



Coordination of Agricultural Research  
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# National Regulations

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# ALGERIA (MESRS) NATIONAL REGULATIONS



**Ministère de l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche Scientifique  
Direction Générale de la Recherche et du Développement Technologique**

## **Nom de la partie qui finance, adresse et pays :**

Ministère de l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche Scientifique (MESRS). Direction de la Recherche Scientifique et du Développement Technologique (DGRSDT)

Adresse: 128 Chemin Mohamed Gacem, El Madania - Alger, Algérie. <http://www.dgrsdt.dz>

## **Partenaire algérien :**

Pourront bénéficier des financements, les entités de Recherche Algériennes disposant des moyens et des équipements lourds pour une meilleure prise en charge du projet proposé notamment :

- les équipes des Laboratoires et unités de recherche des Universités et Centres Universitaires,
- les équipes des Laboratoires de Recherche des Grandes Ecoles d'Ingénieur,
- les équipes des divisions des Centres de recherche (EPST).

Le partenaire algérien d'un projet doit avoir le grade de Professeur, Directeur de Recherche, Maître de Conférences A ou Maître de Recherche A.

## **Nomenclature des postes de dépenses pouvant faire l'objet de financement :**

**Le MESRS contribuera à l'Appel à Projets ARIMNet2 en prenant en charge les dépenses de fonctionnement ci-dessous :**

### **Remboursement des frais :**

- Frais de mission et de déplacement des chercheurs en Algérie et à l'étranger ;
- Rencontres scientifiques: frais d'organisation, d'hébergement, de restauration et de transport ;
- Honoraires des enquêteurs ;
- Honoraires des guides ;
- Honoraires des experts et consultants ;
- Frais d'études, de travaux et de prestations réalisés pour le compte de l'entité de recherche.

### **Matériel et mobilier :**

- Matériels et instruments scientifiques et audiovisuels ;
- Renouvellement du matériel informatique, achat accessoires, logiciels et consommables Informatiques ;
- Mobilier de laboratoire ;
- Entretien et réparation.

**Fournitures :**

- Produits chimiques ;
- Produits consommables ;
- Composants électroniques, mécanique et audio-visuels ;
- Papeterie et fournitures de bureau ;
- Périodiques ;
- Documentation et ouvrages de recherche ;
- Fournitures des besoins de laboratoires (animaux, plantes, etc. ...).

**Charges annexes :**

- Impression et édition ;
- Affranchissements postaux ;
- Communications téléphoniques, fax, télex, télégramme et Internet ;
- Autres frais (impôts et taxes, droits de douane, frais financiers, assurances, frais de stockage, et autres) ;
- Banque de données (acquisition et abonnement).

**Parc automobile :**

- Carburant et lubrifiants ;
- Location de véhicules pour travaux de recherche sur le terrain.

**Frais de valorisation et de développement technologique :**

- Frais de formation et d'accompagnement des porteurs de projets ;
- Frais de propriété intellectuelle :
  - Recherche d'antériorité ;
  - Demande de dépôt de brevet, de marque et de modèle ;
  - Dépôt de logiciel ;
  - Protection des obtentions végétales, animales et autres ;
  - Frais des mandataires.
- Frais de conception et de définition du projet à mettre en valeur ;
- Frais d'incubation ;
- Frais de service à l'innovation ;
- Frais de conception et de réalisation de prototypes, maquettes, présérie, installations pilotes et démonstrations.

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## CROATIA (KRS) NATIONAL REGULATIONS



### INSTITUT ZA JADRANSKE KULTURE I MELIORACIJU KRSA-SPLIT, CROATIA

The research and development project proposals should serve the specific objectives of the research policy of the Institute for Adriatic Crops as specified in the General Research Concept of the Strategy of the Institute (<http://www.krs.hr/en/about/research/>). The preparation, submission and implementation of the projects follow our national laws and our internal rules of the Scientific Board and Administrative Unit.

The Institute for Adriatic Crops contributes to the ARIMNet2 Call by taking in charge expenses in cash in amount of 10 000 EUR per selected project involving members of the Institute, in total 20 000 EUR.

Research groups from Croatia which do not belong to the Institute are welcome in Research Consortia. They are eligible to apply as part of a project consortium but on their own resources only. They have to provide a letter attesting that the necessary funds for the realization of the project will be available, however, they cannot coordinate a project.

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## EGYPT (ASRT) NATIONAL REGULATIONS



Academy of Scientific Research  
And Technology  
أكاديمية البحث العلمي والتكنولوجيا

### **Name of the funding Party, address and country**

Academy of Scientific Research and Technology (ASRT)

Address: 101 Kasr Al-Ainy Street, Cairo, Egypt.

### **Additional Terms of Participation for Egyptian partners:**

- This call is open to Egyptian legal entities established and based in Egypt. The Egyptian partner could be: research institutes, academic, non-academic organizations including NGOs and innovation agencies, industry, with special attention to small-medium size enterprises (SMEs).

Type of actions: this call for proposals is open to the following types of projects:

- i) Collaborative research; ii) Capacity Building; iii) experimental development, demonstration and Innovation aspects including technology transfer. Mobility and private-public partnership (PPP) are encouraged.
- The Egyptian partners of a proposal must not be considered to infringe an intellectual property right characterizing a counterfeit within the meaning of intellectual property.

### **Minimum and/or maximum funding per project:**

Egyptian applicant per project can request a minimum of 15,000€ and up to 100,000€. Egyptian applicants in joint consortia can receive up to €100,000 of funding per project.

### **Minimum and/or maximum project duration:**

Proposed projects shall not exceed 36 months

### **Number of Submitted applications:**

Each Egyptian applicant can participate in more than one proposal.

### **Conditions of funding of companies and Private Sector**

This call is also open for private sector including SMEs. Terms of funding companies are based on the local regulations of the Academy of Scientific Research and Technology, in Egypt where beneficiaries are required to either submit a Letter of Guarantee against the fund amount, or follow a post-activity milestone payment schedule.

### **Subcontracting rules**

Beneficiaries may have the possibility to subcontract third parties outside the project for specific work. Third parties shall be located in one of ARIMNET partner countries. Local regulations of each Egyptian partner shall be respected.

### **Contractual obligations:**

The conditions of execution and financing of the projects selected and funded by ASRT upon the completion of the selection process shall be defined in the grant award agreements, where the body selected for financing will sign an agreement with the Academy of Scientific Research and Technology.

### Eligible costs

- a- Incentives up to 40% of the total eligible costs
- b- Costs that are necessary for fulfilling the objectives of the project and include, but not restricted to, manufacturing of specimens & prototypes, IP protection and publication, acquiring access to specialized reference source databases or computer software, fees for use of facilities in other national institutions, etc.
- c- Materials, kits and consumables
- d- Equipment (shall be fully justified and must not exceed 25% of the total budget per Egyptian partner)
- e- Travel and subsistence costs. Daily subsistence costs are calculated according to the current governing rules of the Mission Directorate, Ministry of Higher Education, and depending on the visited country. Sometimes are limited by the host institution's internal regulations. The most economical means of transport consistent with effective pursuit of the project should be used. Upgrades to business class are to be done at one's own expense.
- f- Organisational costs of events and projects' meetings.

Indirect costs (overhead costs) can't exceed 5% of the total eligible costs for each Egyptian partner.

The funds will be transferred to the beneficiaries in two annual payments based on successful, submission and acceptance of the reports. Local terms and conditions of ASRT will be applied.

The budget of the following activities shouldn't exceed 15% of the Egyptian Applicant's requested funding: Activities that are supporting academic teaching programs, websites launch, design and development of original teaching tools.

### **ARIMNET2 National Contact Point**

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## FRANCE (ANR) NATIONAL REGULATIONS

### CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION FOR FRENCH PARTICIPANTS

1. This document sets out the conditions of participation of French partners in the 2<sup>nd</sup> call for proposals Agricultural Research In the Mediterranean Area 2 (ARIMNet 2)
2. The conditions of participation, including the criteria of acceptability, and important recommendations presented herein, come in addition to the provisions figuring in the call for proposals text: <http://arimnet2.net/>
3. It is important to read carefully the call for proposals text, the present document in its entirety, and the regulations concerning the conditions of allocation of ANR funding (<http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/RF>) before submitting a research project.

