

Country specific information for applicants

E-Rare Call for Proposals 2009 for "European Research Projects on Rare Diseases"

Please note that country specific requirements might apply to this call. For further information see links or speak with the national contact person.

It is strongly advised that all applicants contact their E-Rare National Contact Point in good time before the submission of a proposal.

France

Funding organisation	ANR, Agence Nationale de la Recherche www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr
Contact person	Dr. Sophie Koutouzov GIS - Institute for Rare Diseases (on behalf of ANR) Phone: +33 (0) 1 58 14 22 82 / 85, E-mail: skoutouzov@gis-maladiesrares.net
Funding commitment	1.5 Million Euros
Anticipated number of funded research groups	8-10
Eligible institutions	Applicants from public research institutes such as EPST, EPIC, universities, or from industries, large or SMEs are eligible to apply. The coordinator must belong to a public research organisation.
Eligible costs	Personnel, consumables, animals, subcontracts, equipment, travels, documentation

Germany

See also the German version of the call (<http://www.gesundheitsforschung-bmbf.de/de/2068.php>).

Funding organisation	Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung (BMBF) / Federal Ministry of Education and Research http://www.gesundheitsforschung-bmbf.de
Contact persons	Dr. Michaela Girgenrath Dr. Ralph Schuster PT-DLR, Programme Management Agency, Health Research, on behalf of BMBF phone: +49 (0) 228 3821 775 / 233, e-mail: e-rare@dlr.de
Funding commitment	About 3.0 Mio. €
Anticipated number of funded research groups	15-20
Eligible institutions	Legal body: university, university hospital, non-university public research institute, industry (note: industry is funded with a maximum of 50-60% of the total project cost)
Eligible costs	Personnel, consumables, animals, subcontracts, equipment, travels, documentation

Israel

Funding organisation	Ministry of Health, Chief Scientists office
Contact person	Dr. Zelina Ben-Gershon Chief Scientist Office Ministry of Health phone: +972 (0)2 5681209, 972(0)506-242-117 e-mail: zelina.bengershon@moh.health.gov.il; zelinabg@gmail.com
Funding commitment	100.000 €
Maximum amount of funding for Israeli research groups in a proposal	60000 € /3 years
Anticipated number of funded research groups	1-2
Eligible institutions	University, hospital, non-university public research institute
Eligible costs	Personnel, consumables, animals, documentation (travel can not be funded)

Spain

RTD Funding Organisation	Instituto de Salud Carlos III. www.isciii.es
Availability Fund, Initial Pre-commitment	<p>1,25 M € in a non combined split of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0.9 M € for Spanish Applicant partners' grants of E-RARE transnational projects whose Principal Investigator has the Coordinator role of a whole transnational project consortium. • 0.75 M € are allocated for eligible Public and Private non for profit institutions with a health mission (e.g hospitals or other health care settings) and other eligible organisations with a health mission. • 0.15 M € are allocated for other eligible institutions • 0.35 M € for Spanish Applicant partners' grants of E-RARE transnational projects with no Coordinator role of a whole transnational project consortium. • 0.25 M € are allocated for Public and Private non for profit institutions with a health mission (e.g hospitals or other health care settings) and other organisations with a health mission. • 0.10 M € are allocated for other eligible institutions. <p>5-9 Spanish project consortium partners are tentatively envisaged that may be granted with this initial fund pre-commitment</p>
National Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Strategic Action for Health Research (= <i>Acción estratégica en Salud</i> ["AES"] of the R&D&I National Plan 2008-2011 of Spain.
National Contact Point of Spain to E-RARE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rafael De Andres Medina (rdam@isciii.es, tel.: [++34] 91 82 22508) Instituto de Salud Carlos III Sinesio Delgado 6 E-28029 Madrid – Spain
Eligibility of institutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public R&D centers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public institutions with a health mission (e.g. hospitals or other health care settings) as well as other public organisations with a health mission. [Any of them within the National Health System that manages Research via a Foundation (according to the Act 50/ 2002, of December 26th) must also present the foundation's statutes]. • The ones recognized as such according to the Act 13/1986, of April 14th, as well as the other ones hold by Public Administrations • Public Universities too. - Private R&D centers, non for profit, with own legal personality and proof of capacity or activity in relation to R&D actions [They must submit their statutes in which it must be stated a mission and aims in relation to a capacity and activities in R&D actions]: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private health institutions (e.g. hospitals or other health care settings), as well as other private organisations with a

