E-Rare-2 Call for Proposals 2012 for "European Research Projects on Rare Diseases driven by Young Investigators"

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Submission deadlines

Pre-proposals: January 31, 2012
Full proposals: May 24, 2012

Useful links

Link to pre-proposal template
Link to electronic proposal submission
Link to call text

Further information

http://www.e-rare.eu

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1. BACKGROUND

Under the umbrella of E-Rare-2 (ERA-Net for research programmes on rare diseases), 10 funding organisations have agreed to fund the fourth joint transnational call (JTC 2012) for collaborative research projects on rare diseases driven by young investigators. The E-Rare funding organisations particularly wish to promote interdisciplinary collaboration and to encourage translational research proposals.

2. REGISTRATION

Research consortia that intend to submit a transnational project proposal should register at the web-based electronic submission site as soon as possible (http://www.pt-it.de/ptoutline/application/erare12). The system will be opened in the second week of January 2012 latest. To register, please complete all the fields requested on the web-based submission site. The information entered on this site can later be used for the final electronic proposal submission.

3. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

There will be a **two-stage submission procedure for joint applications: pre-proposals and full proposals**. In both cases, one joint proposal document (in English) shall be prepared by the partners of a joint transnational proposal, and must be submitted to the Joint Call Secretariat (JCS) (by uploading it on the electronic submission site) by one spokesperson, the coordinator.

Electronic pre-proposal submission is mandatory. To apply, please use the pre-proposal template provided on the E-Rare web page (www.e-rare.eu). A complete PDF version not exceeding 6 MB of the pre-proposal (in English) must be uploaded on the electronic submission site no later than **January 31, 2012 at 12:00 CET.**

Electronic full proposals submission is mandatory. Please note that joint full proposals will be only accepted from those applicants explicitly invited by the JCS to submit them. A complete PDF version not exceeding 6 MB of the full proposals (in English) must be uploaded on the electronic submission site no later than **May 24, 2012 at 12:00 CET**.

Please note that a signed paper version of your proposal will not be solicited. However, **both the electronic pre-proposals and full proposals need to be signed** (electronic signature or a scan of the paper containing the signature will be accepted).

Please take into account that the online data entry may be overloaded on the days of the deadlines. It is therefore recommended to complete all the fields requested on the web-based submission site and upload the application form data in good time.

4. PRE-PROPOSAL STRUCTURE

Please note that **only the pre-proposal templates** provided on the E-Rare web page (www.e-rare.eu) will be accepted. The pre-proposal document must respect the format (Pdf document: DIN-A4, Arial 11, single-spaced, and margins of 1.27 cm) and length indicated. It will include a

description of the objectives, the rationale and the methodology. Additionally, a brief budget table and the CVs of the principal investigators (three pages maximum for each principal investigator and the project coordinator) and separate publication lists will need to be submitted. **Pre-proposals exceeding these limitations will be rejected.**

All the information listed below must be compiled into one single Pdf document and uploaded to the electronic submission system. In addition, please note that the information given in sections 1-7, 11 and additional information regarding the classification of the disease area and type of study will need to be entered again in the electronic submission system forms. There you can also enter potential experts suited and not suited for the evaluation of your proposal.

Pre-proposals must include the following information:

1. Project title and acronym
2. Name and full affiliation of the project coordinator designated by the consortium to act as its representative
3. Names and full affiliations of the principal investigators participating in the joint transnational project
4. Duration of the project
5. Total funding applied for (€)
6. Keywords (between three and seven keywords representing the scientific content)
7. Abstract (max. 1600 characters including spaces)
8. Summary of the project (once converted into Pdf document: max. 5 pages DIN-A4, Arial 11, single-spaced, and margins of 1.27 cm). The summary must contain:
    a. Background and present state of the art in the research field
    b. Description of the working program including the objectives, the rationale and the methodology, highlighting the novelty, originality and feasibility of the project
    c. Potential health impact and exploitation/dissemination of expected project results
    d. Added value of the proposed transnational collaboration
9. Diagrams of the work plan, timeline, work flow and interconnections of work packages (Gantt chart, Pert or similar, max. 1 page)

