



Opportunities for Polish-Norwegian cooperation in research and innovation from EEA Grants

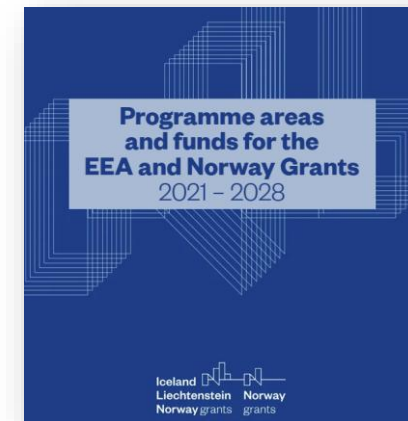
Information about open calls for proposals

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Programme types at EEA and Norway Grants

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Research and innovation programs

- **Poland** basic research
- **Poland** applied research and innovation
- **Czech Republic** research and innovation
50.5 million euro
- **Portugal** – R&I component in Blue Growth
approx. 20 million euro
- **Romania** research and innovation
53.4 million euro

Project type (RIA)

- Large collaborative projects
- Norwegian/Icelandic partners are mandatory and engage in joint research activities
- The project are funded and led from the beneficiary country
- 800 K - 1,75 mill EUR
- "Horizon-ish" rules

Other programs in 15 countries

- Local development
- Green transition
- Crisis management and preparedness
- Culture
- Civil Society Fund (each country)
- ...

Project types and roles

- Calls or «predefined projects»
- Roles for research organisations: competence transfer, networking, expert role
- The projects are managed from the beneficiary country
- Varying project size

Bilateral funds

- National level funds managed by Norwegian Embassies and coordinating ministry in Beneficiary State (NFP)
- Bilateral funds as part of programme budget

Project types and roles

- Competence transfer, expert role
- Travel and network support
- Can open for Norwegian applicants and initiatives
- Typically smaller projects - ca. 200K EUR



NCN – National Science Centre

Kraków

Basic Research Programme

4th edition of the EEA and Norway Grants
2021–2028

National Science Centre (NCN)

YESTERDAY

Establishment (2011): executive government agency dedicated to funding basic research.

Mission: a leader in scientific excellence and the internationalisation of Polish science.

Foundations: transparent funding procedures based on a peer-review system.

Role: a key operator of the Norway Grants and EEA Grants

TODAY

Scale: main agency for funding basic research.

Impact: an annual budget of approximately PLN 1.7 billion; more than 34,000 grants awarded, with a total value of nearly PLN 20 billion since 2011.

Standards: advancing Open Science practices, FAIR data principles, gender equality, and support for early-career researchers.

TOMORROW

Priority: strengthening international research collaboration and supporting researchers at all career stages.

Direction: continued engagement in the European Research Area (ERA) and international funding initiatives.

Challenge: research's valorisation

What is the Basic Research Programme?

The **Basic Research Programme** is one of eight programmes implemented under the EEA and Norway Grants 2021–2028. The Programme Operator is the **National Science Centre**.

The programme aims to:

- ❑ enhance the quality of basic research
- ❑ strengthen the role of science as a foundation for social, economic and institutional development

It contributes to the overall objectives of the EEA and Norway Grants:

- ❑ **reducing social and economic disparities** in Europe
- ❑ **strengthening bilateral relations** between the Donor States and the Beneficiary States.

How is basic research understood in the programme?

The programme supports basic research, understood as research aimed at acquiring new knowledge about the mechanisms of phenomena and observable processes. Although not primarily oriented towards direct application, basic research forms the foundation of scientific and technological advancement.

It leads to:

- ❑ the development of new ideas, methods, tools and technologies
- ❑ solutions applied in evidence-based public policies

The programme also places strong emphasis on knowledge valorisation, understood as activities that enable the practical use of research results in social and economic contexts.

EEA grants – Basic Research Programme Agreement – signed 4th February 2026

Programme Operator

- NCN acts as Programme Operator for the second time

Programme Partners (Donor States)

- Research Council of Norway
- Icelandic Centre for Research (Rannís)

Observers

- Ministry of Funds and Regional Policy – National Focal Point (NFP)
- Financial Mechanism Office, Brussels
- Embassy of the Kingdom of Norway
- Embassy of Iceland
- National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR) – Programme Operator of the “Research and Innovation” Programme

Programme aims

Enhancing excellence in research and research-based innovation, thereby strengthening the foundations for the EEA Grants priorities:

- ❑ the European green transition
- ❑ democracy, the rule of law, human rights
- ❑ social inclusion and resilience

Horizontal priorities for the entire Programme:

- ❑ strengthening sustainable bilateral cooperation between Poland and the Donor States;
- ❑ promoting interdisciplinary and international research collaboration;
- ❑ supporting early-stage researchers and women in science;
- ❑ advancing Open Science, FAIR data management and research integrity;
- ❑ enhancing knowledge transfer, research valorisation and the societal impact of research.

