UWC) • University of Zululand (UniZulu) • Mangosuthu University of Technology (MUT) • Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University (SMU). Historically Disadvantaged Institutions and Individuals also refers to: SMEs owned by Black and Female Individuals. Universities of Technology are also encouraged to apply. The inclusion of emerging researchers and youth innovators is strongly encouraged.
Eligible Applicants	Eligible applicants/institutions as outlined above are advised to present their proposal outline to the DSI at least one month before submission. This is to allow the DSI to ascertain the eligibility of the project to qualify for funding. Failure to liaise with the DSI may lead to automatic disqualification of the project from being funded.
Eligible Costs	**Direct costs:** **Consumables and supplies** Any consumables necessary for the implementation of the project may be considered as direct eligible costs. Consumables are only eligible costs under the project if bought after the start date of the project. **Costs of personnel** DSI will cover personnel cost to be incurred during project implementation. DSI will cover personnel costs including MSc and PhD bursaries to be incurred during project implementation. **Subcontracting** DSI will not prevent SA applicants from subcontract activities within the project, but encourages SA researchers to commit to activities that they are mostly able to implement. And will not support subcontracting of parties outside South Africa. The co-investment contract will be between DST and the main SA applicant and not the subcontractor. Therefore DSI will not be involved in any agreements/arrangements regarding activities to be implemented and how the reimbursed will be done between main SA applicant and the subcontracted party. **Eligible costs** Each project will go through a financial negotiation process with the DSI to finalise the exact percentage funding and to ascertain what the funding will

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Travel and Daily subsistence allowance including accommodation
The DSI will cover travel costs in line with the guidelines of South African government regulations. Consumables and supplies Any consumables necessary for the implementation of the project may be considered as direct eligible costs. Consumables are only eligible costs under the project if bought after the start date of the project.</td></tr>
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(300.000 EUR for JTC and 90.000 EUR ECR)</td><td>100.000 EUR for JTC and;
45.000 EUR ECR.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Other Funding Criteria</td><td colspan="2">Cut-off dates will be the same as the ones defined for the call; however, researchers are advised to present their proposal outline to the DSI at least one month before submission. This is to allow the DSI to ascertain the eligibility of the project to qualify for funding. Failure to liaise with the DSI may lead to automatic disqualification of the project from being funded.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Relevant documents</td><td colspan="2">Applicants are advised to present their proposal outline to the DSI at least one month before submission. This is to allow the DSI to ascertain the eligibility of the project to qualify for funding. Failure to liaise with the DSI may lead to automatic disqualification of the project from being funded. An official letter from your institution supporting your participation in the Call.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Additional Info</td><td colspan="2">South African applicants may access the National co-investment funding application through email and the ESASTAP website. These forms are only to be completed by successful applicants. DSI will enter into agreements with the applicant's institution for all funding instruments established to support South Africa's participation in the Co-funded project</td></tr>
<tr><td>Useful Links</td><td colspan="2">Upon email request to the National Contact Points or information can be accessed on the following link: https://www.esastap.org.za/.</td></tr>
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SPAIN

	Funding Organisation:	GOBIERNO DE ESPAÑA MINISTERIO DE CIENCIA E INNOVACIÓN CDTI INNOVACIÓN
National Contact Point (NCP)	**Name:**	**Email and Phone:**
	Héctor González	partenariadosHE@cdti.es
Funded modalities	Joint Transnational Call (JTC) ☒	
	Early Career Researchers Call (ECR) ☐	
	We do NOT fund the Early Career Researchers Call	
Eligible Institutions	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.	
Eligible Applicants	For-profit enterprises (large or SMEs) established and carrying out RTDI activities in Spain.	
Eligible Costs	Projects should support transnational collaboration; therefore, no single participant or country can exceed 70% of the total project costs. Eligible costs • 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 EUR per year/beneficiary, travel costs associated with the implementation of the project, (8.000 EUR max. for the duration of the project). Overheads (indirect costs as a percentage of personnel costs) are calculated automatically by CDTI´s electronic submission system.	

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Please note that non-technological activities e.g. developing new business models, are excluded from CDTI funding.
R&D activities to be financed must belong to TRL 4-7 range and be implemented in Spain.</td></tr>
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<tr><td>400.000 EUR</td><td>N/A</td></tr>
<tr><td>Other Funding Criteria</td><td colspan="2">A minimum financeable budget of 200.000 EUR is recommended.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Relevant documents</td><td colspan="2"><u>Each Spanish company participating in a project and requesting funding from CDTI, must apply via CDTI´s electronic submission system</u> (https://sede.cdti.gob.es).
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 Type of research funded and Eligible costs sections in this table).
<u>Deadline to complete CDTI´s application process: The same end date as the first phase international application.</u>
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.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Additional Info</td><td colspan="2">The CDTI will finance up to 70% of the project budget through grants.

<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></td></tr>
<tr><td>Useful Links</td><td colspan="2">https://www.cdti.es/</td></tr>
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SPAIN

	Funding Organisation:	Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI)
National Contact Point (NCP)	**Name:**	**Email and Phone:**
	Maja Kolar	**water4all.aei@aei.gob.es**
Funded modalities	Joint Transnational Call (JTC) ☒	
	Early Career Researchers Call (ECR) ☒	
	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.	
Eligible Institutions	**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 2024-1 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.	
Eligible Applicants	**Principal Investigators (PIs)** requesting funding to the AEI must: • Be eligible in the corresponding PCI call (see PCI 2024-1 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, 2024-2027, ERC Grants, European Framework Programmes or other relevant national or international programmes. **Incompatibilities:** The following must be considered when participating in different ERA-Nets, European Co-funded Partnerships (in particular DUT, Biodiversa+, PRIMA and	

	SBEP) or other international initiatives: • 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. **This means that the same PI may not apply in two or more international calls funded with PCI that are open simultaneously (e.g. DUT, Biodiversa+ and Water4All), neither can they be awarded PCI grants in two 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 **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).
Eligible Costs	• Research and innovation activities are eligible. Mere dissemination, communication or other similar activities will not be eligible unless they are supporting the research activities. • 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, including the subcontracting costs). • **Minor changes of the budget** might be accepted between the pre-proposal stage and the full proposal stage, provided that the maximum requested amount does not exceed the maximum funding per project allowed. A request of change must be submitted to the AEI at least two weeks before the deadline for submitting full proposals. • The AEI will avoid double funding (overlapping with other EU or National funding) and will not grant projects or parts of projects already funded.

	Total Amount for the Call (national contribution)	Maximum Amount Per Proposal
Funding Commitment	**1.500.000 EUR**	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. • If the consortium is NOT COORDINATED by an AEI-applicant: max. 140.000 EUR • If the consortium IS COORDINATED by an AEI-applicant: max. 220.000 EUR • 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 EUR • Additional amount of 30.000 EUR 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). **Important:** • 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 • **The direct costs (including subcontracting) in the application must be rounded to the thousands.**

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<tr><th>Example of maximum funding per proposal</th><th>CD (EUR)</th><th>CI (25%) (EUR)</th><th>TOTAL (EUR)</th></tr>
<tr><td>One AEI applicant</td><td>140.000</td><td>35.000</td><td>175.000</td></tr>
<tr><td>One AEI applicant - coordinator</td><td>220.000</td><td>55.000</td><td>275.000</td></tr>
<tr><td>Two AEI applicants- one coordinator</td><td>260.000</td><td>65.000</td><td>325.000</td></tr>
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• Additional amount of 30.000 EUR maximum (direct costs) and the corresponding indirect costs can be requested per proposal if the work plan includes substantial experimental tasks carried out by the AEI applicants. Substantial experimental tasks are those required for the development of observational or experimental research projects. For instance, ecosystem sampling, design and execution of experiments, obtention of new data sets, use of analytical procedures for the quantification of physical, chemical, geological, or biological variables.
Tasks in which existing data are used or re-analyzed exclusively will not be considered substantial experimental tasks. Those tasks will be considered desk and not experimental research projects.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Other Funding Criteria</td><td>• 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).
• 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.
• 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.
• 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.
• All themes in this transnational call are eligible for funding.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Relevant information and documents</td><td>Funding Programme:
The framework for this funding action is the Plan Estatal de Investigación Científica, Técnica e Innovación 2024-2027. On a national level, the Call will be</td></tr>
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	managed by the Subdivisión de Programas Científico-Técnicos Transversales, Fortalecimiento y Excelencia (STRAN) of the AEI. **Funding Instrument:** The instrument funding the Spanish groups requesting funding to the AEI is the corresponding Spanish national call "Proyectos de Colaboración Internacional" (PCI) (to be published in due time). **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.
Additional Info	**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".
Useful Links	As a reference, the applicants are strongly advised to read the call text of **the PCI 2024-1 ("Resolución de 19 de febrero de 2024")** 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.