	<p>health mission.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private Universities. • Other private bodies
<p>Eligibility of researchers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Each researcher with the coordinator role of a E-RARE transnational project consortium can be only a research team member (if no coordinator role) of just only another E-RARE transnational project consortium proposal submitted within this E-RARE call-2 or have an alive project of the R&D&I National Plan of Spain in 2010 too (national project calls) Further over submission of any Spanish project partner as applicant within other transnational project consortium will be rejected after, according to the date and time of reception of the respective application in the corresponding call secretariat. . - Each researcher with no coordinator role of a E-RARE transnational project consortium can only be a research team member of just only one E-RARE transnational project consortium submitted proposal within this E-RARE call-2 or have an alive project of the R&D&I National Plan of Spain (national project calls) in 2010. Further over submission of any Spanish partner as applicant within other transnational project consortium will be rejected after, according to the date and time of reception of the respective application in the corresponding call secretariat. - A private R&D centers must present a proof of the legal link between it as a project consortium Spanish partner and every respective researcher included as research team. - Each researcher of the core research team of a project consortium Spanish partner (other than the Principal Investigator) must have a job contract with or a fellowship with a partner lasting till the end of the project or further. - The Principal Investigator of the research team of a project consortium Spanish partner must be a senior researcher having a job contract with such a project partner lasting till the end of the granted project or further - Excluded personnel as Principal Investigator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those on training as Health Specialist. • Those on research training (e.g. PhD students, or on contracts “Rio Hortega”). • Research personnel contracted by a CIBER, a RETICS or a CONSOLIDER. • Those on post-doctoral improving training (e.g. contracts “Sara Borrel“ or contracts “Juan de la Cierva”).
<p>Eligibility of project duration</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only 3 year grants for Spanish Applicants of eligible 3 year transnational projects with 3 or more eligible project consortium partners.
<p>Cap funding per grant awarded to an eligible Spanish institution as beneficiary</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 300,000 € if the Spanish Applicant is the E-RARE transnational project consortium coordinator. • Up to 200,000 € if the Spanish Applicant is not the E-RARE transnational project consortium coordinator and has no other Spanish research project alive in 2010 granted from the R+D+I National Plan of Spain (national project calls).
<p>Eligibility of cost and their caps</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenses can only be committed and invoices charged with dates within the time the Spanish grant is alive. • [Small] Equipment (up to 40,000.00 € of the Spanish funds per project Spanish partner grant). • Consumables.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissions [Subcontracts]: up to 50% of the Spanish funds per project Spanish partner grant. • Travel and allowance just only for the partner research team members, if for presenting results (with a maximum cap of 10,000.00 €) and for field studies and coordination. • Hiring technical manpower (other than core research team members, excluded: Students or fellowships). Prefixed balk cost (salary + taxes + social security, etc.) per contract up to 3 years: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical expert, higher degree: 29,500.00 € / 1 st year, 30,000.00 € / 2 nd year, 30,500.00 € / 3 rd year. • Technical expert, medium degree: 24,500.00 € / 1 st year, 25,000.00 € / 2 nd year; 25,500.00 € / 3 rd year. • Technical expert, FP II: 20,500.00 € / 1 st year, 21,000.00 € / 2 nd year, 21,500.00 € / 3 rd year • Overheads (ex officio): up to + 21% of the Spanish national funds over the approved grant.
<p>Spanish funding delivery by ISCIII and its grant pre – requirements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every year pre-financing, after report of scientific progress and justification of expenses charged to previous grant pre-financing, checks and assessments. • If the E-RARE transnational project does not start or after starting it is cancelled, the Spanish grant also stops and remaining funds must be returned, except funding body’s permission for continuation.
<p>Further guidance</p>	<p>The Strategic Action for Health Research (= <i>Acción estratégica en Salud [“AES”] call 2009.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://aes.isciii.es <p><i>Legal frame</i> [mandatory to fulfil other applicable legal requirements, as appropriate]:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Act 14/2007 of July 3rd, 2007, of Biomedical Research. • Organic Act 3/2007, of March 22nd, for Effective equality of Men and Women [of Spain]. • Act 40/2002, of December 26th, on Foundations • Act 30/1992, 26 November 1992, on the Legal System of the Public Administrations and Common Administrative Procedure • Act 30/2007 of 30th October, for Public Sector Contracts • Annual General Budget Acts. • General Act 47/2007, of November 26, for Budgeting. • General Act 38/2003, of November 17 th, 2007, of Grants. Among other issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to be up to date in payments of taxes and social security contributions: This requirements must be fulfilled just before paying. • Legal requirements to obtain the beneficiary status of collaborative institution: according to articles 12, 13.2, 15 and 16. • Subcontracting: according to articles 29.2 and 29.7. • Community Framework for State Aid for Research and Development and Innovation (2006/C 323/01): • Eligible costs.