GRIEG BIS – Ambitions

Scientific Excellence and Internationalisation

- ❑ improving the quality and competitiveness of Polish basic research
- ❑ increasing international collaboration and joint scientific outputs

Interdisciplinarity and Cross-Sectoral Cooperation

- ❑ strengthening interdisciplinary research across scientific domains
- ❑ fostering cooperation between academia, public institutions, NGOs and other stakeholders

Support for Early-Stage and Female Researchers

- ❑ developing leadership competences and scientific independence
- ❑ increasing participation in international and interdisciplinary research projects

Open Science and Research Transparency

- ❑ promoting open access to publications, data and software
- ❑ compliance with FAIR principles and Data Management Plans
- ❑ strengthening transparency, reproducibility and reusability of research results



GRIEG BIS – Ambitions

Capacity Building and Research Management

- strengthening the competences of researchers, project managers and research administrators
- professionalising project management and institutional support structures

Knowledge Valorisation and Societal Impact

- increasing the societal relevance and practical use of research results
- supporting evidence-based policies and solutions
- strengthening the long-term social and economic impact of research



Eligible applicants and partners

Project Promoter (Applicant):

Polish research organisations

Project partners:

- public and private entities
- commercial and non-commercial organisations
- non-governmental organisations

Eligible partnership: lead Donor Partner from research organisation approved by RCN or Rannis

Eligible countries: Poland, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein



Eligible applicants and partners

Requirement: active involvement of partners in project implementation

Who is NOT considered a partner?

- ☐ Consultant
- ☐ Contractor
- ☐ Supplier
- ☐ Service provider

The programme promotes cooperation:

- ☐ between research institutions
- ☐ between academia and the public and social sectors
- ☐ with partners from outside academia



Project Partnership

Mandatory partnership

- ☐ Partnership with an institution from the Donor State(s) is required
- ☐ Partners jointly define: responsibilities, budget allocation, timeline of activities
- ☐ Eligible costs of Donor project partners: up to approx. 40% of total eligible project costs.

Who can be a partner?

- ☐ Entity actively involved in project implementation
- ☐ Shared economic or social objective with the Project Promoter
- ☐ Non-academic organisations are welcome



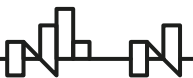
Call documentation:

- ☐ Call text – main document
- ☐ Annexes to the GRIEG Bis call text
- ☐ Application form
- ☐ Guide for Applicants and Evaluators
- ☐ Letter of Intent
- ☐ Partnership agreement template
- ☐ Project contract template (under preparing, available no later than publication of ranking lists)

Call's announcement: 17th June 2026

Submission deadline: 30th September 2026

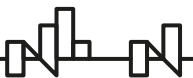
Results announcement: April – May 2027



Call documentation

Annexes specific for launching NCN's calls

- NCN's Council resolution concerning terms and conditions of GRIEG Bis call
- Annex to NCN's Council resolution no 25/2024 concerning fellowships
- link to State Aid information
- Letter of Intent
- Guidelines for ethic issues
- Guidelines for Data Management Plan
- Proposal submission procedure
- Code of the National Science Centre on research integrity and applying for research funding
- Rules for delivering decision
- Guidelines for Appeals



Application form:

- Available in online submission system OSF
- Improved template from GRIEG call (added key priorities section; changed proposal description)

Application form includes the following components:

- General Information
- Project Promoter (Applicant) and Partners/Collaborators
- State Aid (if relevant)
- Abstract
- Proposal description and Description for the General Public
- Workplan
- Research Team
- Principal Investigator/leading foreign partner/main Polish partner/partners
- Financial resources – personnel costs, research equipment, other direct costs
- Financial resources – entity/entities
- Ethical Issues and Data Management Plan
- Administrative Declarations/Certifications
- Experts (potential conflict of interest)
- Individuals involved in the project
- Attachments



Application form – Proposal description

The page limit – 20 pages, font size at least 11

- ☐ **Objectives and Hypotheses, Interdisciplinarity (if applicable):**
- ☐ **Justification for including the project in the selected priority area(s):** 1) European green transition 2) democracy, rule of law, and human rights 3) social inclusion and resilience.
- ☐ **Current knowledge in the field**
- ☐ **Research Concept and Work Plan**
- ☐ **Research Methodology**
- ☐ **Research Team**



Application form – Proposal description

☐ **Bilateral cooperation (with partners from Norway, Iceland, and Liechtenstein) / International cooperation (with partners from third countries, if applicable)**

Describe the advantages of bilateral collaboration with project partners from Poland and the Donor Countries. Highlight how the research team members complement each other within the scope of the proposed project. Outline the plans for continued collaboration after the project's completion.

☐ **Project Results (Impact Pathways)**

Present the expected results and impact of the research project on both scientific and non-academic communities. Describe how the knowledge and products generated by the project can help address economic, social, and environmental challenges. Does the project involve stakeholders, users, or NGOs from Poland, donor countries, or other countries (if applicable)? Explain this involvement and how it will support the achievement and implementation of the project's specific objectives.