Deadline for proposals submission: **01/06/2016, 17h00 (CET)**

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### 1. Context and objectives

In connection with the different societal challenges, ANR has developed multilateral partnerships with its European counterparts under the European action framework like ERA-NET, ERA -NET COFUND or Joint Programming Initiatives (JPI). These actions are complementary to the conventional collaborative projects framework programs. In this perspective, the emphasis is given on a pluri- annual prioritization of European activities and articulation of national and European tools.



In order to simplify the rules, to facilitate collaborations and to contribute to the construction of the European Research Area (ERA), ANR is taking part of the ERA-NET ARIMNet2

The objective is to contribute to the funding of European and international projects showing scientific excellence through the support of the national teams.

The ARIMNet 2 Project (Agricultural Research In the Mediterranean Network), funded by the European Union under FP7, is aimed at coordinate National Agricultural Research Programmes to strengthen the capacities of its members for a coordinated response to the major challenges faced by Mediterranean agriculture.

Whereas agriculture in the countries around the Mediterranean is confronted with common issues and challenges, Agricultural Research in the Mediterranean is scattered and requires a coordinated effort to step up the cooperation and coordination of research activities carried out at the national level by joining forces to promote innovative research and cooperation. That is the members of the ARIMNet2 Project's purpose and ambition.

The aim of the call is to enable collaborative interdisciplinary projects by drawing on complementarities. Through this call, ARIMNet2 partners support integrated and trans-disciplinary research projects aimed at leading innovations for enhancing the agricultural and food systems' ability to sustainably contribute to social and economic development. The call will cover two topics:

Topic 1: Promoting sustainable agriculture for socio-economic development

Topic 2: Valorising local products through food value chains improvement

## 2. Submission of a proposal

On behalf an applying research consortium, the project coordinator submits online the Proposal application, providing key information on the proposed project (form A & B to be downloaded on the arimnet2 website). After proposal submission the Call Secretariat will check the formal eligibility of proposals according to the common eligibility criteria of JTC 2016. The Call secretariat will submit a list of formally eligible proposals to the funding bodies that will check the proposal eligibility according to their national and institutions' priorities.

The Deadline to submit the proposal is **01/06/2016, 17h00 (CET)**.

Coordinator should register and create an account on the online submission system (the information will be available on <http://arimnet2.net/>). An automatic ID will be attributed to his/her proposal.

On behalf the project partners, the Coordinator submits the Proposal via the on-line Electronic Submission System (Part B) and fills directly online administrative and financial forms (Part A).

A submission receipt will be issued automatically to the Coordinator.

Only one single form for Proposal is required for each project. Proposals must be completed in English.

The ARIMNet2 joint Call secretariat will be the primary point of contact throughout the application process. **Applications will be accepted only via the ARIMNet2 online submission website before the date and time of the call deadline (1<sup>th</sup> June, 2016, 17h CET).**

### 3. Eligibility

**To be eligible, proposals must respect all the following criteria:**

Eligibility for French partner (ANR):

- **The proposal must be complete**

The administrative and financial information concerning the French partners must be completed on the submission website before the deadline. No document will be accepted after the deadline. To be complete the proposal must include:

- The scientific document in pdf (part B)
- The administrative and financial information of all the French partners (part A) to be fil online.

- **Topics of the call**

Be in line with the call scope and topics described in the call text available following the link on the first page. ANR is supporting both topics.

- **Similarity with another proposal**

The French part of the project proposal must not be judged similar to a project that is already financed by the ANR. A project proposal will be judged similar to another if its principal objectives are the same, or results from a simple adaptation to the terms of the call for proposals AND the composition of the consortium is largely identical.

- **Budget**

The amount of money a project can require must be between 15 000 € and 200 000 €. If there are more than one French partner, then the 200 000 euros have to be shared. A partner cannot require less than 15 000 euros.

- **Consortium composition**

To be eligible, the consortium must include at least one French partner of a public research organization<sup>1</sup>

The association with a private partner<sup>1</sup> is encouraged but not mandatory.

<sup>1</sup> Please see the definition in the « Règlement financier » <http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/RF>).

## Specific eligibility criteria of the ERA-NET ARIMNet2:

Each project proposal must:

- Involve researchers from a minimum 3 countries funding partners of the ARIMNet2 (at least one from the EU and one from non EU countries) providing funds for this call.
- Projects should be of maximum three (3) years duration.
- Be written in English, using the ARIMNet2 Application Forms provided on the submission website (<http://arimnet-call.eu/>)
- Fit the formal requirements for proposal submission
- Be in line with the call scope and topics
- Applicant from participating countries to the ARIMNET2 call without national funding and those from countries not partners in the ARIMNet2 are welcome in research consortia, but will have to fund their own contribution to the research projects. Applicants have to provide a letter attesting that the necessary funds for the realization of the project will be available. They cannot coordinate a project nor have a vital contribution to the project. **Partners in consortia from non-funding partner countries are not taken into account in the minimum number of requirement of eligible partners and countries in the ARIMNet2 eligibility criteria**

### 4. Evaluation

Each proposal will be sent to two (2) international reviewers experts in the topics for evaluation. Additionally, each proposal will be evaluated by 2 members of the Scientific Evaluation Committee.

Both external reviewers and SEC member will evaluate the proposal according to the 5 criteria described below.

#### 4.1 CRITERIA

- **Criteria 1: Relevance to the scientific scope of this call (Relevance and strategic nature of the project with regard to the call's orientations) (yes/no). In case the proposal is not relevant to the call topics, the proposal will not be evaluated for the next criteria.**

The aim of the ARIMNet2 programme is to promote Research, Innovation, Mobility and Training between its members by supporting projects through transnational research networks, consisting of European and Mediterranean Partner Countries' (MPC) scientists. This call addresses two main topics **Promoting sustainable agriculture for socio-economic development & Valorising local products through food value chains improvement.**

- **Criteria 2: Scientific and/or technological excellence - innovation and international competitiveness of the transnational project (score 0-5).**
  - Scientific excellence in terms of progress of knowledge with respect to the state of the art, conceptual breakthrough.
  - Innovative nature in terms of technological innovation or of innovation potential with respect to the current situation.
  - Integration of the different disciplinary fields.
  
- **Criteria 3: Quality and efficiency of the implementation and the management (score 0-5).**
  - Level of scientific excellence or expertise of the teams, appropriateness of the partnership for the scientific and technical objectives.
  - Scientific and technical feasibility of the project, choice of methods, structuring of the project, rigor in presenting the final results (deliverables), identification of milestones.
  - Appropriateness of the project management means implemented, quality of the coordination plan (project management related to the functional, technical, organisational, temporal and financial aspects), involvement of the coordinator.
  - Time schedule feasibility.
  - Appropriateness and justification of the requested funding (justification of the permanent personnel resources, appropriateness of the coordination costs, justification of the temporary personnel resources (trainees, PhD students, post-doctoral researchers), evaluation of the sum for investments and equipment purchases, evaluation of the other financial items (travel, subcontracting, consumables, etc.).
  
- **Criteria 4: Potential impact: contribution to the advancement of knowledge and innovation approaches and socio-economic aspects, stakeholder involvement (score 0-5).**
  - Strategy for technology transfer and for exploiting the potential of the project results, if relevant; industrial or technological application prospects and economic and commercial potential, business plan, integration in the industrial activity. Credibility of the described technology transfer and the method for exploiting the results.
  - Potential for utilisation or integration of the project results by the scientific or industrial community or society, and impact of the project in terms of knowledge acquisition.
  - Benefit for society, public health, consideration of environmental issues.
  - Participation of stakeholders in the consortium.
  - Innovation potential of the project
  
- **Criteria 5: Contribution to capacity building, transnational activities (score 0-5).**
  - Complementarity of the partnership for the Mediterranean.
  - Actions to promote scientific and technical culture and communication.
  - Actions for the dissemination of scientific results in higher education.
  - training and mobility (for partners funded on these items by their corresponding party)

## Score description for the evaluation criteria

<b>0</b>	<b>weak</b>	The proposal fails to address the criterion under examination or cannot be judged due to missing or incomplete information.
<b>1</b>	<b>poor</b>	The criterion is addressed in an inadequate manner, or there are serious inherent weaknesses
<b>2</b>	<b>fair</b>	While the proposal broadly addresses the criterion, there are significant weaknesses.
<b>3</b>	<b>good</b>	The proposal addresses the criterion well, although improvements would be necessary.
<b>4</b>	<b>very good</b>	The proposal addresses the criterion very well, although certain improvements are still possible.
<b>5</b>	<b>excellent</b>	The proposal successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion in question. Any shortcomings are minor.