10. In addition, two more pages can be added to the pre-proposal (optional)
    a. a list of references (max. 1 page)
    b. a page of diagrams, figures, etc. to support the work plan description (max. 1 page)

11. Budget plan of the project (table)

12. Academic CV (max. 3 pages) and representative publication list of each participating principal investigator (mandatory):

    a. Personal information (date of birth, address and laboratory web site)
    b. Main areas of research
    c. Description of academic career (date of PhD/MD or equivalent and name of PhD supervisor obligatory) and positions held to date (with brief description of reasons for any career breaks)
    d. Highest academic prizes/recognition received (**no more than 5**) in each of the following categories: most important invitations to present at scientific conferences; most important academic prizes/awards received; most important peer review activities, editorships and/or memberships in academic organizations (where applicable)

e. Most important research projects funded in the past (**no more than 5**) (where applicable)
f. Name and institution of key international cooperation partners in the last 5 years (where applicable)

Separate publication list:
List of all scientific publications with **5-10 most important** scientific publications outlined

➢ The CV of all principle investigators (including the coordinator) should demonstrate compliance with the requirements given by the definition of "young investigator" (= 2-10 years between finish of PhD/MD or equivalent and pre-proposal submission deadline of the E.Rare-2 JTC 2012) in the call text.

5. FULL PROPOSAL STRUCTURE

The information given in the pre-proposal is binding. Thus, any fundamental changes between the pre- and full proposals, e.g. composition of the consortia, objectives of the project, must be communicated to the JCS with detailed justification and will only be allowed by the Call Steering Committee (CSC) under exceptional circumstances.

Please note that only the **full-proposal templates** provided on the E-Rare web page (www.e-rare.eu) will be accepted. The proposal document must respect the format and the length indicated. **Full-proposals exceeding these limitations will be rejected.**

Full proposals must include the following information:

- Project title and acronym
- Name and full affiliation of the project coordinator
- Names and full affiliations of each principal investigator and other personnel participating in the transnational project
- Duration of project
- Total project cost and total budget requested
- Scientific summary (max. ½ page)
- Keywords (5 to 7)
- Background and present state of the art in the research field (max. 2 pages)
- Work plan (aims, methodology, involvement of participants clearly defining the responsibilities and workloads [expressed in person months] of each participating research group, time plan, project coordination and management, references; max. 15 pages)
- Diagram of the work plan, timeline and sequencing of work packages (Gantt chart, Pert or similar, max. 1 page)
- Financial summary for each consortium member
- Scientific justifications of requested and total project cost (e.g. own contribution + other sources + requested). When applicable specifying co-funding from other sources necessary for the project (max. 1 page)
- Added value of the proposed transnational project collaboration (max. 1 page)
- Potential health impact and exploitation/dissemination of expected project results (max. ½ page)
- Description of patents and present / future position with regard to intellectual property rights, both within and outside the consortium, if applicable (e.g. any barriers to sharing materials or results; max. ½ page)

- Description of ongoing research projects of each participating group related to the present topic (indicating funding sources [include at least: ID number, amount and duration of funded project; funding agency] and possible overlaps with the proposal max. ½ page per research group)
- Ethical issues of the project proposal. When applicable, ethical and legal issues (e.g. informed consent, ethical permits, data protection, use of animals) according to Member State / regional regulations (max. ½ page)
- Academic CV (max. 3 pages) and complete publication list of each participating principal investigator:

  a. Personal information (date of birth, address and laboratory web site)
  b. Main areas of research
  c. Description of academic career (date of PhD/MD or equivalent and name of PhD supervisor obligatory) and positions held to date (with brief description of reasons for any career breaks)
  d. Highest academic prizes/recognition received (**no more than 5**) in each of the following categories: most important invitations to present at scientific conferences; most important academic prizes/awards received; most important peer review activities, editorships and/or memberships in academic organizations. (where applicable)
  e. Most important research projects funded in the past (**no more than 5**) (where applicable)
  f. Name and institution of key international cooperation partners in the last 5 years (where applicable).