SWEDEN

	Funding Organisation:	**Formas – A Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development**
National Contact Point (NCP)	**Name:**	**Email and Phone:**
	Osman Tikansak	Osman.Tikansak@formas.se
Funded modalities	Joint Transnational Call (JTC) ☒	
	Early Career Researchers Call (ECR) ☒	
Eligible Institutions	Universities, research institutes, private companies, private and public organisations that engage in economic activity, public authorities, and NGOs. State aid rules apply when Formas provides grants to companies and other organisations engaged in economic activity. The applicant must be a Swedish legal entity. Specifications: Economic activity is generally defined as any activity consisting in offering goods or services on a given market. If an organisation falls in the economic activity category, then state aid rules apply. Please find more information on State aid rules below!	
Eligible Applicants	The main applicant in the Swedish project group does not need to be a researcher with a PhD, or from a research-performing organisation. However, at least one partner in the Swedish project group must have a PhD and be employed by a research-performing organisation. In the international submission platform you can have more than one Swedish partner together with a Swedish coordinator if you also take this role. However, there is a limit of the numbers of partners in each consortium. All applicants from Sweden will be calculated as differnt partners in the consortium.	
Eligible Costs	Formas' standard eligibility criteria apply. Please see Formas' general instructions: How it works - Formas VAT should not be included in the budget figure. Please note that all costs must be submitted in Euros (EUR) in the international submission platform for both pre and full proposals. If your proposal is invited to submit a full proposal, at the second stage, you must also submit a full	

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<tr><td></td><td colspan="2">proposal in Swedish crowns (SEK) in the Swedish submission platform Prisma. You will then use the historic exchange rate (EUR to SEK) from the date when the first step for pre-proposals close. Formas will inform the applicants about the exact exchange rate that they should use when it is time to submit a full-proposal to Prisma.</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="2">Funding Commitment</td><td>Total Amount for the Call (national contribution)</td><td>Maximum Amount Per Proposal</td></tr>
<tr><td>1.800.000 EUR</td><td>250.000 EUR per project and 300.000 EUR if the coordinator is from Sweden</td></tr>
<tr><td>Other Funding Criteria</td><td colspan="2">-</td></tr>
<tr><td>Relevant documents</td><td colspan="2">-</td></tr>
<tr><td>Additional Info</td><td colspan="2">It is a transnational eligibility requirement of this call that applications are written in English. You should write the application in English since the expert panel consists of international reviewers. Swedish applicants are also able to provide an additional Swedish version of their application. For additional applications, or parts of applications written in Swedish, these can be translated by professional translators into English. In such cases, it will not be possible for applicants to view or make linguistic adjustments to the application after it is translated and submitted to the expert panel for assessment. All scientific publications resulting from projects funded by Formas must be published using immediate open access (OA).

Swedish applicants who have submitted a pre-proposal to the Water4All Partnership (the international submission platform) and are invited to submit a full proposal at the second stage, will be contacted by Formas for further information on how to register their full proposals with Formas' system Prisma. Swedish applicants in the same project consortium must apply in Prisma under one single project application after they have been invited (full proposal).

Project duration is 3 years.

Reports are to be submitted according to the regulations of both the Water4All Partnership and FORMAS.

Additional information on state aid rules
The provisions enabling Formas to provide funding to organisations are contained in the Swedish Government's Regulation (2017:195) on state aid for research and development and innovation in the environment, agricultural sciences and spatial planning. It is based on the European Commission's General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER) 651/2014 Article 25. Further information is provided via the links below:</td></tr>
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- Terms and Conditions for Grants - Formas
- State aid regulations – for private and public organisations that engage in economic activity – Formas

Applicants who would be receivers of state aid, in case funding is approved by Formas, need to be aware that the legal requirements for transparent reporting of state aid have been changed in 2023. This means that approved state aid which amounts to 100.000 EUR or more to one Project Party (or if the project concerns primary agriculture sector or fishery and aquaculture sector 10.000 EUR), must be reported openly within the EU. Formas is responsible for this reporting. Those who submit an application are considered to be informed about this requirement of reporting and are considered to approve that this reporting will be made above the legal thresholds.

Applicants engaged in economic activities are strongly advised to find the latest updated information on state aid rules on Formas' web page. State aid regulations – for private and public organisations that engage in economic activity – Formas

Funding rates

For an explanation of the numbers within brackets, see (in Swedish): Stödnivåer enligt Formas stödordning.pdf

Maximum funding percentages:

Organisation type	Basic research	Industrial research/Applied Research	Experimental development/ Innovation
Large Enterprises (GBER) Article 25	100%	50% (65%)	25% (40%)
Medium Enterprises (GBER) Article 25	100%	60% (75%)	35% (50%)
Small Enterprises (GBER) Article 25	100%	70% (80%)	45% (60%)
Universities, public research organisations Public authorities	100%		
Associations without economic activities, NGOs	100%		
Associations* with both economic and non-economic activities, who apply for aid only for non-economic activities	100%		

*Such applicants must be aware, that if the funding is used in the economic activity of the association, funding will be reclaimed in full with interest.

Please consult the "State aid regulations" webpage for details and documents regarding these funding rates. State aid regulations – for private and public organisations that engage in economic activity – Formas

Useful Links	**www.formas.se**

SWITZERLAND

	Funding Organisation:	**Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF)**
National Contact Point (NCP)	**Name:**	**Email and Phone:**
	Martina Kern	**water4all@snf.ch** **+41 31 308 23 24**
Eligible Institutions	Applicants must comply with the SNSF Funding Regulations.	
Eligible Applicants	Applicants must comply with the SNSF Funding Regulations.	
Eligible Costs	**Eligible costs** are outlined in the SNSF Funding Regulations (Art. 28) and the SNSF General Implementation Regulations (Section 2). **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.	
Funding Commitment	**Total Amount for the Call (national contribution)**	**Maximum Amount Per Proposal**
	1.500.000 CHF **(about 1.500.000 EUR)**	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). Applicants should bear in mind that **the SNSF anticipates funding between 3 and 5 projects** under this call.

Other Funding Criteria	**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 purposes or if the persons involved in the research work do not enjoy scientific independence. **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. 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). **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).
Relevant documents	
Additional Info	**Mandatory, parallel submission of pre- and full-proposal via mySNF** Swiss partners must submit pre-proposals and full proposals **via *my*SNF** 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. **Pre-proposal** forms are created by selecting "Projects: Partnership: Water4All: Pre-proposal". **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". **In case of multiple Swiss partners participating in the same consortium**, only one application is to be submitted on *my*SNF, whereby one Swiss partner must act as "corresponding applicant" and the other Swiss partners are to be listed as "other applicants". **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 *my*SNF, they are to be declared as "consortium partners" instead and must apply for their funding at their respective research funding organisation. **Data management plan** Applicants will have to complete the DMP on *my*SNF 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. **Consortium agreement** Before the release of the funds, the SNSF requests the submission of a copy of the consortium agreement signed by all the partners. **Grant management** 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 *mySNF.* 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.
Useful Links	Information available at: • SNSF Funding regulations • General Implementation Regulations • SNSF Regulations on Project Funding

TUNISIA

	Funding Organisation:	**Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research - MHESR** Tunisian Republic Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research
National Contact Point (NCP)	**Name:**	**Email and Phone:**
	Mrs. Hayet Souai Mrs. Saida Rafrafi	Hayet.Souai@mes.rnu.tn souaihayet@gmail.com Tel: +216 71 835 351 saida.rafrafi@mesrs.tn coopint2@gmail.com Tel: +216 71 835 351
Funded modalities	Joint Transnational Call (JTC) ☒	
	Early Career Researchers Call (ECR) ☐	
	We do NOT fund the Early Career Researchers Call	
Eligible Institutions	The Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (MHESR) will fund activities, which will be carried out by research teams belonging to one or more MHESR research structures. This call is open to Tunisian public research entities: - institutes or centres and universities - laboratory / units of research - SMEs, NGO, …. are encouraged to participate in the project but they are not eligible to receive funding from MHESR)	
Eligible Applicants	The Tunisian principal investigator of the project should be: - Professor; - Associate Professor.	
Eligible Costs	Eligible costs are those spent directly by the project partner during the duration of the project and used exclusively for 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 allocated budget the following expenses would be eligible: – Travel and daily allowances,	

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– Service contracts and research contracts (non-permanent staff),
– Organization and participation in the scientific events and meetings.
– Publication and filing fees required (scientific publications, filing of patents),
– Expenses for carrying out analyses and processing samples.</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="2">Funding Commitment</td><td>Total Amount for the Call (national contribution)</td><td>Maximum Amount Per Proposal</td></tr>
<tr><td>400.000 EUR</td><td>100.000 EUR/proposal</td></tr>
<tr><td>Other Funding Criteria</td><td colspan="2">- The acquisition of computer and office equipment is an ineligible expense</td></tr>
<tr><td>Relevant documents</td><td colspan="2">No</td></tr>
<tr><td>Additional Info</td><td colspan="2">- The conditions of execution and financing of the projects upon the completion of the selection process shall be defined in the national grant award agreements, where the PI of the selected project for financing will sign an agreement with the MHESR/General Directorate of Scientific Research.
- If several Tunisian partners are in the same project, the budget will be shared between them.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Useful Links</td><td colspan="2">www.mes.tn</td></tr>
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TÜRKİYE

	Funding Organisation:	**TÜBİTAK**
National Contact Point (NCP)	**Name:**	**Email and Phone:**
	Çağrı YILDIRIM **Meltem ÜNLÜ TOKCAER**	water4all@tubitak.gov.tr +90 312 298 1884 +90 312 298 1788
Funded modalities	Joint Transnational Call (JTC) ☒	
	Early Career Researchers Call (ECR) ☐	
	The national eligibility rules for the proposals applying in the Joint Transnational Call are stated in this national annex. We do NOT fund the Early Career Researchers Call	
Eligible Institutions	• 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.	
Eligible Applicants	• 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.	
Eligible Costs	• Personnel Expenses (For private sector only) • Consumable Expenses • Travel Expenses	

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- 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)

A balanced distribution between the project budget items is required.
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<tr><td rowspan="2">Funding Commitment</td><td>Total Amount for the Call (national contribution)</td><td>Maximum Amount Per Proposal</td></tr>
<tr><td>500.000 EUR</td><td>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 (200.000 EUR/project is foreseen, for public organizations and universities PPI+Overhead will be added)</td></tr>
<tr><td>Other Funding Criteria</td><td colspan="2">The national call text needs to be followed.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Relevant documents</td><td colspan="2">https://tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/mevzuat/yonetmelik_iii_2_0.pdf

https://tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/2024-07/ARDEB_Idari_Mali_Esaslar_66YK_islenmis.pdf