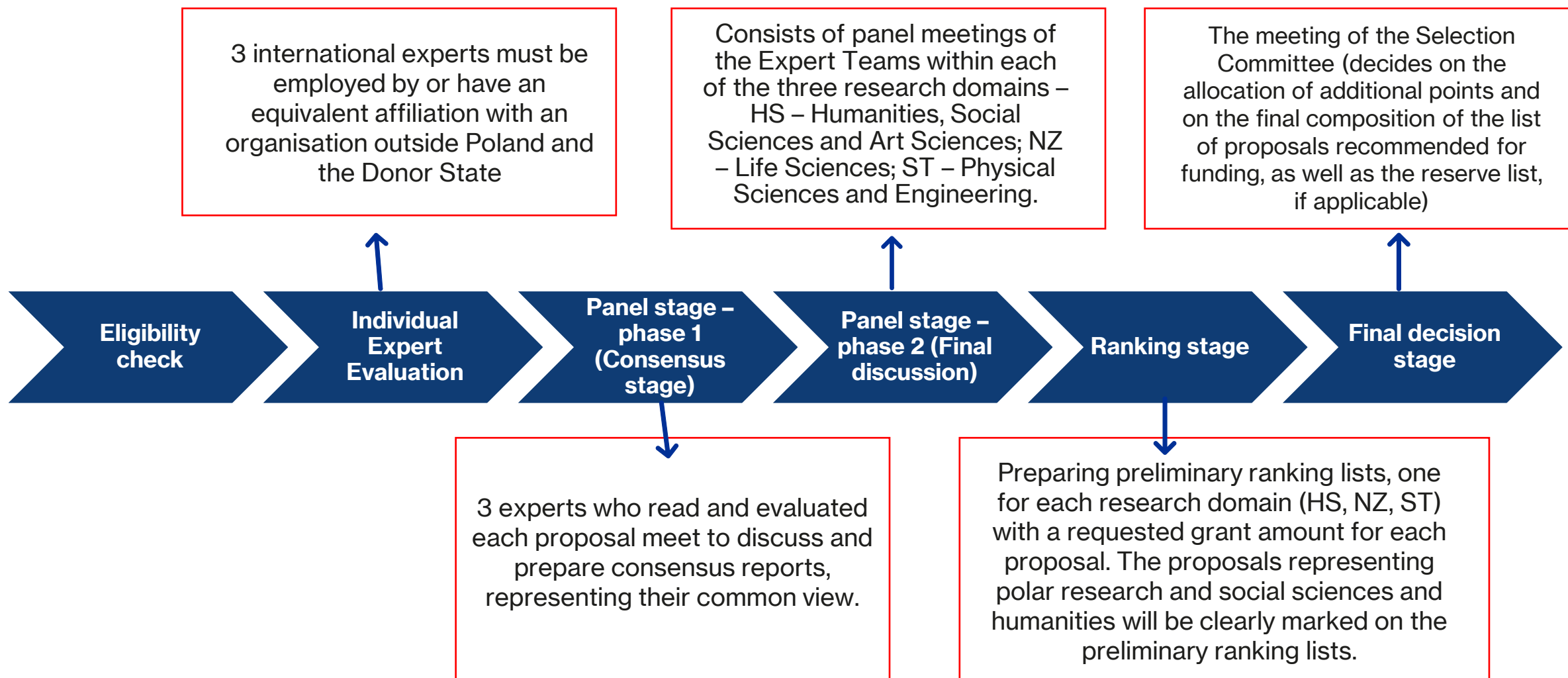
☐ **Description of the activity, which is based on information about the results and their outcomes, including the communication activity.**

Communication activities in accordance with Article 3.4 of the Regulation should be considered: informing relevant audiences and stakeholders about the implemented project, its objectives, achievements, and results, as well as support from the EEA Financial Mechanism 2021-2028 and bilateral cooperation with entities from Donor States; organizing at least one informational activity about the project's progress, achievements, and/or results; sharing information about the project online and/or on social media.

☐ **List of literature related to the project issues** (not included in the page limit – 20 pages, font size at least 11).



Project Selection Procedure



GRIEG BIS – Evaluation Criteria

Criteria	Score	Treshold	Weight
0: Relevance in relation to the objectives and priorities of the Basic Research Programme	YES/NO	YES	n/a
1: Scientific excellence	0–5	3.5/5	60%
2: Quality and efficiency of the implementation and management, including quality and implementation capacity of the applicants and contribution to capacity and competence building	0–5	3.5/5	10%
3: Potential impact through the development, dissemination, and use of project results	0–5	3.5/5	10%
4: Bilateral dimension	0–5	3.5/5	20%
Costs	YES/NO	YES	n/a
Data Management Plan	YES/NO	n/a	n/a
Ethics Issues	YES/NO	n/a	n/a