Separate publication list:
- List of all scientific publications with **5-10 most important** scientific publications outlined

➢ The CV of all principle investigators (including the coordinator) should demonstrate compliance with the requirements given by the definition of "young investigator" (= 2-10 years between finish of PhD/MD or equivalent and pre-proposal submission deadline of the E-Rare-2 JTC 2012) in the call text.

- When requested by a national's eligibility criteria, additional information must be provided. The information provided will be checked by the corresponding national agency

Applicants are invited to name potential experts suited for the evaluation of their proposals as well as experts not suited due to conflict of interest.

PLEASE NOTE

Some advice to succeed with your proposal:

- ➢ **read several times the call text**, including the aim of the call and the evaluation criteria
- ➢ make sure that your proposal falls into the **scope of the call**
- ➢ make sure that your proposal fulfils the **eligibility criteria of the joint call**
- ➢ make sure that the consortia members have understood the **national eligibility criteria and requirements (Annex 2) and that they fulfil these criteria**
- ➢ applicants are strongly advised to contact their national representative and confirm eligibility with their respective funding organisations in advance of submitting an application (annex 1).
- ➢ prepare your proposals in advance
- ➢ enter the requested information on the submission site as soon as possible

- use the proposal templates provided on the E-Rare web site (www.e-rare.eu) and upload a PDF version of the completed proposal form which should not exceed 6 MB on due time
- respect the length limitations of each section in the proposals

Only the pre-proposal and full proposal templates provided on the E-Rare web page (www.e-rare.eu) will be accepted. Proposals exceeding the length limitations of any section **will be discarded without further review.**

Please note that proposals not meeting the formal criteria or the national eligibility criteria and requirements **will be declined without further review.**

Applicants are advised to read the national eligibility criteria and requirements (Annex I) and confirm eligibility with their respective funding organisations in advance of submitting an application.

6. PROJECT START AND CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT

Consortium members of projects selected for funding must fix a common project start date, which would be the reference date for yearly and final reports and project extensions. This common project start date must appear in the Consortium Agreement.

It will be the responsibility of the research consortium coordinators to draw up a Consortium Agreement suitable to their own group in order to manage the delivery of the project activities, finances, intellectual right properties (IPR) and to avoid disputes which might be detrimental to the completion of the project.

Consortia members of selected for funding projects must sign a CA no later than six months after the common project start date.

The purpose of this document will be:

- to underpin the research partners' collaboration and provide the research partners with mutual assurance on project management structures and procedures, and their rights and obligations towards one another;
- to assure the CSC that the research consortium has a satisfactory decision making capability and is able to work together in a synergistic manner.

The following subjects (as a minimum) should be addressed by the Consortium Agreement:

- purpose of and definitions used in the Consortium Agreement:
- names of organisations involved
- common start date of the research project
- organisation and management of the project
- role and responsibilities of the research consortium coordinator and the research partners: person in charge, their obligations and key tasks, conditions for their change
- deliverables (transnational reports and if relevant requirements for national reports where coordination is required)
- resources and funding

- confidentiality and publishing
- Intellectual Property Rights (how this issue will be handled between research partners)
- decision making within the consortium
- handling of internal disputes
- the liabilities of the research partners towards one another (including the handling of default of contract

ANNEX I: National/Regional Eligibility requirements:

AUSTRIA

Country	Austria
Funding organisation	Fonds zur Förderung der Wissenschaftlichen Forschung (FWF) / Austrian Science Fund / http://www.fwf.ac.at
National contact point	Stephanie Resch (stephanie.resch@fwf.ac.at) +43-1-505 67 40-8201
National programme	
Funding commitment	1 Mio€
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	~ 4
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	
Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	individual researcher or teams of researchers, working in any kind of nonprofit organization: e.g. University, University hospital, Non-university research institute *Please refer also to the general FWF Funding Guidelines: http://www.fwf.ac.at/de/downloads/pdf/fwf_funding_guidelines.pdf*
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Personnel, consumables, animals, subcontracts, equipment, travel, documentation (Note: publication costs are handled according to FWF stand-alone projects) *Please refer also to the general FWF Funding Guidelines: http://www.fwf.ac.at/de/downloads/pdf/fwf_funding_guidelines.pdf*
National phase	Submission of the proposal at the national level will be required in parallel to the international evaluation
Further guidance	

BELGIUM (FLANDERS)

Country	Belgium: Flanders
Funding organisation	Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO)
National contact persons	Dr. Olivier Boehme
National programme	New Research Projects
Funding commitment	€ 200.000
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	1
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	€ 200.000
Eligibility of projects	Art. 9 of the FWO-regulation on the regular research projects is applicable. In this article is stated who can apply as a (co-)promoter for a research project (here only those cases that are relevant for cancer research are listed): Promoter: – a professor with an appointment of more than 10% at a Flemish university; – a professor with an appointment of 10% at a Flemish university and a main task as researcher; – a professor with an appointment of 5% at a Flemish university and with an appointment as (assistant) clinical head or an equal function in a university hospital; – a research director of FWO; – a Flemish beneficiary of an ERC Starting Grant, an ERC Advanced Grant or an allowance in the FWO-funding programme Odysseus II. Co-promoter: All co-promoters have to be researchers at at least postdoctoral level in at least one of the following types of organizations: – a Flemish university; – a Flemish research institution;

	– a Flemish university hospital; – the Transnational university Limburg; – a federal scientific institution, if the co-promoter belongs to the Dutch language register. Researchers from outside Flanders can be involved as co-promoter without being entitled to receive funding from the FWO and insofar this cooperation is relevant for the project. If more than one universities are involved in the project, at least one promoter or co-promoter of each university has to fulfill the above mentioned eligibility criteria as well as to occupy a position covering entirely the period of the project that is applied for. The criteria have to be met with at the start of the project at the latest, which has to be proven at the date of the submission.
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	See under 'Eligibility of projects'.
Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	See under 'Eligibility of projects'.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Funding money can be used for staff, consumables and infrastructure. The minimal and maximal amounts of money allowed per cost category, as applicable for the regular FWO-projects, are not applicable for the projects funded by FWO in ERA-NET. However, for staff costs the same lump sums are applicable as in the regular projects, i.e.: 60.000 € for a scientific staff member and 50.000 € for a technical staff member. Moreover, FWO pays the host institutions of a project 6% overhead on top of the funding amount. Funding cannot be used for training activities, apart from the opportunity for a researcher appointed within the project to obtain a PhD on the basis of the results from his/her project research.
National phase	The FWO-funding scheme for New Research Projects is opened one time a year.
Further guidance	http://www.fwo.be/Nieuw-onderzoeksproject.aspx For more information also the NCP can be contacted.

FRANCE

Country	France
Funding organisation	French National Research Agency (Agence nationale de la recherché –ANR-) http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr
National contact persons	**Natalia Martin** Health & Biology Department Agence Nationale de la Recherche –ANR- 7 rue de Watt - 75013 Paris, France **E-mail** : natalia.martin@agencerecherche.fr; **Phone** : (33) (0) 1 73 54 81 33
National programme	N/A
Funding commitment	1 M€
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	~6-8
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	The ANR doesn't have a maximum funding per grant; the amount depends on the scientific need and justification for the budget. However, there is a minimum amount per partner: 15 000 €
Eligibility of projects	2-3 years
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	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. The maximum rate of support for SMEs is 45% of total costs. And for companies other than SMEs is 30%
Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	The PIs must hold a position covering the whole duration of the project proposal + 1 year
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Personnel, consumables, animals, subcontracts, equipment, travels, documentation
National phase	
Further guidance	N/A