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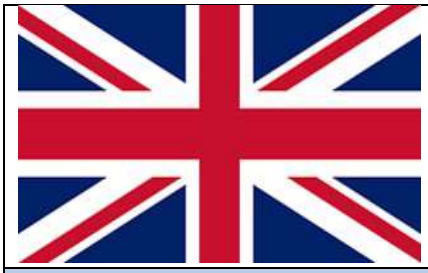
UNITED KINGDOM

	**Funding Organisation:**	UK Research and Innovation
National Contact Point (NCP)	**Name:**	**Email and Phone:**
	Maria Calderon Munoz Andy Lawrence	TeamEngineering@epsrc.ukri.org
Funded modalities	Joint Transnational Call (JTC) ☒	
	Early Career Researchers Call (ECR) ☐	
	We do NOT fund the Early Career Researchers Call	
Eligible Institutions	Only Research Organisations eligible for UKRI funding can apply. For more information go to: Eligibility as an organisation – UKRI	
Eligible Applicants	For UK applicants, the standard UKRI eligibility criteria apply. More information can be found here: Eligibility as an individual – UKRI	
Eligible Costs	UKRI uses the Full Economic Cost (FEC) model of funding and typically fund 80% of the total cost of research projects. This means that for the majority of eligible costs, UKRI will provide 80% of the total cost of the research that will be funded through this call. For eligible costs please see: Costs you can apply for – EPSRC – UKRI All figures in the application call template should be provided at 100% of the Full Economic Cost for the UK budget, except the 'Funding requested in EUR' amount which should state the amount UKRI will be contributing to the project costs. Because of the funders' cost eligibility regulations, the total cost of a project will be greater than the amount of funding allocated.	
Funding Commitment	**Total Amount for the Call (national contribution)**	**Maximum Amount Per Proposal**
	£500.000 - 80% FEC (approx €590.000)	£160.000 - 80% FEC (approx €190.000)

Other Funding Criteria	• We will **only** fund the following topics: Topic 1: Enhancement of water circularity in industries. Topic 3: Resource recovery and valorization. • Proposals focusing on Topics 2 and 4 are not eligible for funding. • The majority of the research of the UK component should be within EPSRC's remit. More information can be found here: EPSRC remit – EPSRC – UKRI • Applicants are encouraged to contact EPSRC to discuss remit before submiting the proposal. • In line with UKRI funding guidelines, proposals will be funded at 80% FEC. • PhD studentships cannot be included.
Relevant documents	
Additional Info	Only successful candidates will need to submit their proposals to UKRI's funding system, TFS.
Useful Links	https://www.ukri.org/ https://www.ukri.org/councils/epsrc/

PRE-PROPOSAL TEMPLATE

The Pre-proposal template for the 1st step of the Water4All 2024 Joint Transnational Call has been published on 12th September 2024 on the Water4All website (https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/sites/www.water4all-partnership.eu/files/2024-09/Pre-Proposal-template_Water4All_JTC2024.pdf)

PRE-PROPOSAL APPLICATION FORM

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

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;*
- *Only the coordinator can create the account in the EPSS PT Outline, enter, edit and save the electronic forms, add partners to the consortium, upload the project description and submit the proposal. The coordinator should be especially diligent when entering the partner data to avoid any potential errors.*

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

Please also consult Funding Organisations' rules advertised in Water4All JTC2024 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 A 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 1. However, the CS can only ensure responses to email support requests up to 12:00 CEST.

Call for transnational research projects on *Water for Circular Economy*

Main project data

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

Modality	JTC or ECR
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	*(estimation in the 1st quarter 2026)*
Project duration (months)	*The duration is 36 months*

1. *Administrative details*

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

You will have to provide in this section information on the coordinator.

There are 2 categories of Partners:

1. *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 applicable.*
2. *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 applicable.*			
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	
Nationality			
Career Stage[1]	*To be chosen among:*		

[1] 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)

(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[2]			Status: Private or Public?		*Choose between:* Private Public
Participant Organisation Type	*Choose between:* HES, REC, PRC, PUB, OTH[3]	Small or Medium-sized Enterprise (SME status):	*Choose between:* YES, NO	Statistical Classification of Economic Activities (NACE)[4]:	
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			*Choose between:* On permanent position On fixed-term position		
			If on fixed term position:		
			- Duration of contract:		
Other team member involved in the project*					

[2] 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

[3] 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).

[4] 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#

Team member: Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email, 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

Partner A					
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		
Nationality					
Career Stage	*To be chosen among:* 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[5]			Status: Private or Public?		*Choose between:* Private Public
Participant Organisation Type	*Choose between:* HES, REC, PRC, PUB, OTH[6]	Small or Medium-sized Enterprise (SME status):	*Choose between:* YES, NO	Statistical Classification of Economic Activities (NACE)[7]:	
Division / Department / Unit or Laboratory					

[5] 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

[6] 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).

[7] 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#

Street name and number					
PO Box		Postal code		Cedex	
Town		Country			
Employment status information		*Choose between:* On permanent position On fixed-term position			
		If on fixed term position:			
		- Duration of contract:			
Other team member involved in the project*					
Team member: Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email, 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.

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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)*
Topic 4	Sum for topic 3
- Subtopic 4.1	*(percentage)*
- Subtopic 4.2	*(percentage)*
- Subtopic 4.3	*(percentage)*

Total *(it must be 100%)*	100%

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 EPSS PT Outline. ***Max. 7 pages*** *– including title and citations – Arial font, 11pts, single spaced, margins of 1.3 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 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 EPSS PT Outline, 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	
Funding organisation(s) to which you are applying for funding[8]		*To be selected on the list of Funding organizations*	

[8] Please indicate to which Funding Organisation you are requesting funds

items	Total cost (in Euro including VAT depending on national rules)	Funding requested (in Euro, including VAT depending on national rules)[9]	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[10]			*Calculated by Online Submission Tool*
Travel			*Calculated by Online Submission Tool*
Other Costs	**category not available in the submission tool this category is only needed for the full-proposal**		*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

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

WORKLOAD DISTRIBUTION

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)

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

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

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

NB: 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 pre-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) 2020/852You can find more information on what is considered as doing significant harm to the above objectives in the following note: DNSH technical guidance, amended October 2023 - European Commission (europa.eu).

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? [11]		
Climate change adaptation: Is the measure expected to lead to an increased adverse impact of the current climate and the		

[11] 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.

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: (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?		
The transition to a circular economy, including waste prevention and recycling: Is the measure expected to: (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)?		
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: (i) significantly detrimental to the good condition (5) and resilience of ecosystems; or (ii) detrimental to the conservation status of habitants and species, including those of Union interest?		

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

(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: 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 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
If applicable - Explain in detail the identified issues in relation to: *- 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…)*

COMPLIANCE WITH ETHICAL PRINCIPLES AND RELEVANT LEGISLATIONS
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.

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.

5. CV Coordinator and Principal Investigators

NB: A CV of the Coordinator and of the Principal Investigators must be uploaded in the EPSS PT Outline as pdf. Please use the following template to create the respective CV:

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 2019-2024, if any: <…> <…> <…> <…> <…>

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 national, 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 in line with the guidelines to ethical aspects of the Horizon Europe Programme

The final step is to press the "Submit now"-button. After that, A SUBMITTED PRE-PROPOSAL EXISTS. Once the pre-proposal is submitted you cannot perform any changes to your project.

ANNEX 1

WATER4ALL
JOINT TRANSNATIONAL CALL 2024: "Water for Circular Economy"

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 stakeholders' engagement, 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 2024 Joint Transnational Call has been published on 28th February 2025 on the Water4All website (https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/sites/www.water4all-partnership.eu/files/2025-02/Water4All_2024_JTC_Full-proposal%20template.pdf)

FULL-PROPOSAL APPLICATION FORM

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 EPSS PT-Outline - Electronic Proposal Submission System (EPSS). The format of the proposal application form will be adapted to fit the EPSS PT-Outline.

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 Partner Organisations' (FPOs) rules advertised in Water4All JTC 2024 Call Announcement which are compulsory. ***Applicants are strongly advised to contact their respective FPO (see list in Annex A) and to confirm their eligibility with their FPO 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 FPO 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 FPO. Participants shall contact the call secretariat via e-mail and their FPO via the contacts reported in Annex A 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 (except if formally requested by the CS: 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.

Call for transnational research projects on *Water for Circular Economy*

Main project data

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Modality	JTC or ECR
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	*(1st quarter 2026)*
Project duration (months)	*The duration is 36 months*

1. *Administrative details*

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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:

1. *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.*
2. *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* *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	
Nationality			
Career Stage[1] *(optional)*	*To be chosen among:* Category A: Top grade researcher Category B: Senior researcher Category C: Recognised researcher Category D: First stage researcher		
Website			

Participant Identification Code (PIC) of the organisation[2]			Status: Private or Public?		*Choose between:* Private Public
Participant Organisation Type	*Choose between:* HES, REC, PRC, PUB, OTH[3]	Small or Medium-sized Enterprise (SME status):	*Choose between:* YES, NO	Statistical Classification of Economic Activities (NACE)[4]:	
Registered Office address of the research organisation / company					
Street name and number					
PO Box		Postal Code		Cedex	
Town			Town		

[1] 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)

[2] 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

[3] 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).

[4] 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			*Choose between:* 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, Career Stage					
Team member 2: Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email, Career Stage					
…….					
Team member N: Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email, Career Stage					
* *Please include up to team members to be involved in the project, would they be funded or not by your FPO. 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

Partner A				
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		
Nationality		Nationality		
Career Stage	*To be chosen among:* 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?		*Choose between:*

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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)*
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)*
Topic 4	Sum for Topic 4 (%)
- Subtopic 4.1	*(percentage)*
- Subtopic 4.2	*(percentage)*
- Subtopic 4.3	*(percentage)*

Total *(it must be 100%)*	100%

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) Project coordination and management; j) Time schedule and working programme (use a Gantt chart or equivalent); k) exploitation and dissemination of results including stakeholders' engagement, open science practices, sharing and management of research outputs and Data management approach 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 EPSS PT-Outline. ***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.