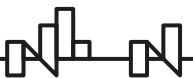
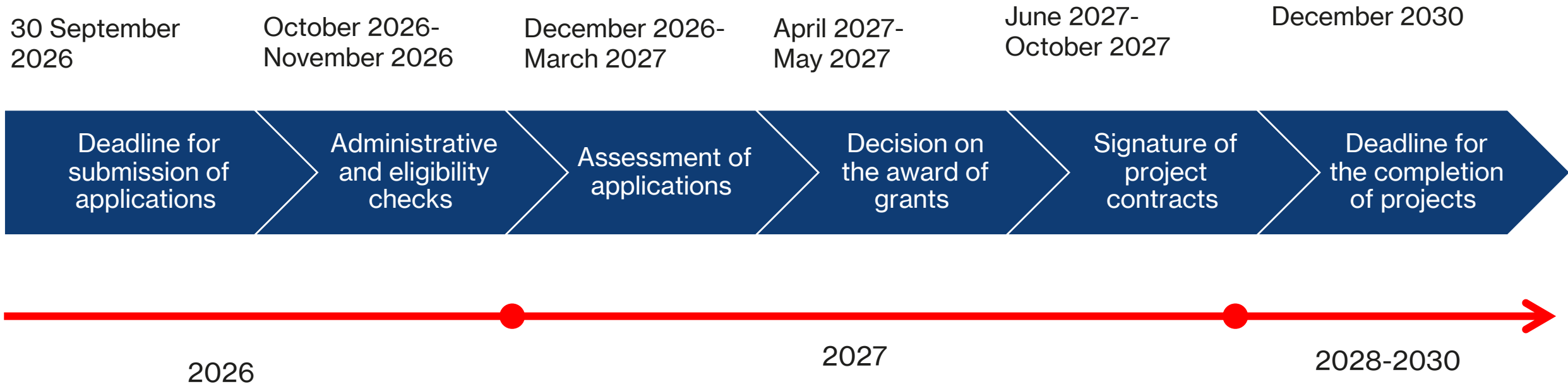
GRIEG BIS – Evaluation Criteria

Additional points

Criterion	Description	Score
PI is an early-career stage researcher	Early-stage researcher status in line with definition provided in the Law of Higher Education and Science (up to 7 years after PhD), which falls within profile R1 – “First Stage Researcher” or R2 – “Recognised Researcher” as defined in Council Recommendation of 18 December 2023 on a Framework to attract and retain research, innovation and entrepreneurial talents in Europe.	0.5
Project is led by the female/male researcher from the under-represented research area	Project is led by a female/male researcher from an under-represented research area based on NCN statistics.	0.5
Interdisciplinary research	Project proposal demonstrates a sufficient and relevant level of collaboration spanning multiple academic disciplines.	0.5



Timeline



Key Requirements of the Call – Funding



Total call allocation: € 50 000 000



Minimum project funding: € 800 000



Maximum project funding: € 1 500 000

Maximum share of Donor Project Partners' budget: approximately 40% of total eligible project costs



Project duration: 36 months (extension possible upon NCN approval)

Final date of cost eligibility: 30.04.2031

Fixed exchange rate: EUR 1 = PLN 4.2426

Funding Conditions	Public Sector	NGOs	Private Entities
Maximum grant rate	100%	100%	100%
Minimum co-financing	0%	0%	0%



Project budget

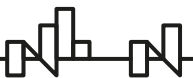
Minimum and maximum project grant amount (€) : €800,000 - €1,500,000.

Project grant rate (%) : up to 100%.

Budget of Donnor project partners shall not exceed approximately **40% of the total eligible costs** of each project.

Eligibility period: the first and final dates for eligibility of expenditures will be specified in the project contract.

The final date for cost eligibility under the EEA Grants is **30 April 2031**; after that date, costs shall not be eligible.



The eligible project costs

The category of direct expenditure includes:

- **Cost of staff assigned to the project**
- **Cost of new or second-hand equipment**
- **Other costs:**
 - travel and subsistence allowances (for staff and participants in the project);
 - consumables and supplies;
 - costs entailed by other contracts;
 - subcontracting (*the costs of resources made available by third parties that are not used on the premises of the project promoter or project partner, and financial support to third parties*)
 - costs arising directly from requirements imposed by the project contract for each project

Indirect costs (overheads) are a flat rate of 25% of the total direct eligible costs, excluding direct eligible subcontracting costs. Norwegian entities using SCOs according to Regulations (Art. 8.3.2 b) are not allowed to apply the 25% flat rate, as it would constitute double- funding. For entities applying for state aid, indirect costs can be up to 20% of direct costs.

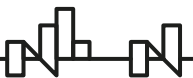


The excluded project costs

Excluded costs:

- interest on debt, debt service charges and late payment charges;
- charges for financial transactions and other purely financial costs, except costs related to accounts required by the FMC the National Focal Point or the applicable law and costs of financial services imposed by the project contract;
- provisions for losses or potential future liabilities;
- **exchange losses;**
- **recoverable VAT;**
- costs that are covered by other sources;
- fines, penalties and costs of litigation, except where litigation is an integral and necessary component for achieving the outcomes of the project; and
- excessive or reckless expenditure.

Additionally, **costs for the purchase of land and/or real estate shall not be eligible.**



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Partner Matchmaking Tool

The **EEA & Norway Grants Partner Matchmaking Tool** is now live!
Connect with potential collaborators from Poland, Norway, Iceland, and Liechtenstein to form partnerships for the the **Basic Research Programme 2026** calls.

How it works:

1.**Register** by submitting your research profile. Following a brief review by NCN staff, your entry will be added to the database.

2.**Search** for potential collaborators and **find** them by using dedicated filters.