GERMANY

Country	Germany
Funding organisation	German Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF) www.gesundheitsforschung-bmbf.de
National contact point	Project Management Agency of the German Aerospace Centre (PT-DLR) - Health Research - Heinrich-Konen-Straße 1 53227 Bonn Phone: 0049 (0)228/3821-1210 Telefax: 0049 (0)228/3821-1257 E-Mail: gesundheitsforschung@dlr.de
National programme	Health Research Framework Programme of the Federal Government
Funding commitment	About 3 M€
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	12-15
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	The BMBF does not have a maximum amount of funding per grant. The amount depends on the scientific needs and justification for the budget.
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	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)
Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	The principle investigator should have (or get upon granting of the project) an employment contract at the eligible institution for at least the duration of the project; the principle investigator does not need to have a permanent position at the institute. A letter from the department head or other responsible official of the institute has to be submitted at the deadline of application of the pre-proposal in which information on the employment contract of the principle investigator is indicated. Furthermore, in this letter the department head or other responsible official should also guarantee that the applicant will have the time and facilities to perform the research properly and according to plan. The principle investigator should show strong commitment to the implementation of the project.

Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Personnel, consumables, animals, subcontracts, equipment, travels, documentation according to national regulations. Universities and university hospitals should include in their calculations the specific BMBF overhead “Projektpauschale” (for more information see: http://www.kp.dlr.de/profi/easy/bmbf/pdf/0026p.pdf). In general, the request for personnel expenses can include the salary of the PI if the PI is not financed as permanent staff. For calculation of personnel expenses please refer to: http://www.kp.dlr.de/profi/easy/bmbf/pdf/Obergrenzen2010.pdf
National phase	Submission of the formal proposal at national level will be carried out once the international evaluation has been performed and the ranking list has been endorsed by the Call Steering Committee (CSC). The German project partner PI will then be invited by PT-DLR to submit the formal proposal.
Further guidance	www.gesundheitsforschung-bmbf.de/de/2712.php

ISRAEL

Country	Israel
Funding organisation	Chief Scientist office, Ministry of Health (CSO/MOH)
National contact persons	**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
National programme	Chief Scientist Medical Research Fund Funding of clinical research, disease and health related projects and research related to the understanding of the etiology and treatment of diseases
Funding commitment	180,000 euros
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	3
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	60,000 Euros
Eligibility of projects	Basically , a duration of 2 years with possible prolongation to a third year. The total funding is up to 60,000 euro.
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	University, hospital, academic and public research institutions
Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	The Principal Investigator must hold a Ph.D., M.D.,D.Sc or equivalent degree, be employed by a university ,hospital or academic or public research institution. No simultaneous funding is possible on more than one grant (ERA-NET or national) for an applicant (PI or co-investigator)
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Personnel, consumables, animals, documentation (Salaries to the listed researchers can not be funded)
National phase	Submission of the proposal after approved for funding to the CSO/MOH is required.. Please see instructions and forms for submission at http://www.health.gov.il/pages/default.asp?maincat=14&catid=45&pageid=873 .