3. *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 FPO and their indicative repartition between the different categories of costs, i.e. personnel (including permanent salaries depending on FPOs' rules), equipment, consumables, subcontracts, travels, other costs and overheads. Please make sure to follow your FPOs' rules for the determination of the eligible costs and the requested funding calculation. Please note that some FPOs cannot provide a funding equal to 100% of eligible costs. For questions, contact your FPO Contact Point.

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

The column own funding will be filled in automatically by EPSS PT-Outline, it includes all the expenses which are not covered by the FPO (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	
Funding partner organisation(s) to which you are applying for funding[8]		*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)[9]	Own funding (equal to the difference between total cost and funding requested)
Personnel			*Calculated by PT-Outline*
Equipment			*Calculated by PT-Outline*
Consumables			*Calculated by PT-Outline*
Subcontracting[10]			*Calculated by PT-Outline*
Travel			*Calculated by PT-Outline*
Other Costs			*Calculated by PT-Outline*
Overhead			*Calculated by PT-Outline*
Total	*Calculated by PT-Outline*	*Calculated by PT-Outline*	*Calculated by PT-Outline*

[8] Please indicate to which Funding Partner Organisation you are requesting funds

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

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

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

Workload distribution

Total person month	
Coordinator	Person Months
Partner 1	Person Months
Partner 2	
Partner 3	
….	
	Tot PM

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)

In case of a self-funded partner, please indicate how its participation to the project will be funded. Please give the name of the partner, the country and the funding source.

Consortia with self-funded partners must upload the Letter of commitment on the available resources of self-funded partner.

4. Declaration of changes between proposals and full proposals

Please refer to paragraph 6.2 of the Call Text for the changes allowed between Step 1 and 2.

- *Was there any change made regarding the total budget requested to a FPO between the pre-proposal and full proposal stage?*

☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, give the name of the organisation/country of the Partner(s) concerned by the change and describe the details of the change.	Has the Funding Partner Organisation(s) already approved the change?
	Yes/No

- *Was there any change made regarding* the *consortium composition? (this question does not apply to* "team members")

☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, give the name of the organisation/country of the Partner(s) concerned by the change and describe the details of the change.	Has the Funding Partner Organisation(s) already been informed about the change?	Has the Call Secretariat already been informed about the change?
	Yes/No	Yes/No

5. 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) 2020/852You 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? [1]		
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: (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?		
The transition to a circular economy, including waste prevention and recycling: Is the measure expected to: (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 minimized by adequate measures [2]; or		

[11] 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.

(iii) cause significant and long-term harm to the environment in respect to the circular economy [3]?		
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: (i) significantly detrimental to the good condition [5] and resilience of ecosystems; or (ii) detrimental to the conservation status of habitants and species, including those of Union interest?		

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

(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 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.*

1. HUMAN EMBRYONIC STEM CELLS AND HUMAN EMBRYOS	
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
If applicable - Explain in detail the identified issues in relation to: *- 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…)*
COMPLIANCE WITH ETHICAL PRINCIPLES AND RELEVANT LEGISLATIONS
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.

(max 5.000 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 FPOs 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 FPOs 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 *EPSS PT-Outline General* Data Protection Policy and Water4All Privacy and Data Policy.

6. CV Coordinator and Principal Investigators

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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7. 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 now"-button. After that, A SUBMITTED PROPOSAL EXISTS.
Once the full proposal is submitted you cannot perform any changes to your project.

ANNEX 1

WATER4ALL
JOINT TRANSNATIONAL CALL 2024: "Water for Circular Economy"

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:

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. *Project coordination and management*
j. *Time schedule and working programme (use a Gantt chart or equivalent)*
k. *Exploitation and dissemination of results:*
    - *Stakeholders' engagement*
    - *Open science practices, sharing and management of research outputs and Data Management approach*
    - *Engagement of citizens, civil society and end users where appropriate.*

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

The Frequently Asked Questions is complementary to the Call International webinar organised on 2nd October 2024 to provide information to the applicants. It is available on the Water4All website

(https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/sites/www.water4all-partnership.eu/files/2024-10/water4all_2024jtc_faq_241009.pdf), along with the record and the slides (https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/sites/www.water4all-partnership.eu/files/2024-10/water4all_2024jtc_%20webinar_241002_vf.pdf) of the webinar.

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1. 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 2024 Joint Transnational Call (JTC) or Early Career Researcher (ECR) modality are required to address at least one of the following main topics:

- **Topic 1:** Enhancement of water circularity in industries.
- **Topic 2:** Urban water circularity.
- **Topic 3:** Resource recovery and valorization.
- **Topic 4:** Economic, environmental and social implications of water reuse and recovered products.

It is not mandatory to address all subtopics in a topic but addressing several subtopics is encouraged. At 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 I on "Water for Circular Economy: smart water value"". The cross-cutting SRIA Themes VI and VII on "International cooperation" and "Governance", respectively, should be considered as well.

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

The joint calls on complementary topics under two European Partnerships were launched in the month of September 2024:

- The DUT Partnership call 2024 with one topic on Circular Urban Economies (CUE)
- The Water4All Partnership call on Water for Circular Economy

The Water4All call supports research and innovation addressing the topic Water for Circular Economy. Subtopic 2 of this call is dealing with Urban water circularity.
The DUT call supports research and innovation addressing urban challenges to help cities in their transition towards a more sustainable economy and functioning. One subtopic of this call addresses new paradigms for urban water cycles.
Duplication of funding for the same proposal is not allowed, therefore the applicants must carefully choose the best fit for their proposals based on the scope of each call and their respective research priorities.

- For topics with a stronger water and circularity focus, applying to the Water4All 2024 Joint Transnational Call is recommended (Water4all Partnership)
- For proposals with a focus on urban planning and changes in urban water cycle paradigms, applying to the DUT Call 2024 is recommended (DUT Partnership)

1.3. 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.

1.4. How shall the projects contribute to the overall objectives defined for this call and build impact?

The proposals are expected to contribute to the general objectives of the call by addressing one or several of the subtopics described in the call text. The outcomes can be diverse, including from new knowledge, innovative tools, methodologies, and approaches to governance and management models. In all cases knowledge transfer and impact needs to be demonstrated. This interaction should be an integrated part of the project and not a separate work package.

To build impact pathways the right stakeholders should be identified and included in the proposal design from the beginning to understand their needs and receive their input (co-design). Different types of impacts may have different pathways. Ideally at least one of the stakeholders should be end-users or have an understanding of their needs, with regular feedback seen throughout the project as an integrated part of the project, not as a separate work package.

1.5. 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 reserch they are funding.

2. 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 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 co-funding 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)? Is there a favoured average size of the consortium?

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 and Switzerland.
Consortia of a maximum of **7 partners** (including a potential self-funded partner) are allowed.
Experience from the first calls for proposals shows that the size of successful consortia varies greatly. Everything from 3 to 7 partners is represented. It is therefore not possible to make a recommendation regarding the optimum size of a consortium. The number of partners depends largely on the requirements of the topic and the complexity of the work to be carried out. It should always be borne in mind that a consortium must be easy to manage so that the project objectives can be achieved.

Examples of a consortium which fulfils the minimum partner requirement:

- Consortium with partners from 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).

- Consortium with Turkey, Sweden and the United Kingdom: 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 (UK & Turkey)
- Consortium with Italy, UK 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 (UK & Italy)

2.7. Are private companies eligible to apply for the JTC? Can a private company be a coordinator of the proposal? What is the funding rate for private companies?

Yes, with regard to the general eligibility criteria private companies are eligible to apply for the JTC 2024 and they can be the coordinator of the proposal. However, on national level not all funding agencies are able to fund private companies. Also, the funding rates varies between each funding agency. Therefore, it is necessary to check the National Regulations and to contact the NCP.

2.8. Does a consortium need to include both academic partners (universities and / or research centers) and industrial partners? Is there a minimum level of involvement required from industrial partners?

No, a consortium does not need to include both. A consortium can be formed by universities only or by industrial partner only or by a consortium of both sectors.

2.9. 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. However, each legal entity is an own partner in the consortium. It is possible to have more partners from one country as far as the eligible criteria are fulfilled and the national regulations allows more than one legal entity per country.

2.10. 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.

2.11. Some countries like Belgium, 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.

2.12. 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.

2.13. Who is a self-funded partner?

Applicants coming from countries all over the world (e.g. India, Canada, Cyprus) 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 (e.g. the maximum number of partners per consortia), these partners are not subject to any national eligibility check.

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

Self-funded partners join consortia at the same conditions as 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.

2.15. My country (e.g. USA, Canada, 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).
Non-eligible partners may also be sub-contracted by eligible partners if their funding organisation rules permit it. Self-funded or subcontracted partners cannot coordinate a project.

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

UK is considered as an Associated Country (AC) of Horizon Europe. UK applicants are eligible and can participate in the call through UKRI 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 members states or from AC of Horizon Europe).

2.17. 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.

2.18. 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.

2.19. 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.

2.20. 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.

2.21. 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.

2.22. 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.

2.23. Does this call cover 100% of the expenses or is there 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.

2.24. 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.

2.25. 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.

2.26. 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.

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

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

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

Yes.

2.29. 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.

2.30. Are co-coordinators allowed?

No.

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

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

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

Duplication of funding for the same proposal is not allowed, therefore the applicants must carefully choose the best fit for their proposals based on the scope of each call and their respective research priorities.

- For topics with a stronger water and circularity focus, applying to the Water4All 2024 Joint Transnational Call is recommended (Water4all Partnership)
- For proposals with a focus on urban planning and changes in urban water cycle paradigms, applying to the DUT Call 2024 is recommended (DUT Partnership)

2.33. 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.