3.**Connect:** wait for potential partners to contact you or take the initiative yourself!

Tool available at:



<https://www.ncn.gov.pl/en/matchmaking-tool-eea-norway-grants>





NCBR – National Centre for
Research and Development

Warszawa

What's new in 2021-2028 EEA perspective? EEA thematic priorities, societal impact, interdisciplinarity & cross-sectorality

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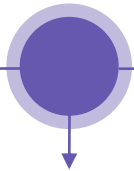


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National Centre for Research and Development

Yesterday

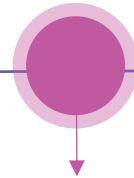
NCBR as **the leader in building an innovation ecosystem** in Poland



A government executive agency established in 2007 to carry out tasks related to the state's scientific, scientific-technological and innovation policy.

Today

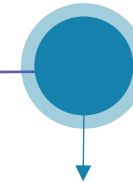
The **largest research and innovation agency** in Central and Eastern Europe



Since its establishment, NCBR has allocated approximately PLN 80 billion to support the R&I activities of Polish enterprises, universities and research institutes, creating conditions for the implementation of valuable ideas of both experienced and start-up entrepreneurs and scientists (annual budget 1 -1,3 bn EUR)

Tomorrow

A leader in intelligent development, a key player in increasing the innovation of the Polish economy



The expectations of the scientific community and entrepreneurs go much further. It's no longer just about quickly obtaining funding for projects, but they also expect assistance and advice in this area.

Reduce
economic and social
disparities

Strengthen
bilateral
relations



Support by country 2021-2028

3 Donor States
15 Beneficiary States

EEA Grants
€1.8 billion financed
by Iceland, Liechtenstein
and Norway

Norway Grants
€1.46 billion financed
by Norway



EEA priorities

The EEA and Norway Grants 2021-2028 will promote the following **three overall thematic priorities**:

- European green transition
- Democracy, rule of law and human rights
- Social inclusion and resilience

Each project proposal shall address **at least one** of the three key priorities of the EEA Grants

The key priorities should not be understood in a **narrow sense** or as **disciplinary limitations**.

Academic impact

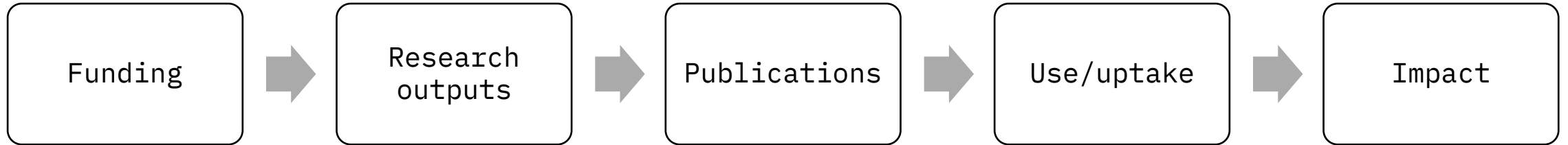
*the intellectual contribution to the scientific field
within academia, i.e., the form of impact that influences future research or breaks dominant paradigms*

Examples: new knowledge and methods, enhancing scientific quality and building critical expertise

Societal impact

*the broader economic, social and political impact outside the world of the academia
Societal impact is about the contribution research has to society and the economy, and its benefits to individuals, organisations or nations, making media appearances as experts; researchers participating in councils, as advisors*

Research and societal impact



Why is interdisciplinary important?

- A **sufficient and relevant level of collaboration** spanning multiple academic disciplines and involving the application of complementary methodologies to addressing a common problem in a more comprehensive and innovative way than would otherwise be possible.
- An interdisciplinary approach is understood to involve an **active outreach** beyond one discipline. Work conducted solely within one field does not constitute interdisciplinarity.
- Interdisciplinarity is crucial because the most pressing global challenges are **too complex to be solved by a single field**

Why is cross-sectorality important?

- Cross-sectoral cooperation involves **two or more sectors** (e.g. public administration, non-governmental organisations and/or the private sector) joining forces to develop solutions that they would not be able to achieve independently.
- Such cooperation enables **each sector to contribute** its resources, expertise and leadership, thereby facilitating the creation of innovative programmes, policies and solutions.
- Increasingly, researchers are expected to **actively engage** in collaboration with external partners in order to ensure the achievement of real impact.

EEA grants are centred aim to reduce social and economic disparities across Europe and strengthen bilateral relations

EEA grants focus on the three core priorities

We need research and projects that align with these areas.

Challenges are complex, so we need an interdisciplinary and cross-sectoral approach.

Research results should make a positive contribution to society and the economy

That is why social impact is so important.