Further guidance	If the application involves human or animal experimentation, bioethics approvals must be submitted with the application or up to 4 months later. Submission of semi-annual financial and annual scientific reports at national level is required. Please see detailed instructions of application at the national level and reporting at http://www.health.gov.il/pages/default.asp?maincat=14&catid=45&pageid=873

POLAND

Country	Poland
Funding organisation	National Centre for Research and Development (**NCBiR**) (www.ncbir.pl)
National contact persons	- **Marcin Chmielewski**, Section for Research Projects BIOMED, Nowogrodzka Str. 47a, 00-695 Warsaw, Poland, +48 22 24 42 858 (109), e-mail: m.chmielewski@ncbir.pl;
National programme	National Scientific Research Programme (Krajowy Program Badań)
Funding commitment	1,0 M euro
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	3-5
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	The NCBiR does not have a maximum funding per grant. The amount depends on the scientific needs and justification for the budget.
Eligibility of projects	All proposals must be aligned with National regulations, inter alia: • The Act of 30 April 2010 on **the Principles of Financing Science**, published in Journal of Laws No. 96 item 615, 2010; • The Act of 30 April 2010 on **the National Centre for Research and Development**, published in Journal of Laws No. 96 item 616, 2010; • The Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 23 September 2010 **on criteria and mechanisms of science funding**, published in Journal of Laws No.179 item 1206, 2010; • The Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 28 October 2010 on criteria and rules on **granting state aid and "de minimis" aid** by the National Centre for Research and Development, published in Journal of Laws No. 215 item 1411, 2010.
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	According to The Act of 30 April 2010 on **the Principles of Financing Science** following entities are eligible to apply: • Scientific institution (as defined in the Science Financing Act, article 2 point 9); • Scientific consortia (as defined in the Science Financing Act article 2, point 12); • Scientific network (as defined in the Science Financing Act article 2, point 14);

	• Industrial Scientific Centre (as defined in the Science Financing Act article 2, point 15); • Scientific units of the Polish Academy of Sciences (as defined in the Science Financing Act article 2, point 16); Other legal entities operating in Poland. The category includes the companies having the status of R&D centre (as defined in the Science Financing Act article 2, point 9).
Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	The cost of scholarship is not eligible.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Eligible costs: Personnel, consumables, subcontracts, equipment, travel and subsistence, overhead, documentation, materials, other operational costs. The cost of training is eligible up to 6 months. The cost of scholarship is not eligible. The maximum rate of support for research organizations is 100% of total costs (for all type of R&D); for SEs : 100% for fundamental research, max. 80% for Industrial research and max. 60% for Experimental Development of total costs; for Mes: 100% for fundamental research, max. 75% for Industrial research, max. 50% - for Experimental Development; for LE's: 100% for fundamental research, max. - 65% for Industrial research and max. 40% for Experimental Development.
National phase	Polish Participants will be informed and invited to submit Polish proposal once the international evaluation and the ranking list will be established.
Further guidance	• The Act of 30 April 2010 on **the Principles of Financing Science**, published in Journal of Laws No. 96 item 615, 2010; • The Act of 30 April 2010 on **the National Centre for Research and Development**, published in Journal of Laws No. 96 item 616, 2010; • The Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 23 September 2010 **on criteria and mechanisms of science funding**, published in Journal of Laws No.179 item 1206, 2010; • The Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 28 October 2010 on criteria and rules on **granting state aid and "de minimis" aid** by the National Centre for Research and Development, published in Journal of Laws No. 215 item 1411, 2010. All eligible entities, invited to submit Polish proposal are obliged to use the rate of exchange of The European Central Bank dated on the day of opening the call.

PORTUGAL

Country	Portugal
Funding organisation	Foundation for Science and Technology
National contact persons	**Anabela Isidro** E-mail : Anabela.Isidro@fct.pt; Phone: +351 21 391 1552
National programme	Not applicable
Funding commitment	0,2 M€
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	1-2
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	0,2 M€
Eligibility of projects	Duration of up to 3 years.
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Higher Education Institutions, their institutes and R&D centres; Associate Laboratories; State Laboratories; Private non-profit institutions whose main objective is to carry out S&T activities; Companies, provided they participate in projects headed by public or private non-profit R&D institutions; Other public and private non-profit institutions which carry out or participate in scientific research activities.
Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	A Principal Investigator (PI) must be named for each project, who will be co-responsible, along with the Principal Contractor, for the proposal and management of the project and for the fulfilment of the proposed objectives and the compliance with the regulations governing the funding award. The PI shall be dedicated to the project, according to the duration of the proposed activities, at no less than 35% (FTE). The remaining members of the research team shall be dedicated to the project,