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

Proposals must be written in English only.

2.35. What is the project duration in this call?

The project duration is 3 years.

2.36. 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.

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

The Annex B 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 2024 Joint Transnational Call or its modalities.

2.38. 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 B of the Call Announcement.
The Water4All members are participating under equal rules and conditions as any other applicant.

2.39. 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 must indicate the date of his/her PhD defence in the CV. No national document will be required to be uploaded. However, the funding agencies may require such document to confirm the eligibility of their candidate.

2.40. 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.

2.41. 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.

2.42. 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.

2.43. 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).

2.44. Is there any age limit for the Early Career Research modality?

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

2.45. 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.

2.46. What kind of costs (indirect costs, personnel costs, consumables, equipment) can be requested for funding? How can we handle inflation rates?

Each funding performing organisation has their own rules which costs are fundable. Please check the national regulations or contact your national contact point. Since the inflation rates varies between the country it is important to contact the Funding Performing Organization how to handle this question. There is no generic answer for this question.

2.47. Are projects fully funded, or is match required from the project partners?

The funding rate can differ between the partner. It depends on the nation regulation of each FPO. We advise you to contact the NCP of your funding agency.

2.48. How should we calculate the costs?

The calculation of each partner is in accordance to the national rules. Each partner has to check the regulation of the corresponding funding performing organisation. There is no universal calculation at partnership level.

2.49. Is it possible for a consortium to have part of the project work carried out by a subcontractor?

Yes, in principle this is possible, but the national regulation NCP have to approve it.

3. BUILDING A CONSORTIUM

3.4. 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.

3.5. 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.

3.6. 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.

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

No.

3.8. 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).

4. 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 **13/11/2024 15.00 CET (Paris time).**

4.2. When is the deadline for full proposal submission?

The deadline to submit full proposals will be **29/04/2025, 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: Participants 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. What is considered a minor change to the budget?

Minor changes for the budget are changes less the 10 % of the requested budget in stage 1. However, it is recommended to contact the relevant NCP to discuss the changes of the budget regardless of the percentage.

4.13. 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.

4.14. 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.

4.15. 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.).

4.16. 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.

5. 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 2024, 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. 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?

Only the coordinator can create the account in the EPSS PT Outline, enter, edit and save the electronic forms, add partners to the consortium, upload the project description and submit the proposal. The coordinator should be especially diligent when entering the partner data to avoid any potential errors. 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?

No, but you can edit and modify your proposal at a later stage until you press the "Submit now" button. 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.

6. 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 (Anne Petzold and Simon Frank): water4all.call2024@ptka.kit.edu

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Water4All: Water security for the Planet

Information webinar
Call 2024 “Water for Circular Economy”

2 October 2024

Webinar Instruction

- The webinar is recorded and will be available on replay on the Water4All Call webpage.
- Audio available to Speakers only
- Please ask your questions using the Webex-Chat
- FAQ document will be published on the Call website in the following days

Programme of the webinar

13:30-13:45	**Introduction** 1. Quick presentation of the Water4All European Partnership 2. Functioning of a European Partnership Joint Transnational Call Speaker: Maja Kolar (AEI, Spain)
13:45-14:05	**Presentation of call topics** 3. Topics and scientific content of the call 4. Expectations towards applicants Speaker: Miguel Angel Gilarranz (UAM, Spain)
14:05-14:30	**Presentation of the call process** 5. Modalities 6. Call process and eligibility rules Speaker: Simon Frank (PTKA, Germany)
14:30-15:20	Question and Answer session
15:20-15:30	Conclusions

WATER4ALL PARTNERSHIP

Introduction

Maja Kolar, AEI

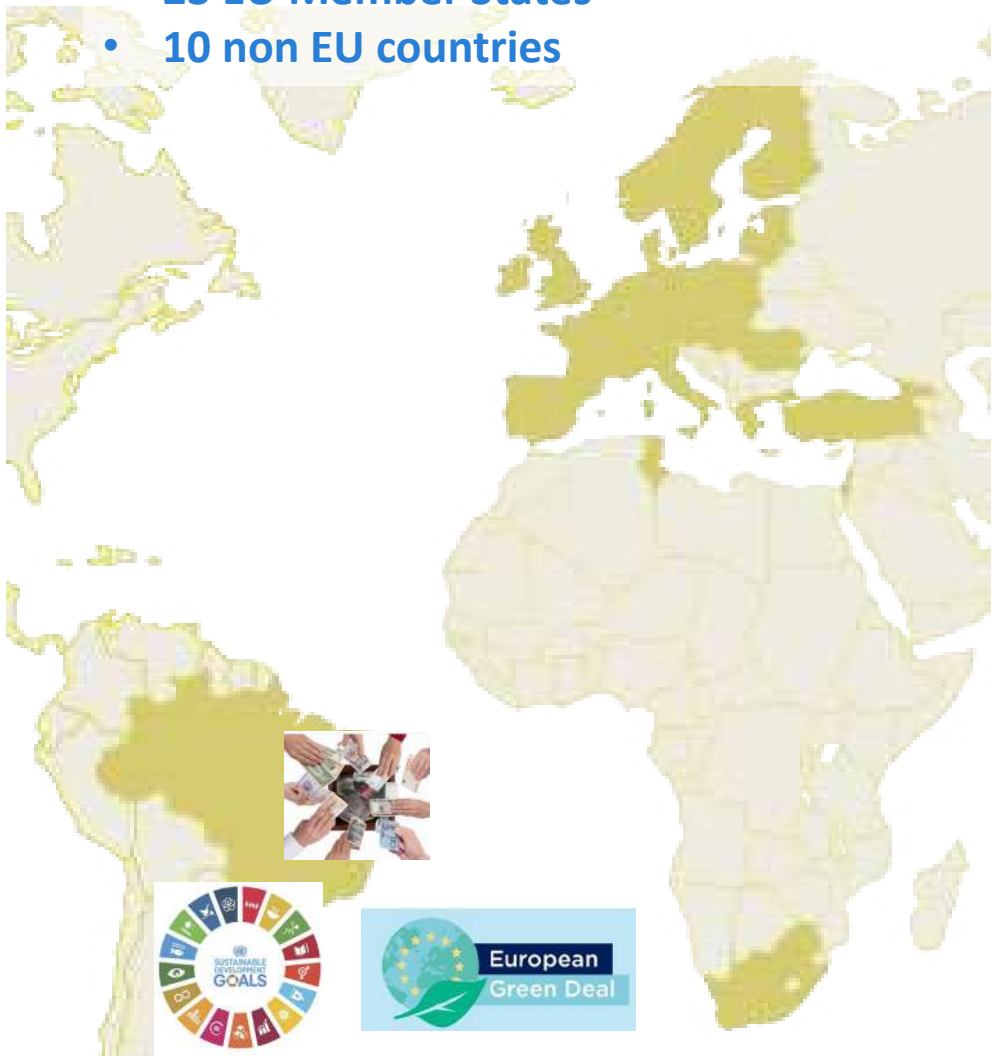
1. Quick presentation of the Water4All Partnership

Water4All Partnership

Partners

33 countries

- 23 EU Member States
- 10 non EU countries



Partnership

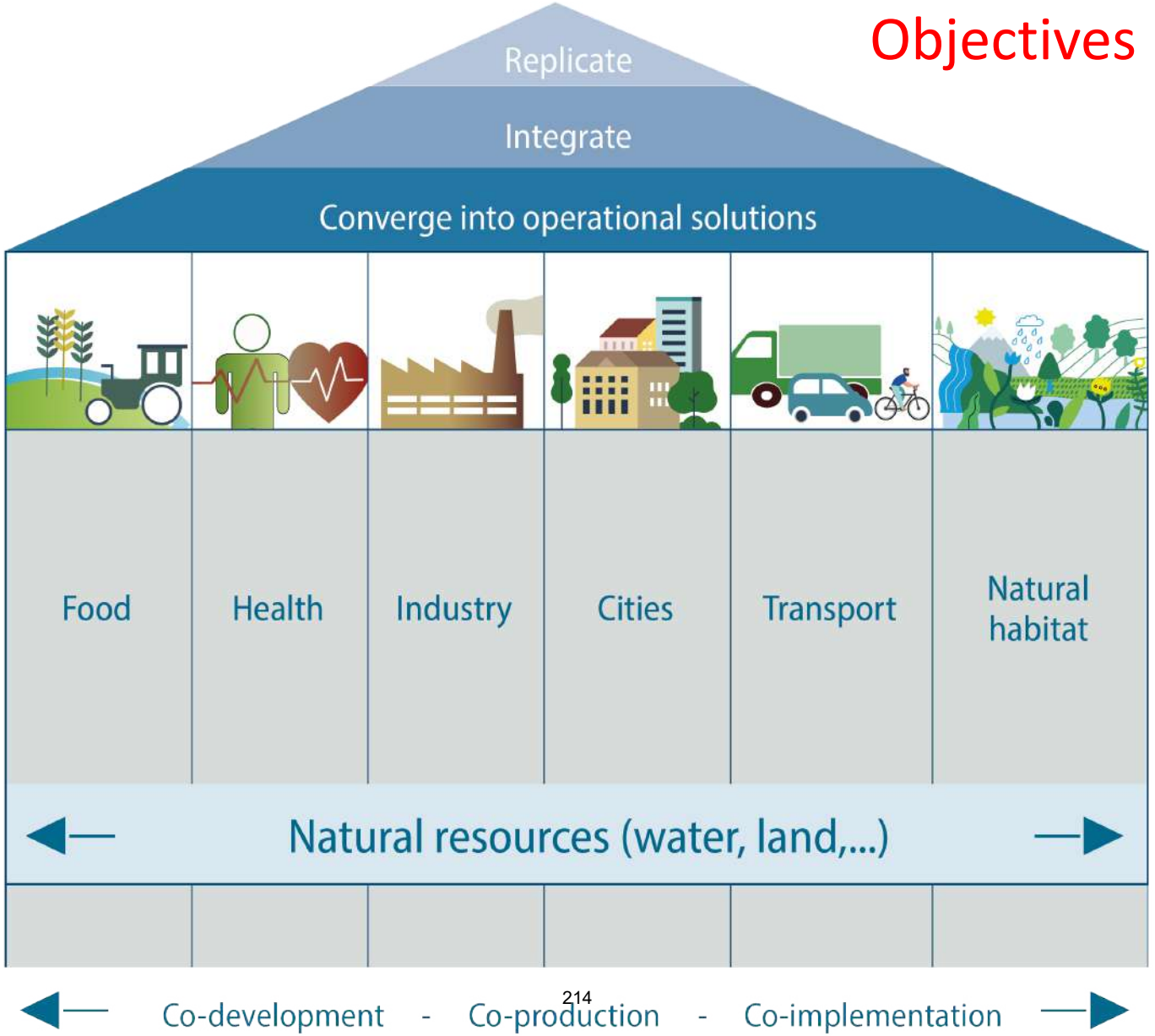
- Co-funded Partnership: instrument co-funded by the EC under the Horizon Europe framework programme
- Start: June 2022
- Variety of activities, among them 6 annual Joint Transnational Calls (in September each year) for funding excellent R&I projects