### 4.2 RANKING

The proposals will be ranked according to the result of the scientific evaluation. This list will be the base for the selection.

### 4.3 RESULTS

Projects are funded on the basis of the ranking list provided by the SEC and the availability of funds of the involved funding bodies in the ERA-NET.

## 5. Funding mechanism

Each funding agency is funding its own national teams according to their national regulation. French partners must read carefully the ANR rules described in the « règlement financier » available at <http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/RF>

The deadline for the submission of the report is determined by the ARIMNet2 call. The reports must be send to the call secretariat and to the ANR.

### Consortium agreement

The consortium agreement must be conclude for all the selected and funded projects according to the guideline for applicants (p11-12)

The consortium agreement must address (at least):

- the sharing of the intellectual property rights of the project results;
- the conditions of publication / dissemination of the results;
- the technology transfer and the exploitation of the project results.



## DEMETER's NATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS

### **Terms and conditions.**

The projects (research, development, demonstration and other) which are carried out by the Research Institutes of the General Directorate of Agricultural Research of Hellenic Agricultural Organization-Demeter should serve the specific objectives of the research policy, as specified by the relevant Scientific and Administrative boards of the Organization.

### **Eligibility**

Eligible for funding are all the Research Institutes of HAO – DEMETER. In case other Research Institutes/Organizations are willing to participate to the call, they will have to cover their total budget with their own funds.

The preparation, submission and implementation of projects, follow our national laws (e.g. National laws for travel expenses, for recruitment, for sub-contracting etc.), our Regulation for Research and Development projects and our internal rules (e.g. Decisions of the Scientific Council and the Administrative Board of Hellenic Agricultural Organization-Demeter).

### **Funding**

According to Decision of our Board, HAO - Demeter will fund both topics in total with the amount of 70.000 € in cash and 70.000 € in kind. There will be special preference in any of the selected topics.

Admitted costs

Eligible are the costs which are defined by HAO – DEMETER internal regulations for projects' implementation.

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# ITALY (MIPAAF) NATIONAL REGULATIONS



MIPAAF is funding both topics of the call:

- Topic 1: Promoting sustainable agriculture for socio-economic development
- Topic 2: Valorising local products through food value chains improvement

Fishery and Aquaculture are not supported.

MIPAAF rules (DG DISR IV acting as funding body) for eligibility and allocation of the financial contribution is given under the framework of the User's Manual which applicants must refer to (D.M. 6387/2010) at:

<http://www.politicheagricole.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDPagina/3959>),

A summary of these rules is hereafter reported and some specific requirements for this call are given.

## **National project eligibility**

The projects have to be presented under 1 of the 2 topics.

The project will be eligible if the requested budget to MIPAAF is maximum 100.000 €/project.

The same research group (at national level called "scientific responsible" and collaborators of the research unit, "unità operativa") can apply with maximum 1 project in each topic, whereas the beneficiary of the contribution as administrative/accounting unit can be the same for more than 1 project in each topic (i.e.: University Department, Research Centre etc.)

## **National applicants eligibility**

The following bodies can apply for funding:

- national public research institutions (university departments and institutes, university consortia, interdepartmental centres, public bodies supervised by Ministries, Regions and Provinces) with institutional and statutory scope "performing research activities" and not only "promoting or supporting research activities"
- non-profit private bodies, with institutional and statutory scope "performing research activities" and not only "promoting or supporting research activities". Any private research body or foundation defined above must produce the official documents (statute and/or articles of incorporation or memorandum of association, etc.) where the mission, including performing research activities and non-profit purpose are declared.

The non-profit private research body participating in the project consortium must send to MIPAAF, by the application deadline (1<sup>st</sup> June 2016), copy of the documents listed above (statute and/or articles of incorporation or memorandum of association, etc.) at the address (PEC): [aoo.cosvir@pec.politicheagricole.gov.it](mailto:aoo.cosvir@pec.politicheagricole.gov.it) or [cosvir4@pec.politicheagricole.gov.it](mailto:cosvir4@pec.politicheagricole.gov.it)

specifying in the object “Arimnet2 2016 documenti bando – ente privato”.

SMEs or other profit private bodies can participate with their own funding, explaining the added value to the research project in the project proposal; their participation is not considered for the eligibility criterion of minimum countries number.

### **Financial contribution**

The contribution amount for national participants of the selected projects will be as follows:

- public institutions and private non-profit bodies can be financed up to 99% (contribution, “*contributo concesso*”) of the approved eligible project costs (“*spesa ammessa*”);
- SMEs and organisations with other statutory nature are welcome as participants if an added value to the project is proven and if their costs are covered by their own resources or by other external sources.

According to the national regulation the transfer of funds will occur in three steps:

- 1) up to 65% of the approved costs immediately at the issue of the Ministry decree (contract between the Ministry and the beneficiary);
- 2) 25% of the approved costs once the mid-term report (both scientific and administrative) has been approved;
- 3) 10% of the approved costs once the final report has been approved.

For non-profit-private bodies the detailed documentation necessary to receive the financial contribution is specified in the User’s Manual.

### **Eligible costs to be refunded**

#### **A) Personnel**

**1) Salaries** – Only for non-permanent scientific staff (including foreign visiting scientists, post docs, PhD students, fellowships and grants). Technical administrative staff can be included in the coordination. For private institutions salaries of permanent staff actually participating in the project activity can be funded.

**2) Travel expenses** – for permanent and non-permanent staff declared as involved in the project.

#### **B) Consumables**

**C) External activity costs** – expenditures for activities carried out externally to the research applicant (Consultancy services, agreements, maintenance, repairs, material transportation when needed for the project implementation) – these costs need to be indicated as “Other costs” in the financial plan of the full proposal (online submission)

**D) Equipments** – No expenditure will be reimbursed

**E) Overheads** – no more than 10% of the total amount of the above mentioned A, B and C costs.

**F) Coordination** - if the Italian institution is also playing the role of coordinator the eligible costs are those indicated in the User’s Manual – the amount of this item must be coherent with the number of project partners and the coordination activity planned.



### **National additional forms and documents**

By the deadline (1<sup>st</sup> June 2016) no application or documents have to be sent directly to Mipaaf (Italian funding body), other than the application through the online submission system, except for non-profit private body (see the above section “Applicants eligibility”).

Only after the funding decision (end of October 2016), Mipaaf DISR IV, acting as funding body, will contact each Italian research unit of the approved for funding projects asking to fill in an *ad hoc* model C2 (available later) necessary to apply for contribution.

In case of a research unit acting as Coordinator, also the general project description, including the activity of all partners (*ad hoc* model A2, available later) and the financial sheet for coordination activity, should to be presented to the funding body. These forms must be written in Italian.

### **Recommendation for Italian participants**

The number of national research groups applying in a project proposal must be balanced with the number of project partners from the other countries.

### **For further information please refer to the national contact points:**

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Ministry of agricultural, food and forestry policies - MIPAAF

Research and experimentation Office - DISR IV - Via XX Settembre 20, 00187 Rome (I) - **ITALY**



## Additional Information and Specific Requirements for MOARD Applicants

### Maximum funding per project:

150,000 € for the entire project duration (up to 3 years), total for all the Israeli participants in the project.

### Nature of Applicants and Funding:

Applications to this call will be based/established/designed on Collaborative Research Projects as defined in ARIMNet-2 Call Document and annexes. MOARD funding will be exclusively available for supporting the Israeli part of any successful trans-national collaboration as research project grants, according to MOARD regulations and criteria as published in "MOARD 2017 Chief Scientist Call for Proposals" (web site: <http://agriscience.co.il>). Commercial and private companies / entities may participate under MOARD regulations and conditions, but will not be eligible for grant reward from MOARD funds assigned for this call. MOARD financial support is subjected and pending on the Ministry of Finance regulations and decisions to be taken in the fiscal year of the initiation of the approved project".