	according to their participation, at no less than 15% (FTE). The Acceptance Agreement shall not be made available for signing for any projects recommended for funding that would cause the respective PI or any other member of the research team to exceed 100% (FTE) dedication after the beginning of the project, when all the FCT-managed projects in which he/she is participating are taken into account.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Equipment, Personnel, Networks & Consortium Funding, Intellectual Property Rights (e.g. patents) and Mobility.
National phase	Submission required after selection.
Further guidance	http://alfa.fct.mctes.pt/apoios/projectos/regulamento.phtml.en

SPAIN

Country	Spain
Funding organisation	Institute of Health Carlos III-Fund for Health Research (**ISCIII** - FIS) www.isciii.es
National contact persons	1) Mr. **Ignacio Baanante** Subdirección General de Evaluación y Fomento de la Investigación email: Ibaanante@isciii.es. Tel.: +[34] 91 82 22576 2) Mr. **Gaspar Giner –Abati Bache** email: gginer-abati@isciii.es Tel.: +[34] 91 82 22477 3) Ms**. Maria Druet** email: mdruet@isciii.es Tel.: +[34] 91 82 22530. Instituto de Salud Carlos III Monforte de Lemos, 5 E-28029 Madrid – Spain
National programme	The Strategic Action for Health Research (= *Acción estratégica en Salud ["AES"]*) of the R&D&I National Plan of Spain 2008-2011
Funding commitment*	0.5 M€
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	3-5 E-Rare-2 transnational project partners
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	Only one 3 year grant per fundable project partner : • Up to 250,000 € if the Spanish Applicant is the E-Rare-2 transnational project consortium coordinator. • Up to **100,000 €** if the Spanish Applicant is not the E-Rare-2 transnational project consortium coordinator.
Eligibility of projects	• 3 year transnational projects with 3 or more eligible project consortium partners and from at least 3 different E-Rare-2 joint transnational call 2012 funding countries. • Translational projects are encouraged. • A researcher of a Spanish project partner can only be involved in one submitted proposal. Additional proposals will be rejected.
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	**Public R&D centres:** • Hospitals, 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 • A **CIBER,** just only if it is the consortium coordinator partner in a transnational project proposal. **Private R&D centres**, **non for profit:** • Hospitals or other health care settings. [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 on a non for profit basis]. • Only **ONE** partner per Institution and per project
Eligibility of the young principal investigator or other research team member	- Each researcher of an E-Rare-2 transnational project consortium can only be a research team member of one alive E-Rare project in 2012. Compatibility regarding to alive projects or parallel applications within the R+D+I National Plan of Spain, European Union or international frameworks, is subjected to the specification stated in the corresponding calls for proposals. 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. - Private R&D centres 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 such a Spanish project partner lasting until the end of the project or beyond. - The Principal Young Investigator that must have been awarded his/her first PhD/MD or equivalent doctoral degree at least 2 and up to 10 years prior to the publication date of the call having a job contract with such a project partner lasting until the end of the granted project or beyond. - Excluded personnel as Principal Investigator: • 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 (if such a CIBER is not the project coordinator partner), a RETICS or a CONSOLIDER. • Those on post-doctoral improving training (e.g. contracts “Sara Borrel“ or contracts “Juan de la Cierva”).
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	• 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. • 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 bulk cost (salary + taxes + socials security, etc.) per contract up to 3 years: • Technical expert, higher degree: 27,550.00 € • Technical expert, medium degree: 22,800.00 €