Water4All holistic approach and objectives

Four Specific Objectives

Water4All Pilars and actions

- Joint vision and SRIA
- Research and innovation development
- Science policy end-users interface
- Demonstrating solution efficiency
- Internationalisation



Water4All Outcomes

- deliver sound knowledge, tools and evidence basis on waterfor policy and 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 management

RDI themes & Strategic Research Innovation Agenda

7 core themes
25 sub-themes

- Research gaps
- Policy needs

Revision: 2025

After a large consultation process

SRIA Themes addressed through a variety of activities

2. Functioning of a European Partnership Joint Transnational Call

How does a Joint Transnational Call work?

Funding Organisation #1
Funding Organisation #2
Funding Organisation #3

…

Funding Organisation #N

+

Co-funding from the European Commission (EC)

One joint Call

- With one single joint (international) evaluation
- Funding of the best ranked top projects until the funds are exhausted

NO NATIONAL PRE- OR POST- SELECTION

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Presentation of the call topics

Miguel Angel Gilarranz (UAM, Spain)

3. Presentation of Call topics

Objectives of the 2024 Joint Transnational Call

- General Theme: Water for Circular Economy
  - New solutions to develop new circular feedstocks and value chains, increase water resource efficiency, improve water allocation, and optimize water use in water-dependent sectors.
  - Solutions should contribute to a reduction in resource interdependencies and supply of scarce resources. Water4All also wishes to contribute to the resolution of conflicts and the fair distribution and optimization of water resources, promoting synergies across water uses and needs as an alternative strategy to trade-offs strategies, and through participatory approaches and the empowering of users.
  - Barriers to the adoption of proposed solutions and the deployment of outputs, and to the impact in inland and coastal water environments.

Topic 1. Enhancement of water circularity in industries

1.1. Introducing innovative paradigms and methodologies for transitioning sectors towards circular economy models and decoupling production and water demand. This may include strategies to achieve zero liquid discharge and resource recovery.

1.2 Development of innovative processes and approaches to address minimization of water consumption, wastewater treatment for reuse, sustainable use of water sources, integration of stakeholder engagement for reuse for and among industrial actors and linkage to urban schemes.

1.3 Development of innovative monitoring procedures for process control and development of operating concepts and metrics for efficient water cycle management, compliance with regulation and standards, economic valuation, and risk assessment.

Topic 2. Urban water circularity

2.1. Enhancement of water cycle management within urban environments to increase efficiency and circularity and reduce reliance on conventional and less sustainable water supplies.

2.2 Integration of decentralized and centralized treatment systems, nature-based solutions enhancing existing systems, integration with industrial sector, harvesting and reuse of rainwater and runoff.

2.3 Novel monitoring and control methodologies. Comprehensive risk assessment strategies to mitigate potential environmental and operational risks associated with water reuse practices, ensuring compliance with applicable standards and regulations. Develop a comprehensive framework for dynamic risk monitoring and assessment to evaluate the safety and efficiency of water reuse systems under varying operational conditions and environmental impacts.

Topic 3. Resource recovery and valorization

3.1. Developing integrated approaches for recovering valuable resources from wastewater, sludges, brines, and reservoir sediments. Among others, strategies may target nutrients, metals, critical raw materials, high value products and energy.

3.2. Exploring synergies between resource recovery and water reuse in both industrial and urban contexts to maximize efficiency and sustainability.

3.3. Assessing the applicability of recovered materials for various uses, considering emerging standards and regulations for resource recovery, business models and the Life Cycle Analysis of the recovered materials across the value chain.

Topic 4. Economic, environmental and social implications of water reuse and recovered products

4.1. Conducting comprehensive assessments on the implications of circularity schemes on water environments to ensure long-term sustainability and mitigate negative impacts. This includes assessing how components coupled in a functionally and meaningful way in systems will impact the water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus. Incorporate circularity measurement and assessment with emerging standardized indicators for circularity and sustainability, to foster inclusive and equitable water resource management across all sectors. Compliance with the emerging regulations and standards, monitoring and modelling approaches and potential interventions to minimize the environmental impact may be addressed.

4.2. Identifying and assessing economic and social aspects collectively influencing stakeholders' awareness, market confidence and acceptance, social acceptance, opportunities, drivers and barriers to the creation and adoption of solutions for water reuse and resource recovery and reuse.

4.3. Developing management strategies, policy options, steering mechanisms and governance systems that facilitate the integration of circularity methodologies into existing water management frameworks while addressing economic and social concerns. Approaches may consider innovative regulatory frameworks to promote circularity.

Selected notes from Call Announcement

- At least one topic must be addressed in proposals
- 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.
- The context for the general call topics are described in **Theme I of the Water4All Strategic and Innovation Agenda (SRIA)**, “Water for Circular Economy: smart water value”.
- 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.
- Water for hydro generation, cooling and use of water in crop agriculture not eligible under topics 1, 2 and 3.
- Health aspects related to epidemiology and fate of contaminants not eligible
- Avoid duplication of funding for the same proposal in Water4All and DUT .

4. Expectations towards applicants

Proposals are expected to:

- Address clearly the call topics, alignment with objectives and impacts expected for the call
- Excellence: new knowledge; innovative tools, methodologies and approaches to governance and management
- Transfer of knowledge and impact of the outputs must be demonstrated. Contribution to the acceleration of the adoption of measures
- Multi- and interdisciplinary approaches for better definition of problems and development and delivery of solutions (not per se)
- Avoid duplication o minor variations of previous projects and actions. Proposals building on previous results must demonstrate substantial progress.
- Impact: identification and involvement of stakeholders, problem and outcome-driven proposals, verification of contribution and impacts

Evaluation criteria

- E.g.

TABLE 3: EVALUATION CRITERIA

Excellence	Impact	Implementation (Step 2 only)
Threshold: 3/5	**Threshold: 3/5**	**Threshold: 3/5**
1.1 Clarity and pertinence of the project's objectives to the Water4All JTC 2024 topics and extent to which the proposed work is ambitious, and goes beyond the state of the art. - Is the proposal clearly addressing, and has a main focus, aspects related to circularity in the use of water or the creation of water-related circular value chains? - 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…)	**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? - Are the outcomes feeding into the expected pathway?	**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 and innovation management, appropriate? - Are risks properly identified and managed? - 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**

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Presentation of the call process

Simon Frank & Anne Petzold (PTKA, Germany)

5. Call Modalities:

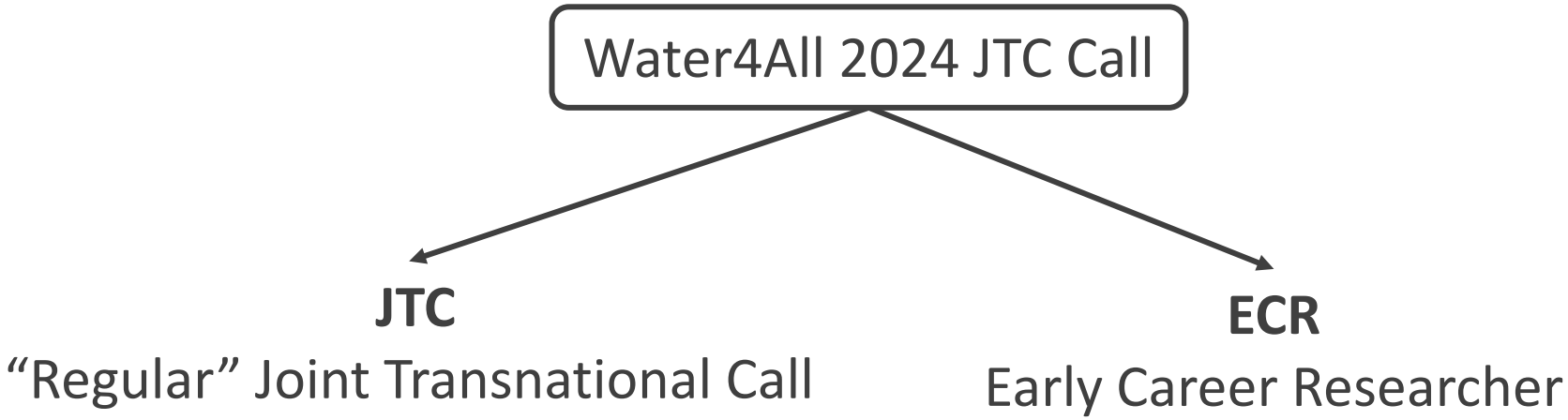
Early Career Researcher

Early Career Researcher (ECR) modality

A **Coordinator** has the possibility to apply under the ECR modality, if he/she:

- obtained their PhD less than 10 years prior to the call launch
- FPO is supporting this modality (see national regulations)

When creating the proposal, the Coordinator chooses between:



- Consortium Coordinator who meet the ECR criteria may decide whether they wish to participate in the JTC or in the ECR
- Participation in both modalities is incompatible

Early Career Researcher (ECR) modality

- **Only the coordinator** needs to comply with this criteria (Principal Investigators of other consortium partners or the team members do not need to be ECRs)
- The FPO funding the coordinator **must** participate in the ECR modality
- FPOs funding the partners in the ECR Consortium do not have to participate in the ECR modality (unless the national rules state otherwise)

- **<u>Commonality with the JTC:</u>**
  1. All other **General eligibility criteria are the same** (e.g. consortium composition)
  2. same thematic framework (**same topics**)
  3. same proposal **structure**
  4. Evaluation and ranking of the proposals (same **evaluation criteria**)
     - a unique ranking of all the proposals

- However, in their final funding decisions, **in case of equal ranking** FPOs will **prioritize the projects submitted under the ECR modality whenever possible**

6. Call process & Eligibility rules

Participating countries and rules for participation

35 Funding Performing Organisations (FPOs) from **30 countries**

~33 M€ national commitments from FPOs and EC co-funding

Applicants must comply with:

1. the general (international) eligibility criteria defined in the Call text

2. the national eligibility criteria defined by the FPOs in the national regulations
   - FPOs may have defined:
     - Maximum allowed budget per partner and/or project
     - Possibility to participate or not in the ECR modality
     - Call topics which are funded
     - Other national criteria

Participating countries/FPOs and budgets

	Country	FPO	JTC	ECR	Tentative budget
1	Austria	FWF	X		800.000 €
2	Belgium	FIO/ VLAIO	X		800.000 €
3	Belgium	FWO	X	X	700.000 €
4	Belgium	F.R.S.-FNRS	X	X	300.000 €
5	Brazil	CONFAP	X	X	1.680.000 €
6	Brazil	CNPq	X	X	100.000 €
7	Czechia	TA CR	X		300.000 €
8	Denmark	IFD	X		1.300.000 €
9	Estonia	ETAg	X		300.000 €
10	Finland	AKA	X	X	850.000 €
11	Finland	YM	X	X	150.000 €
12	France	ANR	X	X	1.700.000 €
13	Germany	BMBF	X	X	2.000.000 €
14	Greece	GSRI	X		1.000.000 €
15	Hungary	NKFIH	X		330.000 €
16	Ireland	EPA	X	X	700.000 €
17	Israel	MoE	X		tbc
18	Italy	MUR	X		2.000.000 €
19	Latvia	LZP	X		570.000 €
20	Lithuania	LMT	X	X	300.000 €
21	Luxemburg	FNR	X		350.000 €
22	Malta	MEER	X		300.000 €
23	Moldova	NARD	X	X	200.000 €
24	Netherlands	NWO	X		1.500.000 €
25	Poland	NCBR	X		1.500.000 €
26	Portugal	FCT	*tbc*	*tbc*	*tbc*
27	Slovak Republic	SAS	X		240.000 €
28	South Africa	DSI	X	X	390.000 €
29	Spain	AEI	X	X	1.500.000 €
30	Spain	CDTI	X		400.000 €
31	Sweden	FORMAS	X	X	1.800.000 €
32	Switzerland	SNSF	X		1.500.000 €
33	Tunisia	MHESR	X		400.000 €
34	Turkey	TUBITAK	X		500.000 €
35	United Kingdom	EPSRC UKRI	X		590.000 €
Estimated EU contribution (in Euro)					**6.417.900 €**
Total national commitment (in Euro)					**27.050.000 €**
Total contribution (in Euro)					**33.367.900 €**

ROMANIA (UEFISCDI) DOES NOT PARTICPATE IN THE Water4All JTC 2024 on "Water for Circular Economy". Romanian partners can only join the consortium as self-funded partners!

General eligibility rules - Consortium Composition

AT LEAST 3 ELIGIBLE PARTNERS

- Requirement: funding request to participating FPOs

AT LEAST 3 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES

MAX 7 ELIGIBLE PARTNERS
(incl. max. 1 self- funded partner)

- A self-funded partner cannot coordinate a project

- In addition, part of the eligible Partners, **at least two must be from different EU Member States or Associated Countries** participating in the call
  List of Participating Countries in Horizon Europe
- Other countries in Water4All Call: Brazil and Switzerland

General eligibility rules - Consortium Composition

The maximum number of partners from the same country within the consortium must comply with national/regional regulations

A consortium including organisations from Spain, Italy and Brazil (Non EU member BUT participating in the Call)	**Eligible** ✓ 2 different EU Member States (Spain and Italy) and Associated Countries & Partners from 3 different countries participating in the call (Brazil)
A consortium including organisations from France, Spain and Cyprus (as self-funded partner)	**Not Eligible** ✓ 2 different EU Member States (France and Spain) and Associated Countries & Partners from 3 different countries participating in the call (Cyprus is not participating in the call)

Other general eligibility rules

Consortium Coordinator (Principal Investigator - PI)

- a **Consortium Coordinator** can only participate in **one proposal of this call**
- cannot participate in any other proposal, neither as a Consortium Coordinator nor as PI of a partner
- The **Consortium Coordinator must be eligible** for funding by a FPO of this call.

Partner

In **roles other than that of a Coordinator**, the applicants can **participate in several proposals**, as long as this is in line with their funding organisation's eligibility rules

Proposal Language
English

Project duration
3 years

Workload distribution

- No partner shall have more than 50% of PM.
- Partners from the same country shall not have, altogether, more than 50 % of PM

Self-funded partners and eligibility of international research institutions

Institutions from countries not participating in the Call may join consortia only as partners (**not a coordinator**).

Max 1 self-funded partner per consortium allowed

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**

Participation will be **at the institutions' own expense**

International institutions need to investigate their respective national eligibility guidelines if they are eligible to participate as funded partners and make sure they would be able to fulfil the duties of funded projects (i.e. signature of consortium agreement)

The Joint Research Centre (JRC) can participate in a proposal as a self-funded partner

Funding organisations' financial rules and eligibitility criteria

Each National / Regional Funding Organisation funds its own national / regional team

!! Applicants must comply with their funding organisations' eligibility criteria and rules !!

(e.g. eligible budget items)

Applicants are strongly advised to approach their respective Funding organisation Contact Point to make sure they respect all the eligibility criteria and rules **!!**

Consult the Funding Organisations' Contact Points and National Regulations **in the call documents to download** on the 2024 JTC dedicated webpage

Changes allowed between pre & full proposals

!! The information given in the pre-proposals is binding !!

No major changes regarding the proposals' content will be allowed

For 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). Participants shall contact the call secretariat via e-mail and their NCP.

- **Minor change of budget** if allowed by the relevant FPO
- **No changes of coordinator** (P.I. Principal Investigator in charge) 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.

Changes in the consortium composition

A limited number of changes in the consortium composition: 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.

WHAT IS CONSIDERED AS A CHANGE?

- **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 RD&I project

In terms of procedure: The eligibility of new research Partners must be confirmed before the full proposal submission deadline. Changes must be asked first to the NCP, who needs to check the eligibility and agree with the change.

Submission procedure

Step 1

Mandatory submission of pre-proposals through the Electronic platform submission system (EPSS PT Outline) under the regular JTC or ECR modality

Eligibility Check by CS and FPO

Evaluation by independent evaluation panel (Minimum threshold, i.e., 3 out of 5 in each criterion)

Step 2

Applicants invited to step 2 have to submit a full proposal via the Electronic platform submission system

Eligibility Check by CS and FPO

Evaluation by independent evaluation panel (Threshold on the final score is 10/15)

Selection

Negotiation

Contract Agreement, Consortium Agreement

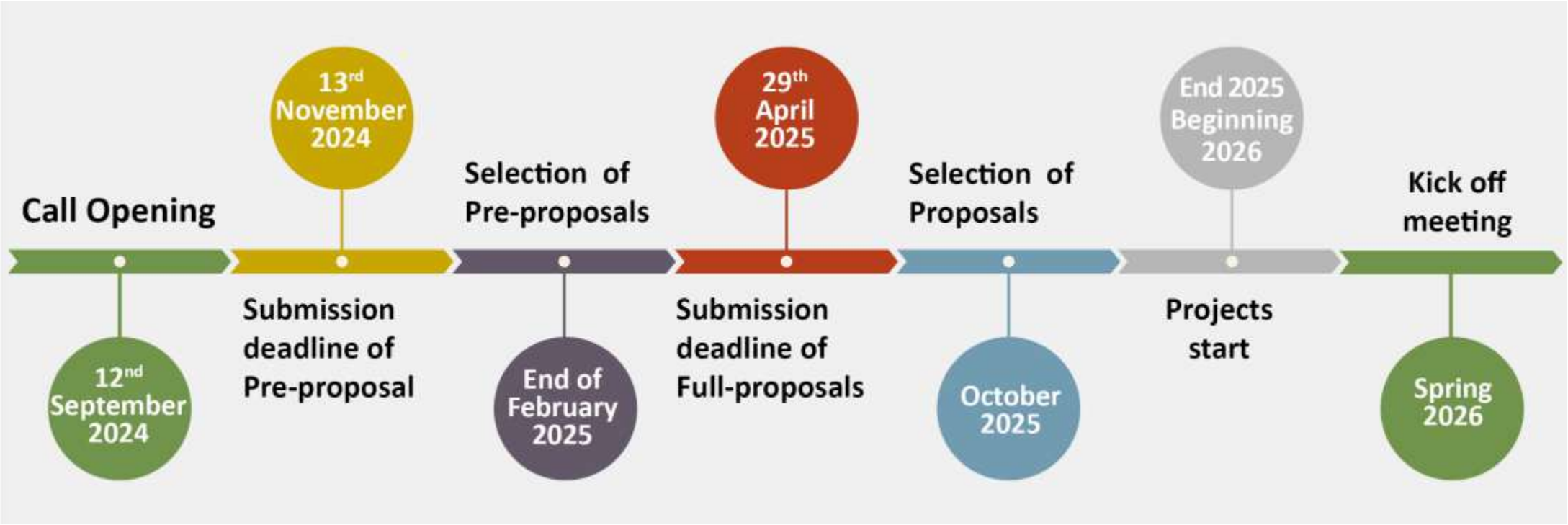
Evaluation - Step 1

1. Excellence
2. Impact
3. Implementation

Evalutation Step 2

Timeline

!! Do not wait until the last minute to submit !!