Turkey

See also the Turkish version of the call (<http://www.tubitak.gov.tr/home.do?ot=1&sid=611&pid=364> and <http://www.fp7.org.tr/home.do?ot=5&rt=1&sid=3750&pid=0&cid=11715>).

Funding organisation	The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) http://www.tubitak.gov.tr and http://www.fp7.org.tr
Contact person	K. Melike SEVİMLİ TÜBİTAK EU Framework Programmes National Coordination Office phone: +90 312 468 53 00/1976, e-mail: melike.sevimli@tubitak.gov.tr
Funding commitment	1.5 Mio. €
Maximum amount of funding for Turkish research groups in a proposal	360.000 TRY (About 170.000 €)
Anticipated number of funded research groups	7-8
Eligible institutions	Legal body: university, university hospital, non-university public research institute, industry
Additional eligibility criteria	Contact TÜBİTAK to get further information on TÜBİTAK's specific requirements for this call.
Eligible costs	Personnel, consumables, animals, subcontracts, equipment, travels, documentation

The Netherlands

Funding organisation	ZonMw, The Netherlands organisation for health research and development, PO Box 93245, 2509 AE The Netherlands, http://www.zonmw.nl
Contact persons	Dutch applicants are strongly advised to contact Dr. Sonja van Weely or Dr. Erica Hackenitz , phone: +31 (0) 70 349 5211, e-mail: weely@zonmw.nl
Funding commitment	1.0 Mio. € maximum
Maximum amount of funding for Dutch research groups in a proposal	250.000 €
Anticipated number of funded research groups	4-6, dependent on quality
Eligible institutions	Dutch universities, university hospitals, research organisations, care and other health institutions, patient organisations and industrial organisations settled in The Netherlands
Additional criteria	<p>The funding conditions of ZonMw are applicable for Dutch consortium partners (more information: http://www.zonmw.nl/nl/subsidie/voorwaarden/). The Dutch consortium partners in honoured consortia have to comply with ZonMw procedures for honoured projects (e.g. uploading via Projectnet and reporting annually). More information: http://www.zonmw.nl/nl/subsidie/procedure/. Scientific personnel has to be appointed at a scientific institution. Honoured consortia with a Dutch partner have to draw up and sign a Cooperation Agreement in which also the intellectual property rights are incorporated.</p> <p>ZonMw usually does not fund enterprises and other commercial parties for the development of products or services, but in this second E-Rare joint call funding of industrial organisations is not excluded. The policy of</p>

	<p>ZonMw is that public health/care interests must be evident if grants are allowed to commercial parties. Funding by ZonMw is subject to EU legal rules concerning 'state support' of companies (Community framework for State aid for research and development and innovation (2006/C 323/01)). The exact funding rate depends on the type of activity and the size of the company.</p>
Eligible costs	Personnel, consumables, animals, equipment, travels, costs for dissemination of results (implementation)

Portugal

See also the Portuguese version of the call (<http://alfa.fct.mctes.pt/apoios/cooptrans/eranets/erare/index.phtml.en>).

