

## RESEARCH AND INNOVATION PROGRAMME, APPLIED RESEARCH 2024 CALL FOR PROPOSALS (Call 2024)

### Factsheet for interested Swiss applicants<sup>1</sup>

#### Scope/Objectives

The programme aims at achieving sustainable development and long-term economic growth through research-based knowledge development. International research and development projects implemented under the programme should lead to improved competitiveness of companies in applied research, and support young and female researchers in the projects.

Call 2024 is not thematically limited. Research planned under the project shall be focused exclusively on civil applications.

#### Eligibility criteria

Projects have to be submitted by consortia comprising of at least one Polish and one Swiss entity. The eligible consortium has to include at least one enterprise, established in Poland or Switzerland. For each proposal, partners designate a **Programme Component Operator (PCO)** that has the formal administrative responsibility for the project, and has to submit the proposal on behalf of the consortium. PCO must be duly authorized to represent all **Programme Component Partners (PCPs)** on behalf of which it submits the project proposal. The PCO designates the Principal Investigator (PI), who is the researcher having the scientific lead of the project on a daily basis.

A **PCO** can be a Research organisation, established as a legal person in Poland OR an enterprise established in **Poland**.

**PCPs** can be a Research organisation, established as a legal person in Switzerland or Poland OR an enterprise established in **Switzerland or Poland**.

Entities from other countries than Poland and Switzerland are allowed to participate in the project using their own funding.

The following types of research/development are eligible: **Industrial research & Experimental development**.

#### Call dates

Publication of the call	22 April 2024
Call information webinar	24 & 25 April 2024
<b>Closing date for submission</b>	<b>1 July 2024</b>
Notification of decision	December 2024

#### Call Brokerage Event and Partnering (optional)

The search for project partners is supported and organised by the Enterprise Europe Network (EEN). [EEN Switzerland](#) provides an online [business to match platform](#) with partner profiles to establish contacts between interested organisations. The platform allows easy scheduling of meetings (incl. video). All questions related to the partner search will be handled by the country specific EEN contact listed below. Partners are encouraged to register their needs on the platform as early as possible to increase their chances of building a successful consortium.

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<sup>1</sup> A full outline of the call details and information is available under this link: [CALL 2024 - The National Centre for Research and Development - Gov.pl website \(www.gov.pl\)](#)

## Submission of applications

PCO submits project proposal for financial support under the Call 2024 to the PO. The PCO must be duly authorized to represent all PCPs on behalf of which it submits the project proposal (at least a letter of intent should be signed). Proposals have to be submitted electronically in English through the POs on-line submission system, available under the following address: <https://lsi.ncbr.gov.pl/>. The PCO can edit and validate the proposal until the closing date of the call.

- ➔ The submission is in the responsibility of the PCO, which must be a Polish entity.
- ➔ Only one submission per consortium is necessary.

## Evaluation

Evaluation of project proposals consists of formal (administrative) assessment and scientific peer-review. Only proposals that meet the formal criteria will be subject to scientific peer-review. The project proposal can receive a total number of 25 points in the evaluation procedure. To be recommended for funding, the proposal must receive at least 15 points and pass all the thresholds according to the values presented in the table below.

Criteria	Thresholds	Weight
1. Relevance	YES	N/A
2. Scientific and/or technical excellence	3/5	x3
3. Quality and efficiency of the implementation and management	3/5	x1
4. Impact of the project	3/5	x1

## Funding rules

The minimum amount of funding per project is **PLN 2,242,400 / CHF 500 000**;

the maximum amount is **PLN 4,484,800 / CHF 1 000 000**.

Grants in the Call 2024 may cover up to 100% of eligible costs for research organisations. In case of enterprises, funding quota will be decided on a case-by-case basis depending on the size of the company, type of research/development (between 40%-80%), in accordance with the Regulation on granting state aid through the National Centre for Research and Development.

Only industrial research and experimental development will be funded. Other types of activities (e.g. coordination, dissemination, management) are not eligible for funding as separate tasks. They can be however be included in an appropriate cost category within research tasks in Work Packages.

The project implementation period is from **24 months** up to **36 months**.

The final cost eligibility date is **31st March 2029**.

## Contacts for details and Partnering queries

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