### Eligible Application:

Kindly note that in ARIMNet-2 2016 Call **MOARD will approve submission of applications on its behalf as eligible and will fund approved research projects that will fulfill all the following criteria:**

**1. The application should meet the specific terms and conditions set by MOARD** for the Israeli applicants within ARIMNet-2 Collaborative Research consortia, which are specified in this National Annex and in the "MOARD Chief Scientist Call for Research Proposals for 2017". **Proposals that will not follow** the terms and conditions stated in the MOARD Chief Scientist Pre-Announcement for ARIMNet-2 2016 Call (see website above) **will not be eligible for funding by MOARD.**

**2. The research plan and objective of the Israeli group(s) must be relevant and related to a local agricultural problem, and that the project's expected results should demonstrate high potential for application and implementation of the results,** in helping to solve this problem, **within a mid-range period (up to 7 years) thereafter.**

**3. Among the research topics mentions in ARIMNet-2 Call, MOARD will approve for funding only those applications which will be included in the following subtopics** of topic 1 of the call (Promoting sustainable agriculture for socio-economic development):

- ***Development of protein rich crops***
- ***Improving inputs management (e.g. soil, water, fertilizers, pesticides, antibiotics), at the level of the production systems***
- ***Sustainable integrated pest management***
- ***Food safety, food sanitary issues***

4. Demonstration that the collaboration with the other research group members of the project will yield an added value to the Israeli research output of the project or that such collaboration is essential for reaching the project objectives.

5. Proposals that will be approved for funding will be requested to submit their part of the proposal in Hebrew, including a detailed description of the experimental plan per annum, prior to funding.

Detailed instructions for Israeli applicants are published in MOARD Chief Scientist Pre-Announcement and Call for research application for ARIMNet-2 2016 Call: (web site: <http://agriscience.co.il>)

**Applicants should note the following:**

It is of vital importance that the proposal will demonstrate the expected added value that will be donated to the national team by its collaboration with the other non-Israeli research partners throughout the project.

**The application of the proposal should follow the terms and conditions included in the special announcements for ARIMNet-2 Call (in Hebrew) in MOARD Chief Scientist website:** <http://agriscience.co.il>.

**MOARD terms and conditions are specific for Israeli applicants within the ARIMNet-2 Collaborative Research consortia and are specified in this National Annex and in the "MOARD Chief Scientist Call for Proposals for 2017" (in Hebrew).** Final approval of the funds will be made by MOARD Chief Scientist's board. MOARD grant holders shall follow the MOARD application, reporting, IPR and general rules of funding procedures. According to MOARD general policy, applicants must be aware that all information, resources and results obtained from the research projects will be publically published. In general, projects funded by MOARD are made publicly available within a reasonable period of time after their termination.

It is expected that applications to this call will be Collaborative Research Grants with the consortium composition as defined in the call document, and MOARD will fund the Israeli partner of any successful trans-national collaboration.

**For all further information please refer to the national contact point:**

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# MALTA (MCST) NATIONAL REGULATIONS

ARIMNet2 - Joint Transnational Research Call - 2016

National Rules for Participation

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## Introduction

Funding Party: Malta Council for Science and Technology for  
and on behalf of the Foundation for Science and Technology,  
Villa Bighi, Kalkara, KKR 1320, MALTA



### ***National Contact Points***

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### ***Definitions***

**Research and Development** is defined as the systematic investigation, work or research carried out in any field of science or technology through experiment, theoretical work or analysis undertaken in order to acquire new knowledge, primarily directed towards a specific practical aim or objective, and includes:

**(a) Basic Research** comprising activities undertaken for the advancement of scientific or technological knowledge that may draw on existing knowledge gained from research and practical experiences and is directed to produce new materials, products and devices, the implementation of new processes, systems or services, or to substantially improve those already produced, installed or existing;

**(b) Applied Research** where a final specific application is in view;

**(c) Development** involving the use of the results of basic or Applied Research as aforesaid for the purpose of creating new or of improving existing material, devices, products or processes, but excludes routine or periodic design, testing and analysis of equipment or products for the purposes of quality or quantity control, routine or periodic alterations to existing products or processes, or routine activities where there is no appreciable novelty or problem resolution.

**Innovation** is defined as the internationally novel scientific/technological development of a technological process, product or service. Also, the definition of innovation within the same context, can also be applied to non-novel, yet step-change/ground-breaking enhancement of existing technological processes, products or services, or even the application of existing knowledge to new novel applications of these solutions to deliver step-change competitiveness through such an application

**ARIMNET2 Project Consortium** involves researchers from at least three countries members of ARIMNET2 Project (at least one from the EU/Associated Countries and one from the Mediterranean Partner Countries) providing funds for this Joint Call. Additional researchers from other countries are welcome in a project consortium, but will have to fund their own contribution to the research project.

**Industrial Entity** is defined as a Maltese Legal Entity having more than 50% private shareholding, including but not limited to, a privately owned company or commercial enterprise the objects and activities of which include the output of a specified product and service, and have the financial means to execute the project and a potential to use the results. In addition to research and innovation contributions and knowledge transfer, the entity may contribute to the Arimnet2 Project Consortium by developing, testing, commercializing or using such a product or service. Provided that a registered NGO, or a Professional Body as defined in this Section is considered as forming part of this definition.

**Maltese Legal Entity** means any entity created under the laws of Malta which has legal personality and which may, acting under its own name, exercise rights and be subject to obligations.

**Public Entity** means any Maltese Public Service Department or Maltese Public Sector Entity, or any Maltese Legal Entity which has more than 50% government shareholding.

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, This, provided that the higher education entity must be in possession of a license for Higher Education according to Article 8(3) of the Act of Education, Chapter 327 of the Laws of Malta. This does not include the license for a tuition centre.

**NGO** means any Voluntary or Non-Governmental Organisation set up in accordance with The Voluntary Organisations Act (Cap. 492 of the Laws of Malta).

**Professional Body** may be an organisation, an association, a chamber, society, institute or a group of professional persons not being enrolled or registered in terms of The Voluntary Organisations Act (Cap. 492 of the Laws of Malta) or not being otherwise recognised in terms of Law, and which is generally recognised and acknowledged by the professional persons it seeks to represent as their representative Body. For the purposes of this Definition, a professional person is one who has undergone a period of study at a university or a

recognised institution of higher learning and has obtained the formal qualification entitling the person to practise the respective profession; and who provides a specialised service to the public, based primarily on a fiduciary relationship between himself and the party to whom he provides such service on his own personal credibility and responsibility.

**Applicant** means anyone eligible for participation in an ARIMNET2 Project in terms of these Rules for Participation and who consequently applies for funding under this joint initiative.

**Project Contact Point** is the individual, appointed to act on behalf of the Applicant and who is responsible for communicating with the Council about the ARIMNET2 Project.

## Eligibility for Participation

### *Eligibility for Participation*

Any Industrial Entity and any Public Entity as described in Section 1.4 may apply for an ARIMNET2 project and will be eligible for funding subject to the terms and conditions laid out in this document as well as in the ARIMNET2 Guide for Applicants.

Professional Bodies and NGOs are eligible to participate in a project, but will only be eligible for funding under this joint initiative in respect of a research and innovation activity.

Applicants, who fall within the definition of Industrial Entity, will be required to provide (together with their application) the following documents which will be considered during the evaluation:

- Memorandum & Articles of Association or other constitutive document;
- Audited financial statements for last 3 fiscal years (2 sets).

In the event that the Applicant is a start-up and the above documents are not available, the Applicant shall provide the financial projections for three (3) years signed by an auditor, including:

- an income statement,
- a cash flow statement, and
- a statement of financial position

In the event that the evaluation may result in too high an exposure risk to the Council, the Applicant will no longer be entitled to participate in the project.

Any application submitted by or including the participation of any legal person or legal entity having, in totality or in majority ownership, the same shareholders, partners or persons holding and / or exercising a controlling power in any other legal entity which will have been at any time prior to such application declared as non-compliant or defaulting on any other contract or agreement entered into with the Council, shall be automatically declared as inadmissible.