Funding organisation	Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia (FCT) / Foundation for Science and Technology http://alfa.fct.mctes.pt/index.phtml.en
Contact person	Dr. Catarina Resende FCT, phone: +351 21 392 44 56, e-mail: catarina.resende@fct.mctes.pt
Funding commitment	400.000 €
Maximum amount of funding for Portuguese research groups in a proposal	200.000 €
Anticipated number of funded research groups	2-5
Eligible institutions	Research entities; namely Universities, Research Centres, etc and Industry (note: industry is funded with a maximum of 50 of the total project cost).
Additional eligibility criteria	Researchers with more than 100% dedicated time to national funded projects will not be considered eligible.
Eligible costs	Personnel, consumables, subcontracts, equipment, travels, consultancy, others

Austria

Funding organisation	Fonds zur Förderung der Wissenschaftlichen Forschung (FWF) / Austrian Science Fund http://www.fwf.ac.at
Contact person	Dr. Stephanie Resch FWF phone: +43 (1) 505 67 40-8201, e-mail: stephanie.resch@fwf.ac.at
Funding commitment	0.6 Mio €
Maximum amount of funding for Austrian research groups in a proposal	Amount of typical (sub)projects: 0.2 – 0.3 Mio. €
Anticipated number of funded research groups	2-3
Eligible institutions	Individual researcher or teams of researchers, working in any kind of non profit organisation: e.g. University, University hospital, Non-university research institute
Eligible costs	Personnel, Consumables, Animals, Subcontracts, Equipment, Travel, Documentation (Note: publication costs are handled according to FWF stand-alone projects)

Greece

See also the Greek version of the call (<http://www.gsrt.gr>).

Funding organisation	General Secretariat for Research and Technology, Ministry of Development http://www.gsrt.gr
Contact person	Dr. Vassiliki Pletsa, Dr. Suzanne Kolyva Department of European Union, Directorate of International R+T Cooperation, General Secretariat for Research and Technology phone: +30-210-7458094, +30-210-7714495, e-mail: vpletsa@gsrt.gr , skolyva@gsrt.gr
Funding commitment	500,000 €
Anticipated number of funded research groups	2-5
Eligible institutions	Higher Education Institutions, Research Institutions, and Companies eligible to receive funding from the General Secretariat for Research and Technology
Additional eligibility criteria	Eligibility Criteria and Funding: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eligible enterprises are those which have been operating for at least two (2) economic years and have published at least two (2) balance-sheets. 2. Private contribution covers at least 50% of the total budget of the project.
Eligible costs	Personnel, consumables, animals, subcontracts, equipment, travels, documentation.

Italy

Funding organisation	Ministry of Health / Ministero della Salute (managed by Istituto Superiore di sanità).
Contact person	Dr. Domenica Taruscio, Dr. Annalisa Trama and Dr. Tania Lopez National Centre for Rare Diseases (Istituto Superiore di Sanità) Phone: +39 (06) 4990 4371, e-mail: annalisa.trama@iss.it; tania.lopez1@gmail.com
Funding commitment	1.0 Million €
Maximum amount of funding for Italian research groups in a proposal	Max. 150.000 € despite the number (minimum 1, maximum 3) of Italian research groups in the proposal.
Anticipated number of funded research groups	7-21
Eligible institutions	On the basis of the D.Lgs 229/99 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regions (Regioni e Province Autonome), 2. National Institute of Health (Istituto Superiore di Sanità), 3. National Institute for Occupational safety and prevention (Istituto Superiore per la Prevenzione e la Sicurezza sul Lavoro) 4. National agency for regional health services (Agenzia Nazionale per i Servizi Sanitari Regionali), 5. Research Hospital public and private (Istituti di Ricovero e Cura a Carattere Scientifico pubblici e privati IRCCS) 6. Experimental Institute for zoonoses (Istituti Zooprofilattici Sperimentali) Universities, National Research Council (CNR), other public and private research institutes, and public and private companies may collaborate to the realization of the project with the eligible partners, on the basis of specific contracts and agreements.
Eligible costs	Personnel, consumables, animals, subcontracts, equipment, travels, Please note: max amount allowed as overhead will be of 10%, the overhead costs have to be included in the "others" budget line specifying with a note the specific amount dedicated for the overhead.