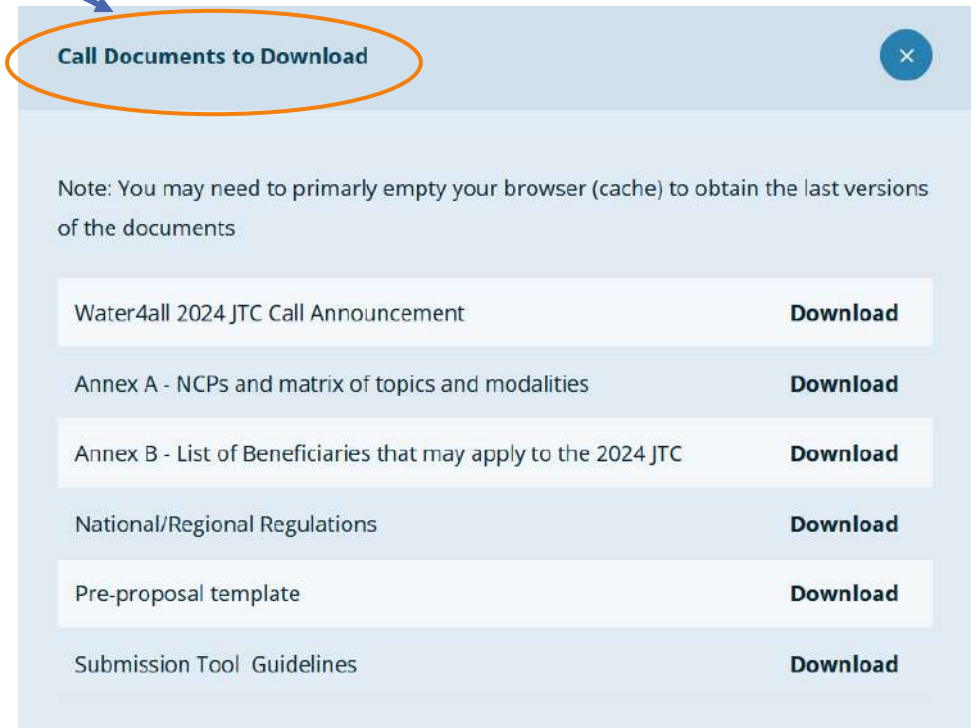


Resources available online

Water4All website dedicated section « Joints Calls / Open Calls»

https://www.water4all-partnership.eu/joint-activities/water4all-2024-joint-transnational-call

- **CALL DOCUMENTS available for download**
  - Call Announcement (call text)
  - Annex A - NCPs and matrix of topics and modalities
  - Annex B - (Only for applicants of organisations that are also involved in Water4All)
  - National Regulations
  - Preproposal Template
  - Submission Tool Guidelines
- Link to the **Online Submission Tool**
- **Partnering Tool** (If you are looking for a partner or for a project to join)
- **Coming Soon:** Webinar recording and master presentation



IMPORTANT: check the website regularly, as there may be updates on the call, including the national regulations!

Partnering Tool

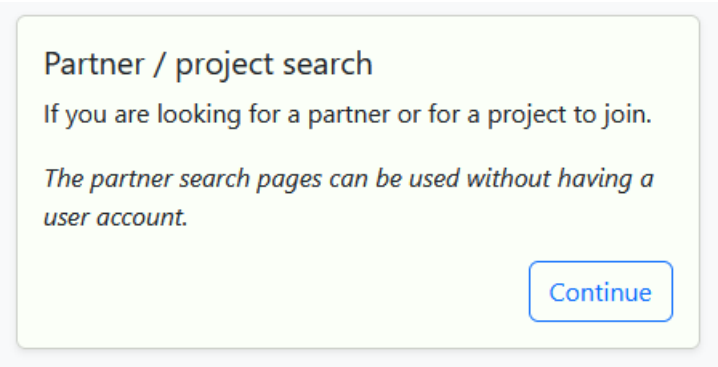
Use of the **Water4All Partnering Tool**

You simply have to fill in a Partner / Project Search form on the Partnering Tool:

https://proposals.etag.ee/water4all/2024/partner-search

Your form will be visible on the platform and you may be contacted by other applicants

- Have a look at the forms submitted through a user-friendly search function:
  search for partners or projects to join on the platform according to different criteria:
  country, call topic, keywords (already more than xx entries!)

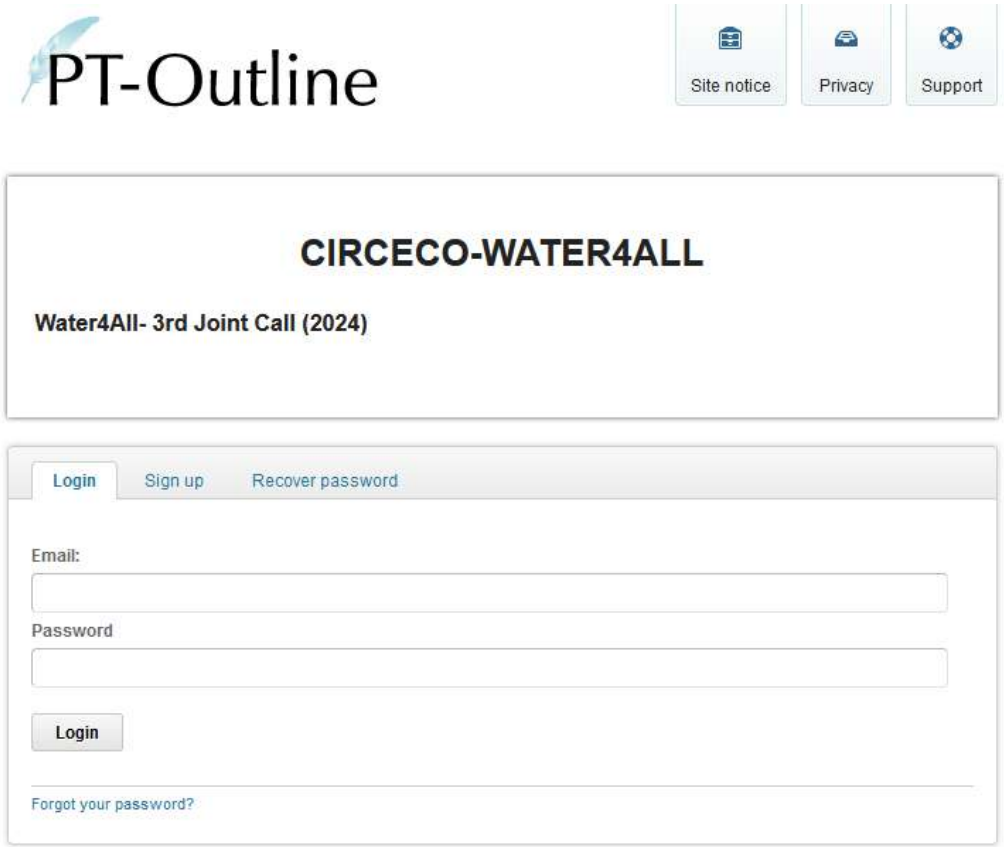


Submission Platform

Water4All Electronic platform submission system (PT-Outline)

https://ptoutline.eu/app/circeco-water4all

Submission Tool Guidelines are available on the Water4All Call-Website under “CALL DOCUMENTS available for download”



Questions

Conclusion

Thank you for your attention

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INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES FOR THE EVALUATION PANEL MEMBERS – STEP 1

The Information and Guidelines for the evaluation Step 1 of the 2024 Joint Transnational Call have been shared with the Evaluation Panel members via email.

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You were nominated to become a member of the Evaluation Panel in Step 1 of the Water4All Joint Transnational Call 2024 (JTC) on “Water for Circular Economy”. 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.

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

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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 conflict of interest, please inform the Call Secretariat 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.

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Access to the Evaluation platform

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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.

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After the EP meeting

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The pre-proposals will be shared in three groups A, B or C based on the final ranking:

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- "**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.
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Evaluation criteria

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1.1 Clarity and pertinence of the project's objectives to the Water4All JTC 2024 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?
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- 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, 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.

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?
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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.

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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

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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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INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES FOR THE EVALUATION PANEL MEMBERS – STEP 2

The Information and Guidelines for the evaluation Step 2 of the 2024 Joint Transnational Call have been shared with the Evaluation Panel members via email.

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You were nominated to become a member of the Evaluation Panel in Step 2 of the Water4All Joint Transnational Call 2024 (JTC) on “Water for Circular Economy”. 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.

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Access to the Evaluation platform

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EP meeting

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IMPLEMENTATION (STAGE 2): Threshold: 3/5

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 innovation management, appropriate?
- Are risks properly identified and managed?
- 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?

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