### ***Eligibility under the State Aid Regime***

This joint initiative operates under the *de minimis* State Aid regime, which stipulates that a single undertaking cannot receive more than €200,000 in aid over any 3-year period through schemes operating under this regime. Applicants are required to ensure they are eligible for the requested grant under State Aid rules before submitting an application.

For the purposes of this Section, an “undertaking” shall mean any entity engaged in an economic activity, regardless of its legal status and the way in which it is financed.

Each undertaking must complete and execute the State Aid *de minimis* declaration form given to them by the Council prior to benefitting from the funding under this joint initiative.

For the purposes of the *de minimis* Regulation, “Single Undertaking” includes all enterprises having at least one of the following relationships with each other:

- a. One enterprise has a majority of the shareholders’ or members’ voting rights in another enterprise;
- b. One enterprise has the right to appoint or remove a majority of the members of the administrative, management or supervisory body of another enterprise;
- c. One enterprise has the right to exercise a dominant influence on another enterprise pursuant to a contract entered into with that enterprise or to a provision in its memorandum or articles of association;
- d. One enterprise, which is a shareholder in or member of another enterprise, controls alone, pursuant to an agreement with other shareholders in or members of that enterprise, a majority of shareholders’ or members’ voting rights in that enterprise.

Enterprises having any of the relationships referred to in points (a) to (d) above through one or more other enterprises shall be considered to be a single undertaking,

The terms and conditions set out in these guidelines are in line with the Commission Regulation (EU) No 1407/2013 of 18 December 2013 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to *de minimis* aid.

Specific sectors (agriculture<sup>1</sup>, fisheries and aquaculture<sup>2</sup>) are excluded from this regime and applications in these sectors are therefore outside the scope of this joint initiative. The successful Applicants are expected to sign the necessary forms before any funds are

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<sup>1</sup> *Undertakings active in the sector of agricultural production means undertakings active in the primary production of agricultural products. Agricultural products are those products listed in Annex I to the Treaty.*

<sup>2</sup> *Undertakings active in the fisheries and aquaculture sector means undertakings active in the production, processing and marketing of fisheries products which covers both products caught at sea and the products of aquaculture. Fishery products are listed in Article 1 of Council Regulation (EC) No 104/2000 of 17 December 1999 on the common organisation of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products.*

transferred and provide the necessary reports in accordance with *de minimis* State Aid regulations.

This Scheme is not available to undertakings in difficulty within the meaning of the Community guidelines on State Aid for rescuing and restructuring firms in difficulty.

## Funding Criteria

The funds for the national beneficiaries participating in the ARIMNET2 project consortium will be made available in accordance with these rules and regulations.

### ***Project Duration***

The duration of a project should be a maximum of 36 months.

The projects are expected to start not later than five months after the conclusion of the Grant Agreement.

### ***Grant Value***

The total maximum National Budget for this Call is of €39,000.

Funding for successful project submissions will be on the basis of a periodic cash advance, and will be regulated through a contractual agreement establishing the terms and conditions governing the financing of the project.

Funding under this joint initiative is made available on the basis that an Applicant does not benefit from any other grant or financial incentive in respect of the expenses related to execution of the project.

### ***Project Contact Point***

The Applicant shall appoint a Project Contact Point. The Project Contact Point shall have the following responsibilities:

- To ensure compliance with their obligations in terms of the Contractual Agreement;
- To compile Travel, Periodic Reports and Final Reports including their timely submissions and effective execution of the project;
- To execute the project activities according to set timeframes and deliverables.



## ***Activities and Deliverables***

### **Eligible Activities**

The following activities are eligible:

- Collaborative Research & Interdisciplinary Projects that can promote R&I, mobility & training, Seminars & Workshops (incl. midterm scientific meeting and final workshop).
- The call expects projects based on complementarities between scientists, disciplines & countries, & sharing of knowledge in a broad scope of research topics.
- It aims to promote international collaboration to respond appropriately to the global stakes & challenges Mediterranean Agriculture is facing.

### **Mandatory deliverables**

The project plan must give details of certain activities which are required by the Council's R&I Unit. These should be included as deliverables in the project proposal and include:

1. A showcase of the project to the general public by the national project partner through:
  - The publication of at least two articles per year in local newspapers or magazines. These should not contain intellectual property but should raise awareness about the project and its benefits.
  - The organisation of at least one half-day event to be held at the Council's premises or as otherwise directed by the Council's R&I Unit.
2. Reporting on project progress as per the list hereunder in line with the templates provided by the Council;
  - End of Stage Technical and Scientific reports;
  - End of Stage Financial report;
  - End of Project Technical and Scientific Report;
  - End of Project Audited Financial Report

The reports are to include sufficient evidence on the achievement of the project objectives as well as the parameters indicated in the application.

Changes to the project objectives, work-packages and all the parameters committed in the applications are to be detailed, justified and approved by the Council's R&I Unit.

## **Recommended deliverables**

Further to the mandatory deliverables, the Council invites applications to also include deliverables as recommended below:

1. Monograph/s and/or peer-reviewed paper/s for accepted publication in international journal/s of repute based on the work carried out through the Project. The subscription levels or Impact Factor of journals are important considerations. Similar papers published on open source media would also be considered favourably.
2. Oral presentation/s at international conference/s on the work carried out through the Project;
3. The attainment of undergraduate degrees and/or postgraduate degrees and/or post-doctoral research. In cases where the project duration is insufficient for the purpose of submitting a degree, there has to be a commitment to complete the degree outside the duration of the project utilising other sources of funding.
4. Registration of a patent or other Intellectual Property Rights stemming from the Project, in Malta as well as in any other country;
5. Commercial commitments such as technology innovations to be included in a partner's existing product or service.
6. Commercial commitments such as technology transfer licences.

### ***Confidentiality of Submissions***

Unless otherwise indicated, all project application submissions except for the abstract shall be treated in strict confidence.

## **Theme/s to be funded**

Through this call, ARIMNet2 consortium will support integrated and trans-disciplinary research projects aimed at **producing innovations for enhancing contribution of agricultural and food systems to sustainable social and economic development.**

The 2016 joint transnational call will cover two topics.

- **Topic 1 : Promoting sustainable agriculture for socio-economic development**
- **Topic 2 : Valorising local products through food value chains improvement**

## Actions to be funded

The following actions will be eligible for funding:

- a. **Collaborative research**, accounting for an impact, demand and policy driven research, accounting also for a relevant technology dimension and inclusion of SMEs.

The collaborative research is a joint undertaking by a partnership of institutions (“consortium”) designed to produce new knowledge through scientific research, whereby each team within the partnership actively pursues specific task objectives with a view to pooling the results to contribute to the achievement of a set of common, well-defined project objectives. Collaborative research should take into account to develop an impact, demand and policy driven research, also accounting the inclusion of SMEs and enhancing innovation.

- b. **Innovation**, including prototype development and demonstration actions.

In particular, it is a joint undertaking by a partnership of institutions (“consortium”) designed to bridge the gap between the outcomes of research projects and commercialisation, by supporting activities related to the first application and further market uptake of innovative techniques, processes, products or services, and helping overcome barriers that could hamper their commercial success.

Some combination of the above mentioned activities is possible or even desirable. As a basic condition, all projects must be collaborative research projects. Therefore, it will be mandatory for each proposal to include at least action a) (Collaborative research).

## List of Eligible and Ineligible Costs

### *Eligible Costs*

**Eligible direct costs** are those costs incurred directly by the national beneficiaries during the duration of the project and used primarily for the purpose of achieving the objectives of the project. All eligible expenses must be incurred between the Start Date and the End Date of the Project and must be limited to the budgeted value.

**Start Date** means the date which is stated on the grant agreement.

**End Date** means the date when the Project period, having commenced on the Start Date, expires, The Project period is the time required to execute the Project as indicated by the national beneficiaries, in terms of Section 0.

**Project Value** means the entire project budget including any co-financing (25%) for industrial partners.

**Project Grant** means the granted funding provided.

The percentage of costs attributed to each category should be proportional and rationalised as this will be taken into account during the evaluation stage.