POLNORIS call for proposals- general information and rules

POLNORIS – general information

Main aims:

- ✓ enhance the quality of research in **Poland**
 - ✓ strengthen international collaboration in **research and innovation**
 - ✓ projects implemented in close cooperation with a partner from the Donor States (**Iceland, Liechtenstein, or Norway**).
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- **The call is not thematically restricted**, however each project shall address at least one of the three EEA Grants priorities:
 - ◆ European green transition
 - ◆ Democracy, rule of law and human rights
 - ◆ Social inclusion and resilience

POLNORIS – general information

Call ambitions:

- ✓ Promote the leadership of early-stage researchers
- ✓ Interdisciplinary and cross-sectoral approaches encouraged
- ✓ Activities aimed at knowledge valorisation
- ✓ Projects addressing challenges experienced in Poland as a result of the invasion of Ukraine

Additionally:

- ➔ co-creation – relevant stakeholders
- ➔ RMA – *Research Managers and Administrators* - reinforce human capital, improve organisational performance
- ➔ Open Science – „as open as possible, as closed as necessary”, FAIR principles
- ➔ Synergies with Horizon

POLNORIS – rules

Composition of Project Consortium:

- ✓ submits one project proposal in English
- ✓ Applications can be submitted by Project Consortia. The Project Consortium shall consist of:
 - at least one entity from **Poland** – the **Project Promoter** and
 - at least one research organisation from the Donor States (**Iceland, Liechtenstein, or Norway**)

Project Promoter – responsible for submitting the application, signing the Partnership Agreement, signing the grant agreement with NCBR, distributing funds among partners, reporting, and ensuring the proper implementation of the project

POLNORIS – rules

The **Project Promoter** must be:

- research organisation established in Poland, or
- enterprise (SME or large company) established in Poland

Project partners

- Any public or private entity, commercial or non-commercial, as well as non-governmental organisations, established in Poland or in one of the Donor States (Lichtenstein, Iceland, Norway).
- Entities from other countries – may participate on self-financed basis, max 10% share of the total budget

Principal Investigator (PI) – lead researcher holding the primary responsibility for the scientific and technical aspects of the whole project

- must be an employee of the Project Promoter or will have to be employed by the Project Promoter for at least the duration of the project implementation period.
- 1 project = 1 PI

POLNORIS – rules

- The total allocation for the POLNORIS Call is **70 000 000 EUR**
 - Minimum project grants amount is **1 000 000 EUR**
 - Maximum project grant amount is **1 750 000 EUR**
 - Project duration is **36 months** (may be prolonged during project implementation, but ...)
 - The final date for eligibility of costs is **30th April 2031**
- ➔ The currency used when completing the project proposal is the Polish złoty (PLN)
- ➔ **EUR 1 = PLN 4.2426**

The total costs planned by all Donor Project Partners from Donor State(s) should normally not exceed 40 % of the Consortium's total budget.

POLNORIS – rules

Funding

- Funding in the POLNORIS Call may cover up to 100 % of eligible costs for **research organisations** and entities other than research organisations and enterprises (**OTHER'**)
- **Enterprises** – funding rate decided on a case-by-case basis depending on the size of the company, type of research/development according to the Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education on granting state aid through the NCBR.

Table 1. State aid rules – aid intensity

Type of activity	Aid intensity	Micro/Small Enterprises	Medium Enterprises	Large Enterprises
Industrial Research	Without increase	50 %	50 %	50 %
	Including increase based on enterprise size (a.)	70 %	60 %	50 %
	Including increase by 15 percentage points (b.)	80 % ¹⁷	75 %	65 %
	Including increase by 5 percentage points (c.)	75 %	65 %	55 %
Experimental development	Without increase	25 %	25 %	25 %
	Including increase based on enterprise size (a.)	45 %	35 %	25 %
	Including increase by 15 percentage points (b.)	60 %	50 %	40 %
	Including increase by 5 percentage points (c.)	50 %	40 %	30 %

! European Commission prepares the new GBER regulation (expected Q4 2026) may require an update of the funding conditions

POLNORIS – rules

Type of activities

→ Industrial research

→ Experimental development

-> Other type of activities (e.g. coordination, dissemination, management, valorisation), cannot be separate WPs and may only be parts of research tasks!

-> In line with the *Cost Eligibility Guide*

▪ Applied research projects – not only technological projects! Integration of the SSH (*social sciences and humanities*)



<https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr-en/a-guide-to-the-classification-of-tasks-in-socio-economic-rd-projects>

POLNORIS – selection procedure

Two stages:

- Formal (administrative and eligibility) assessment
- Expert evaluation - Each eligible proposal is assessed by three international experts (outside Poland, Iceland, Lichtenstein and Norway)

Evaluation criteria:

- **Relevance** Proposal shall address at least one of the key priorities of the EEA Grants
- **Excellence** Objectives and ambition; Methodology
- **Impact** Project's pathways towards impact; Measures to maximise impact - Dissemination, exploitation and communication
- **Implementation** Work plan and resources; Capacity of participants and consortium as a whole
- **Bilateral dimension** Quality of bilateral cooperation

Encouraged measures – additional points:

- PI is an early-stage researcher
- Interdisciplinary approaches
- Cross-sectoral approaches

POLNORIS – planned timeline

Start date for submission of proposals: 17.09.2026
Deadline for submission of proposals: 17.12.2026, 15:00 (CET)

Submission of proposals – **LSI system** <https://lsi.ncbr.gov.pl/login.php>

Formal assessment
(*administrative and eligibility*): January – February 2027
Expert evaluation: March – May 2027
Funding decisions: June 2027
Project contract signing: June – December 2027