### ***Ineligible Costs***

The following expenditure shall be considered as ineligible costs:

- Expenses related to loans, interest, etc.
- Recoverable value added tax.
- Expenses which are recoverable through other funding mechanisms.
- Re-purchase of equipment originally procured through other funding mechanisms.
- Purchase of equipment from partners or their subsidiaries.
- Opportunity costs related to foregone production and production downtime arising from the allocation of resources to the Project.
- Any activity related to the reproduction of a commercial product or process by a physical examination of an existing system or from plans, blueprints, detailed specifications or publicly available information.
- Standard office equipment.
- Personnel hours for travelling.

## **Evaluation**

Project applications will be evaluated by ARIMNET2 in accordance with their stipulated evaluation criteria.

The eligibility check phase is divided in two steps, each of them aimed at verifying the compliance with two sets of criteria: i) ARIMNET2 criteria, ii) National criteria.

### ***National eligibility criteria***

As a second step, the Call Secretariat asks the members of the Executive Committee of Funding Parties to check and confirm the eligibility of Applicants participating in a proposal consortium according to these rules and regulations.

To receive funding, Applicants must be eligible for funding by the national funding organisations participating in the call. All participants in a bidding consortium should check

their eligibility in the guide provided by their potential national funding organisations/agencies at the earliest possible stage.

For more details refer to Section 2 of this document.

## Post Selection Process

### *The Grant Agreement*

For each collaborative project approved for funding, individual **Grant Agreements** will be signed between the Applicant and the Malta Council for Science and Technology. This Agreement will regulate the transfer of funds to national beneficiaries based on these regulations. They will establish the legal ground for project funding according to these rules and regulations.

Following the final decision taken by the ARIMNET2 Executive Committee of Funding Parties, the Call Secretariat will present all necessary documents to the Council in order to start in-parallel contract negotiations with the national beneficiaries which have been selected for funding. The final consortium agreement must be signed before the conclusion of the national Grant Agreement.

Overall consistency between all contracts / agreements will be ensured by the Members of Executive Committee of Funding Parties.

The Call Secretariat will be responsible for the overall monitoring of the projects according to the terms set out in the Terms of Reference.

The outcome will contribute to the overall evaluation of the ARIMNET2 Joint Call.

The Council reserves the right not to proceed with signing any National Grant Agreement in the event that it results that doing so would be too high an exposure risk to the Council.

The Project Contact Point must provide two (2) images related to the project and an abstract upon signing the Grant Agreement. These will be used to publicise the award.

### *Start Date and End Date*

The project will start on a pre-determined date as agreed by all the respective parties and determined in the Grant Agreement.

In view of the particular nature of the Grant Agreement, the said agreement will not be signed simultaneously by all parties but will be signed by all the parties separately. Each party will signify the date of signing and the Grant Agreement will come into force on the date on which the final signature is made thereon (hereinafter the “**Agreement Date**”).

Between the Agreement Date and the Start Date, the Project Contact Point should ensure that all activities required for a smooth project start are completed.

To be eligible for funding, all expenses must be incurred between the Start Date and the End Date of the Project.

### ***Double Funding***

Funding under this joint initiative is made available on the basis that the Applicant has not benefited and will not benefit from any other grant or financial incentive of whatever nature, applied for and/or utilised for the same scope as that subject of the funding requested under this joint initiative. Provided that, in the case where the application covers work that is part of a larger project, the Applicant must submit a table as an appendix to the application form that shows a comprehensive list of the items of work and the source of funding for each item.

The Applicant will be required to sign a declaration to this effect and authorising the Council to exchange essential information related to the project with other funding agencies, both local and overseas, for any necessary checks.

## **Funding, Management and Progress Monitoring**

### ***Allocation and Disbursement of Funding***

Following the termination of the project or expiry of the Grant Agreement, the Project Contact Point will be required to submit a Final Technical and / or Scientific Project Report for the whole project, thus covering the work undertaken.

### ***Dissemination & Externalisation***

Any articles and text material related to the project should include the words:

*'Project <Project Name> funded through ARIMNET2 joint initiative of Members States, Associated Countries and Mediterranean Partner Countries'*

Any websites or printed material related to the project should also include the Council logo, the EU logo and the ARIMNet2 logo. Such material should follow the specifications described in the Council's and ARIMNET2 Guidelines. For copies of all the logos, contact your National Contact Point.

During the Term of Agreement and for five (5) years thereafter, the Applicant shall include and prominently feature the Council and ARIMNET2 in any publicity related to the project.

All publicity material shall be vetted and approved by the Council's R&I Programmes Unit before publication and should make mention of ARIMNET2 and the Council. In the case where printed material is published without a mention of ARIMNET2 and the Council, the

Applicant shall be obliged to publish a correction at its own expense in the subsequent issue of the publication. This is also applicable for published material produced by persons who are not members of the ARIMNET2 project. In the case where such publicity does not mention the ARIMNET2 joint initiative and the Council, associated costs will be considered ineligible.

### ***Final Report***

At the end of the project, the Project Contact Point is required to submit a Technical and / or Scientific Project Report.

The Council reserves the right to request additional project-related information.

In the event that a project is found to be in breach of the Grant Agreement or to materially depart from the submitted application, the Council reserves the right to discontinue the award and the Applicant may be required to refund the Grant in part or in full. In any such event, the Council may also exclude an Applicant from participating in future calls.

### ***Supervening Circumstances***

The Project Contact Point is obliged to immediately advise the Council's R&I Programmes Unit of any internal or extraneous significant event which might affect the validity or implementation of the project. This obligation applies to the entire period between the submission of the project application and the completion of the project.

The Council's R&I Programmes Unit shall then, at its own discretion either give such directives as it deems necessary for the furtherance of the project or re-assess the project in its entirety accordingly.

Failure on the part of the Project Contact Point to respect this obligation may lead the Council to suspend or terminate funding for the project and request a refund of funds already paid out.

If during the course of a project a partner withdraws from the ARIMNET2 Project Consortium, the Applicant will immediately advise the Council's R&I Programmes Unit. In this event, the relevant articles of the ARIMNET2 Project Consortium Agreement and the National Grant Agreement shall apply.

### ***Default***

If the implementation of a project becomes impossible or if the Applicant fails to implement it, the Council shall be entitled to collect refunds of money already paid out.

### ***Interpretation of Rules***

This document endeavours to establish comprehensive and unambiguous rules governing participation in the ARIMNET2 joint initiative. However, should circumstances arise where the rules are inadequate, unclear, ambiguous or conflicting, the Council's R&I Programmes Unit shall exercise its discretion in the interpretation of the rules through the setting up of an *ad hoc* committee.



# MOROCCO (MESRSFC) NATIONAL REGULATIONS



## Ministère de l'Enseignement Supérieur, de la Recherche Scientifique et de la Formation des Cadres

### List of eligible costs of Morocco

Rubriques	Budget demandé (DH)	
<b>Dépenses du personnel</b>		
Indemnités liées aux travaux de recherche et de prestation de service (Bourses des doctorants, CDD, ...)		Se conformer à la décision conjointe, du 14 janvier 2015, relative à la gestion des ressources propres des établissements publics d'enseignement supérieur et de recherche scientifique et technique.
<b>Taxes postales et frais d'affranchissement</b>		Max 20.000 DH
Taxes et redevances pour l'utilisation des lignes de réseaux spécifiques		
Taxes et redevances de télécommunications		
<b>Matériel, Mobilier de bureau et fournitures</b>		
Achat de fournitures de bureau, de papeterie et d'imprimés		Max 20.000 DH
Achat de fournitures informatiques		Max 20.000 DH
Achat de matériels informatiques		Max 30.000 DH
Achat de matériels scientifiques		
Achat de matériels et mobilier de bureau		Max 20.000 DH
Achat de réactifs, kits et produits chimiques		
<b>Entretien et réparation</b>		Max 30.000 DH
Entretien et réparation de matériels scientifiques et informatiques		
<b>Transport et Déplacement</b>		
Indemnités de déplacement à l'intérieur du Royaume		Max 30.000 DH
Indemnités Kilométriques		Max 30.000 DH
Frais de transport au Maroc et à l'étranger		Max 60.000 DH
Frais de transport des missionnaires et chercheurs étrangers		Max 30.000 DH
Frais de mission à l'étranger		Max 60.000 DH
Frais de séjour des missionnaires étrangers au Maroc		Max 30.000 DH
<b>Autres Dépenses</b>		
Frais de documentation, d'impression et de publication		Max 50.000 DH
Achat de matières premières et de petit outillage		
Frais de réalisation de maquettes et de prototype		
Frais de démonstration et de publicité		
Frais d'étude, d'analyse et de sous-traitance		
Frais de participation aux séminaires		Max 20.000 DH
Frais d'organisation de séminaires		Max 30.000 DH
Frais de dépôt et de gestion des brevets, de licence et/ou de droit auteur		
<b>Total</b>		

**NB :**

- ✓ Le budget maximum accordé/partenaire marocain/projet de recherche est de 50 000 €.
- ✓ Le personnel permanent ne peut percevoir des indemnités de recherche.
- ✓ Les indemnités de recherche ainsi que les frais de déplacements et de missions ne peuvent dépasser 60% du budget total alloué à la partie marocaine.
- ✓ Le budget demandé pour la première tranche ne peut dépasser 60% du budget total alloué à la partie marocaine.
- ✓ Le déblocage du budget de la deuxième tranche ne se fera qu'après validation du rapport à mi parcours.
- ✓ Peuvent bénéficier des financements : les universités, les établissements ne relevant pas des universités et les établissements publics de recherche.

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# PORTUGAL (FCT) NATIONAL REGULATIONS



## FCT Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia

MINISTÉRIO DA CIÊNCIA, TECNOLOGIA E ENSINO SUPERIOR

**FCT will support both topics of this call.**

### 1. Beneficiaries eligibility

In the case of Portuguese participants, only Institutions of higher education, their Institutes and R&D Centers, Associated Laboratories, State Laboratories, Private non-profit institutions whose main objective is to carry out S&T activities, Companies, other public and private not-for profit organisations which carry out or participate in scientific research activities.

### 2. Funding modalities

The funding for the Portuguese participation in one transnational proposal is limited to:

- Up to 36 months project duration: up to **100 000 Euros** for a proposal with **Portuguese coordination** (to be shared between participating Portuguese institutions).
- Up to 36 months project duration: up to **50 000 Euros** for a proposal with **Portuguese participation** (to be shared between participating Portuguese institutions).

### Eligible costs

Regulations governing access to funding for scientific research and technological development projects: <http://www.fct.pt/apoios/projectos/regulamento.phtml.en>

### Missions:

- Flights: economy class flight
- Visa costs
- Transfer to and from the airport (train ride 2nd class / public transport)
- Living expenses in a non-EU country will be covered by the Portuguese scientists

b) Travelling within Europe MS and AS the national rules will be applied:

- European flights: economy class flight
- Train tickets: 2nd class
- Transfer to and from the airport (train ride 2nd class / public transport)
- Living expenses in European MS and AS
- Hotel costs: 3 stars hotel

The costs for the event organisation (room rent + catering) should be allocated to the applicant partner budget from the hosting country.

**Equipment:** Small equipment (no basics) will be covered: if its project related need is clearly demonstrated.

**Consumables:** will be covered: if their project related needs are clearly demonstrated

**Personnel:** please see Regulations:

<http://www.fct.pt/apoios/projectos/regulamento.phtml.en>

**REMARK: All the Portuguese teams need to send a Statement of Commitment to the FCT National Contact Point, duly signed, dated and stamped by the Head of the Portuguese applicant organisation and by the Principal Investigator available on FCT website.**

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# SLOVENIA (MIZS) NATIONAL REGULATIONS



## Ministry of Education, Science and Sport (MIZS)

**Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution:** research organizations as defined in the national [Research and Development Act](#) (*Zakon o raziskovalni in razvojni dejavnosti - ZRRD, Uradni list RS, št. 22/06 – uradno prečiščeno besedilo, 61/06-ZDru-1, 112/07, 9/11 in 57/12-ZPOP-1A*). All participating institutions have to be registered in the Slovenian Research Agency register of research institutions (Informacijski sistem o raziskovalni dejavnosti v Sloveniji - Sicris).

**Eligibility of principal investigator and other research team members:** The project activities of the Slovenian partner have to be under the supervision of the primary investigator/primary researcher who fulfills the requirements for project leader as defined in Art. 29 of the the national [Decree on criteria and standards for allocating resources for the implementation of the research activity, financed from the budget of the Republic of Slovenia](#) (*Uredba o normativih in standardih za določanje sredstev za izvajanje raziskovalne dejavnosti, financirane iz Proračuna Republike Slovenije, Uradni list RS, št. 103/11, 56/12, 15/14 in 103/15, from now on: Decree on criteria and standards*). The criteria are further determined in the [Rules on Determining the Fulfillment of Conditions for a Research Project Leader](#) (*Pravilnik o kriterijih za ugotavljanje izpolnjevanja pogojev za vodjo raziskovalnega projekta, Uradni list RS št. 41/09 in 72/11*). All participating researchers have to be registered in the Slovenian Research Agency register of researchers (Sicris) and must have available research hours.

**Eligibility of costs:** MIZS will fund all eligible costs of Slovenian researchers participating in successful transnational projects, recommended for funding in accordance with the *Decree on criteria and standards*. Eligible costs are defined based on the FTE value according to the Slovenian Research Agency's research project categorization (A, B, C or D based on the research conducted). Eligible costs must be directly related to the research conducted and should include personnel (according to article 16,18, 22 and 23 of the Decree), material (including travel, consumables and services) and equipment (amortization) costs as elements of the FTE. Indirect costs are eligible. The value is calculated based on the FTE value of category A, B,C, or D research projects, under the condition that costs under each of the specific FTE elements are appropriately decreased (by a max. of 20% for indirect costs).

**Period of eligibility of public expenditures:** as of budgetary year 2017 until the end of the budgetary year 2020.

**Period of eligibility of expenditures on the project:** from the starting date of the transnational project stipulated in the consortium agreement for a period of 36 months, with a prescribed additional 30 day period for the payment of invoices related to the project costs. The exact duration of the project will be defined in the contract between MIZS and the selected Slovenian partner, after the consortium agreement between the selected consortium partners enters into force.

**Total requested funding:** for all Slovenian partners within one consortium must not exceed 50.000 € per year (150.000 € for the total project duration of 36 months).

**Eligibility of RRI activity:** precompetitive research (basic TRL 1-2; industrial TRL 3-5, for guidance on TRLs please see [http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/wp/2014\\_2015/annexes/h2020-wp1415-annex-q-trl\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/wp/2014_2015/annexes/h2020-wp1415-annex-q-trl_en.pdf)).

**Funding:** 100 % for research organization (such as universities, public and private research institutes) whose financed activity is non-economic in accordance with the provisions of Community Framework for State Aid for Research and Development and Innovation (OJ EU C 198, 27. 6. 2014). Wide dissemination of research results on a non-exclusive and non-discriminatory basis is required.

80% for small enterprises, 75% for medium sized enterprises and 65% for large enterprises in accordance with the provisions of the Community Framework for State Aid for Research and Development and Innovation (OJ EU C 198, 27. 6. 2014).

**National contracting negotiations** will commence after the projects are selected for funding on the level of the transnational call. Further instructions on how to proceed will be communicated by MIZS to successful Slovenian applicants in due time.

A **signed consortium agreement** between partners in the selected project stating the starting date of the project on the transnational level will be a prerequisite for signing the contract on national level.

**All Slovenian applicants are strongly advised to contact the Slovenian National Contact Person, Ms. Kim Turk before preparing proposals for application ([kim.turk@gov.si](mailto:kim.turk@gov.si); +386(1)4784705)**

# SPAIN (INIA) NATIONAL REGULATIONS



## National Institute for the Agricultural and Food Research and Technology (INIA)

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Only the projects answering to clearly expressed needs of the 2015 INIA's priority lines, will have a priority treatment in the eligibility process.

[http://wwwsp.inia.es/Lists/Titulares%20Portal/Attachments/15/Prioridades2015.pdf#nueva\\_ventana](http://wwwsp.inia.es/Lists/Titulares%20Portal/Attachments/15/Prioridades2015.pdf#nueva_ventana)

An electronic copy of the proposal must be sent to the National Contact Point (NCP), once it has been submitted by coordinator and no later than the closing date of the Call.

Interdisciplinary research proposals will be prioritized.