The earliest possible start date of project implementation: the first day of the month following the month of issuing the funding decision

POLNORIS – documentation

Call documentation

- **Guide for Applicants and Evaluators (GfAE)**
- **Cost Eligibility Guide POLNORIS**

- Proposal Manual
- Proposal Manual (doc) – working doc, for editing

Project contract:

- Project Contract template _en (will be published soon)
- Project Contract template _pl (will be published soon)

Annexes to the Guide for Applicants and Evaluators:

Annex 1 List of necessary documents

Annex 2 Declaration of submission of the proposal through the electronic system

Annex 3a. Evaluation survey template research organisation_pl_en

Annex 3b. Evaluation survey template enterprise pl_en

Annex 4. Declaration of no obligation to draw up financial statements_pl_en

Annex 5. Form of information to be provided when applying for other forms of aid_pl_en

Annex 6. Analysis of the financial capacity to implement the project_POLAND

Annex 7a. Sanction declaration pl

Annex 7b. Sanction declaration en

Annex 8. Bioethical or ethical consents_pl_en

Annex 9. Statement by a spouse of a natural person_pl_en

Annex 10. Declaration of non-marriage or separation of property_pl_en
GDPR information clause

POLNORIS – contacts

Programme websites

<https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr/iv-edycja-funduszy-eog>

<https://eeagrants.org/pl/poland/programmes/applied-research-and-innovation>

POLNORIS Call websites:

- <https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr/polnoris>
- <https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr-en/polnoris--call> (ENG)

▪ E-mail:

- eeagrants@ncbr.gov.pl



Platform focused on networking



Why it's worth it ?

- Event and **networking** platform
- **International network** – connects participants and organizations, facilitates finding partners, building consortia, and initiating joint projects through intelligent matchmaking
- **Advanced participant profiles** – presenting offers, needs, and collaboration goals
- **1:1 meetings** – scheduled and thematically matched with selected partners, eliminating random and chaotic networking
- **Online meetings** without the need to register for a specific session
- **Marketplace** - a space for publishing offers, needs, and project proposals



Getting started

1. Registration on the website: <https://www.b2match.com/e/eea-grants-ncbr>

A screenshot of a website banner for the 'Applied Research and Innovation Programme - EEA grants'. The banner has a dark green background with a faint grid pattern. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: 'HOME' (highlighted in green), 'POLNORIS CALL', 'HOW IT WORKS', 'WEBINAR', and 'FAQ'. The main text on the banner reads '18 June 2026 - 17 June 2027' followed by 'Applied Research and Innovation Programme - EEA grants' in large white font. To the right of the text is a green button that says 'Register now'. Below the button, it says 'Registration open until 17 Jun 2027'. At the bottom of the banner, there is a horizontal strip with three logos: 'Iceland Liechtenstein Norway grants' on the left, a central graphic of a line graph, and the 'NCBR' logo (National Centre for Research and Development) on the right.

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2. Building a strong profile

The profile should clearly and concisely define:

- who you are, what you can offer, and who you would like to meet
- your areas of activity and collaboration, so others can easily assess the partnership potential

A well-completed profile = a higher chance of finding a project and consortium partner.

The profile will only be activated if it contains a complete and high-quality description.

Step 3 Complete your profile

Profile image



Upload image

Delete

The image you select should be a JPG, PNG or GIF file, and it should not be larger than 800 KB.