The duration of the projects will be a maximum of 36 months.

### ELIGIBILITY

The call is addressed to public research institutions and public universities.

Only one proposal per Spanish applicant will be accepted. A maximum of two Spanish entities per proposal are allowed to apply for funding to INIA in this call.

The two selected topics for funding in the call are eligible for INIA:

1. "Promoting sustainable agriculture for socio-economic development"
2. "Valorising local products through food value chains improvement"

Enterprises and SMEs are welcome as partners in the consortium, only if they are legally established in Spain and their costs are covered by their own resources.

### FUNDING

- The INIA's total funding for this call is 200,000 €. The requested contribution from Spanish applicant shall not exceed of 75,000 €.
- In case of Spanish Coordinator, the requested contribution shall not exceed of 100.000€
- In case of several Spanish partners in a consortium requesting funds to INIA, each Spanish partner might request 75,000 € as maximum, with exception of Spanish Coordinators (100,000 €).

Funding can be granted to research teams according to the rules and procedures of INIA. Funding will be subject to availability of the national budget and under the Spanish rules (Law 38/2003 of November 17 of General Grants, article 28.1).

Grant awards (including mobility and training) and their justification, will be made according with the INIA's subsidization rules (Order ECC /2098/201, of 8th November).

In case of budget limitations or budget reductions, an official agreement from the project coordinator to the National Contact Point (NCP) should be needed certifying that all partners involved in the consortium agree with the new funding conditions, in order to manage the contract with the beneficiary.

## **ADMITTED COSTS**

- Subcontracts are possible following specific regulations of Spanish rules ECC/2098/2013 (BOE, 4 November, 2013).
- Only costs arising after the start of the project will be eligible, funding does not cover expenditure for activities implemented before and after the project has been granted. Applicants should implement the project and should have the necessary resources to do it.

The beneficiary should break down the costs per year, as following:

### Direct costs:

- Salaries: Only for non-permanent scientific staff and non-permanent technicians hired for the project. PhD students and fellowship grants will not be eligible as personal costs.
- Fungible materials.
- Travel and subsistence costs for meetings can be charged as eligible costs, only for personnel included in the project, in accordance with the INIA's rules (<http://www.inia.es>)
- Equipment: Only essential scientific equipment purchased specifically for the project will be reimbursed. In case of equipment and instruments not used for their full life for the research project, only the depreciation costs corresponding to the research project, as calculated on the basis of good accounting practice, shall be considered eligible.

### Indirect costs:

- 20% of the direct costs.
- Electricity, heating, some consumables (e.g. office supplies, toners for prints and repairs) are considered overheads.

The funds will be transferred to the beneficiary in an advance payment at the start of the project and other annual payments after scientific and financial justification by each beneficiary corresponding to each year.

An annual scientific report in Spanish as well as in English will be submitted to INIA. Standards economic and scientific rationale for all beneficiaries of calls ERA-nets in which the funder is INIA are available at:

<http://wwwsp.inia.es/RelInt/Era-nets/Normativa/>

## **NATIONAL CONTACT POINTS (NCPs)**

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## 1. Name of the Funding Party, address and country

*Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research TUNISIA*

## 2. Participation criteria

*The Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (MHESRT) will fund activities, which will be carried out by research teams belonging to one or more MHESRT research structure.*

*This call is open to Tunisian public research entities: institutes or centres and universities laboratory / units of research*

*The Tunisian principal investigator of the project should be a:*

- Professor;*
- Associate Professor;*
- Assistant Professor.*

## 3. Funding criteria

*MHESRT has reserved 40000DT/ year /project to fund joint research projects for 03 years. This amount may be revised by mutual agreement between the MHESRT and team leader.*

*The duration of the project should not exceed 3 years and maximum fund 120000 DT per project.*

*The release of the second year and the third year of the project budgets will be made after the evaluation of the annual report of the project. A final evaluation will be achieved at the end of the project.*

## 4. Theme/s to be funded

*Topic 1: Promoting sustainable agriculture for socio-economic development*

*Topic 2: Valorising local products through food value chains improvement*

## 5. Action/s (innovation or capacity building or mobility) to be funded beside collaborative research

*Applicants are encouraged to propose:*

- *Collaborative projects including at least one socio-economic partner eligible for MESRS funding such as (technical centres, .*
- *Including indirectly SMEs, stakeholder, NGO, via meeting, training, think-thank circle, brainstorming ,..... activities.*
- *Bonus criteria for innovation: support of prototype*
  - Applicants should take into account for their research important cross-cutting issues, particularly: socio-economic, governance, ICT and gender.*

## 6. List of eligible costs

*During this call, funding will only be made available for the conducting of joint research projects, only in the following natures of expenses will be covered:*

- *Flight*
- *Accommodation and Subsistence based on Tunisian National rules*
- *Small equipment, logistics and consumables*
- *Contract provide services (personal subcontracting)*
- *Publication costs*
- *Organisation of scientific events*

*Infrastructure equipment, project management fees, permanent staff contract and consultant fees **will not be accommodated under this program.***

## 7. ARIMNet2 National Contact Points

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# TUNISIA (IRESA) NATIONAL REGULATIONS



## 1. Name of the Funding Party, address and country

*Institution for Agriculture Research and Higher Education (IRESA)*

## 2. Participation criteria

*IRESA will fund activities, which will be carried out by research teams belonging to the affiliated institutions.*

*This call is open to Tunisian public research entities: Research Institution or Higher Education Institutions (laboratory / units of research)*

*The Tunisian principal investigator of the project should be a:*

- Professor;*
- Associate Professor;*
- Assistant Professor.*

## 3. Funding criteria

*IRESA has reserved 40000DT/ year /project to fund joint research projects for 03 years. This amount may be revised by mutual agreement between the IRESA and team leader.*

*The duration of the project should not exceed 3 years and maximum fund 120000 DT per project.*

*The release of the second year and the third year of the project budgets will be made after the evaluation of the annual report of the project. A final evaluation will be achieved at the end of the project.*

## 4. Theme/s to be funded

*Topic 1: Promoting sustainable agriculture for socio-economic development*

*Topic 2: Valorising local products through food value chains improvement*

## 5. Action/s (innovation or capacity building or mobility) to be funded beside collaborative research

*Applicants are encouraged to propose:*

- *Collaborative projects including at least one socio-economic partner eligible for IRESA funding such as (technical centres, .*
- *Including indirectly SMEs, stakeholder, NGO, via meeting, training, think-thank circle, brainstorming ,..... activities.*
- *Bonus criteria for innovation: support of prototype*
  - Applicants should take into account for their research important cross-cutting issues, particularly: socio-economic, governance, ICT and gender.*

## 6. List of eligible costs

*During this call, funding will only be made available for the conducting of joint research projects, only in the following natures of expenses will be covered:*

- *Flight*
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- *Small equipment, logistics and consumables*
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- *Publication costs*
- *Organisation of scientific events*

*Infrastructure equipment, project management fees, permanent staff contract and consultant fees **will not be accommodated under this program.***

## 7. Arimnet2 National Contact Point

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## TURKEY (GDAR) NATIONAL REGULATIONS



**The national rules of TURKEY** (Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock, General Directorate of Agricultural Research and Policy, **GDAR**) for the **ARIMNet2 Project Joint Transnational Call 2016 funding:**

1. GDAR could not pay for the salaries and the other personnel costs(person/month) of permanent researchers and research technicians working outside of GDAR system, for this reason, salaries should be excluded from the project budget; only temporary workers could be paid on a maximum 5 month/year basis;
2. Eligible costs are: consumables, equipment, travel, personnel costs for temporary workers and indirect costs;
3. Although all research institutions; public, university or private can apply to this call, it is not possible to directly fund projects proposed by the scientists outside the GDAR system, therefore, Turkish consortium members must have at least one of the GDAR institute;
4. Maximum amount per project is 100,000,00 €;
5. Subcontracting is not possible;
6. There could be a negotiation step between GDAR and successful project team;
7. Budget allocations for the successful projects could be realised through a GDAR Research Institute participating in the winner consortium, from the beginning of the next fiscal year following the signing of the contract;
8. Concerning the training and mobility activities; travel and subsistence costs should be covered by the sending country, and all other in-country expenses should be paid by the host country.

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