Job position*

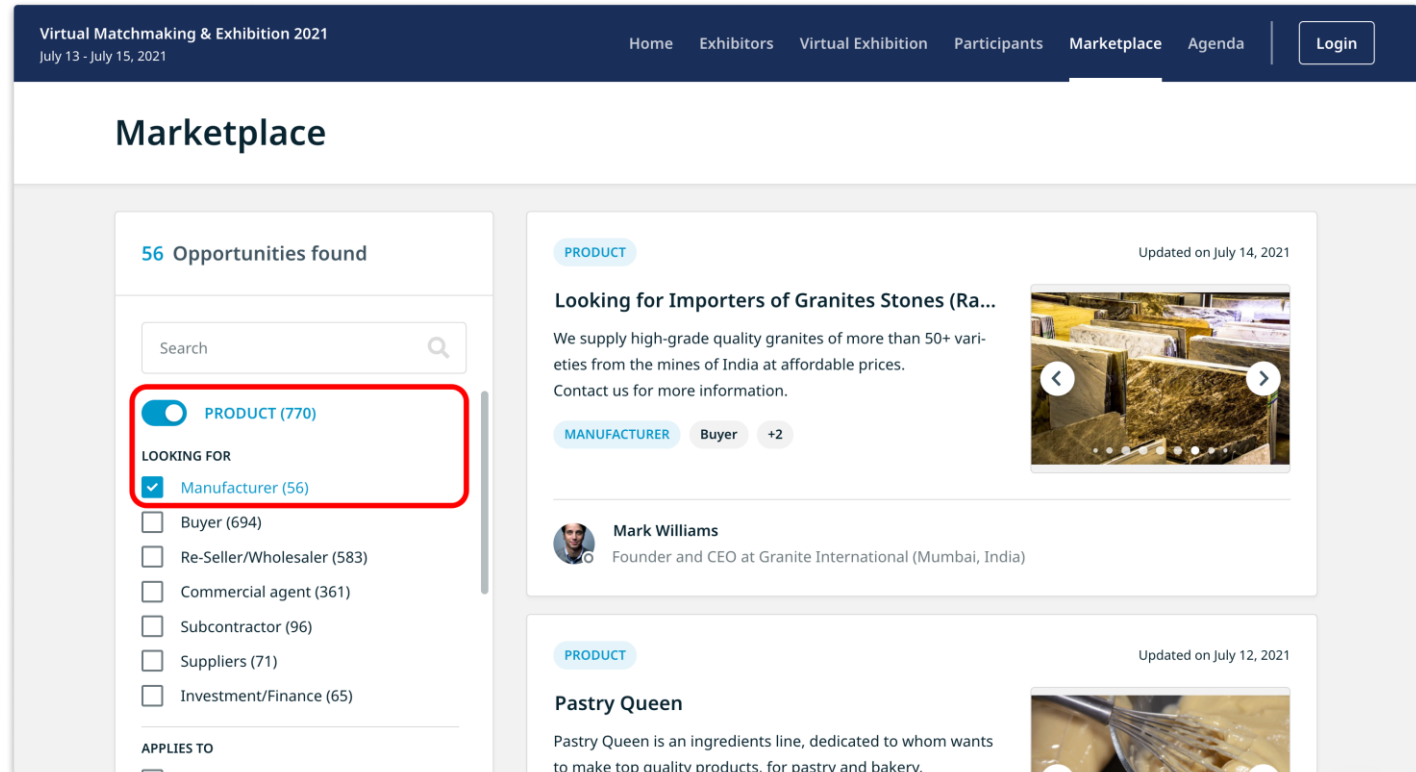
Organisation name

Pitch

Introduce yourself to other participants with a short summary.

3. Marketplace – what is this?

- **A space for publishing and browsing** collaboration opportunities
- **Showcasing participants' offers and needs** (e.g., partnership proposals, project ideas)
- **All listings in one place** – with filtering options and partner search
- **Detailed offer descriptions** (materials, organization data) increasing visibility and collaboration attractiveness
- **Seamless transition** from offer to contact and meeting scheduling



The screenshot displays the 'Marketplace' section of the 'Virtual Matchmaking & Exhibition 2021' website. The header includes navigation links: Home, Exhibitors, Virtual Exhibition, Participants, Marketplace, and Agenda, along with a Login button. The main content area is titled 'Marketplace' and shows '56 Opportunities found'. A search bar is present, and a filter section on the left lists various roles: PRODUCT (770), MANUFACTURER (56), Buyer (694), Re-Seller/Wholesaler (583), Commercial agent (361), Subcontractor (96), Suppliers (71), and Investment/Finance (65). The 'PRODUCT' filter is selected, and the 'MANUFACTURER' filter is also selected. The main content area displays two product listings. The first listing is for 'Looking for Importers of Granites Stones (Ra...)' by Mark Williams, Founder and CEO at Granite International (Mumbai, India). The second listing is for 'Pastry Queen', an ingredients line dedicated to making top quality products for pastry and bakery. Both listings include a 'PRODUCT' tag and a 'MANUFACTURER' tag.



Marketplace

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Search opportunities



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Add an opportunity



No opportunities yet

You haven't created any opportunities.
Create some here to make your profile

Add an opportunity



Effective networking in practice



A strong profile and active partner search using filters and recommendations



Marketplace – offers, needs, and project ideas



Sending and receiving invitations



Planning and managing meetings



RCNs summary on finance and budgets for Norwegian partners

Budgeting and funding of R&I-projects under the EEA grants

RCN is in dialogue with Norwegian research organizations regarding budgeting and funding rules

- Detailed budgeting webinar after the summer
- Send us your questions!

What you need to know now:

- This is not RCN funding
- Polish Project Promoter transfers funding to the Norwegian partner(s)
- Up to 40 % of the total project budget can be set aside for Norwegian partner(s)
- Not required to bring own financing unless state aid rules apply
- Some funding and reporting rules are based on Horizon Europe
- Partnership Agreement Template based on DESCA (found on RCN website)

Budgeting for universities and university colleges in Norway

- Call text mentions «simplified cost options» (SCOs) for universities
- This means you can budget similarly to current RCN projects
- Use the TDI-model for
 - i. Personnel costs
 - ii. Research infrastructure resources (RIR)
- For remaining costs, budget based on direct costs

Budgeting for research institutes in Norway

- Same as last round of POLNOR and GRIEG
- Use the hourly rates calculated for RCN-projects
- Do not add overhead
- Must have hourly rates verified and approved by RCN for 2026



Next steps

- 📌 Register in matchmaking tools for each relevant call/program
- 📌 Find partners – include non-academic actors and stakeholders
- 📌 Develop the idea and proposal together

- All calls are published at **EEAGRANTS.ORG**
- Questions from Norwegian entities – to RCN
- Program operators are responsible for the calls