	• Technical expert, FP II: 19,000.00 € Overheads (ex officio): up to + 21% of the Spanish national funds over the approved grant.
National phase	• Submission of the proposal at a national level will be carried out (by using an on-line application) once the international evaluation and the ranking list have been performed and endorsed by the Call Steering Committee (CSC) and the Spanish project partner IP has been informed by the project consortium coordinator and invited by ISCIII to submit the proposal to it.
Grant delivery of awarded funds by ISCIII to projects partners and its requirement	• Every year pre-financing, to the beneficiary (E-Rare-2 transnational project consortium partner) with legal address placed in Spain: after report of scientific progress and justification of expenses charged to this one, as well as to previous grant pre- financing, their checks and assessments.
Further guidance	The Strategic Action for Health Research (= *Acción estratégica en Salud ["AES"] call 2012*. • Participation guidelines and rules are published in the corresponding issue of the Official Gazette of Spain (= "Boletín Oficial del Estado" ["BOE"]). • http://aes.isciii.es *Legal frame* [mandatory to fulfil as other applicable legal requirements, as appropriate]: • 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 17th, 2007, of Grants. Among other issues: 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).
Spanish funding delivery by ISCIII and its grant pre – and post-requirements	• ISCIII may be unable to award with a grant for a partner placed in Spain of a successfully assessed "E-Rare" transnational project, if the final decision concerning all consortium partners´ grants is taken after October 1st, 2012, and the administrative documents required for funding have not been provided to ISCIII before October 20th, 2012. • Just in this case, it may be applied as appropriate the provisions referring to transnational projects with partners with unavailability of funds due the corresponding "E-Rare" funding body partner´s funds are exhausted. • If the "E-Rare" transnational project after awarded does not start or after starting is cancelled or no project partners´consortium

	agreement copy is provided to ISCIII in due term or project partner consortia or research team composition is changed, the grant awarded by ISCIIII also stops and the remaining Spanish national funds must be returned, exception made of a specific ISCIII´s permission for the project partner´s continuation and within the boundaries of such a permission. • Granted projects must state "Awarded within ERANet E-Rare framework by ISCIII (grant nº …) upon the AES (R+D+I National Plan of Spain)"

***** Due to the elections held in Spain (November 20, 2011) the annual National Budget for 2012 has not been approved and so there is no appropriations yet for the ISCIII to carry the above mentioned activity. It is expected it will be approved during 2012 by the new Spanish Parliament in due time.

THE NETHERLANDS

Country	The Netherlands
Funding organisation	ZonMw, The Netherlands organisation for health research and development, PO Box 93245, 2509 AE The Netherlands, http://www.zonmw.nl
National contact persons	Dutch applicants are strongly advised to contact Dr. Sonja van Weely, e-mail: weely@zonmw.nl; phone: +31 (0) 70 349 5211,
National programme	PM Rare
Funding commitment	0.7 M€ maximum
Anticipated number of fundable Dutch project partners	3-4 project partners
Anticipated number of fundable projects with a Dutch project partner	Maximum of 3 fundable projects, dependent on quality
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	Up to 250.000 euro for a project partner for a 3-year project proposal
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project	Up to 250.000 euro for a 3-year project proposal. In case a project consists of two Dutch partners the total amount of the ZonMw funding for the project is still up to 250,000 euro.
Eligibility of projects	Transnational projects with a maximum of 3 years endurance, with 3 or more eligible project consortium partners from at least three different E-Rare-2 Joint transnational Call 2012 funding countries. The consortium should consist of a maximum of six consortium partners.
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Dutch universities, research institutes affiliated to universities, university medical centres, research hospitals, health promotion institutes and knowledge institutes, settled in The Netherlands. Collaboration with patient organisations is welcomed. Companies are not eligible for funding of ZonMw in this call, however cofinancing by companies or in kind contribution of companies is possible.
Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	The principle investigator should have (or get upon granting of the project) an employment contract at the eligible institution for at least the duration of the project; the principle investigator does not need to have a permanent position at the institute. A letter from the department head or other responsible official of the institute has to be submitted at the deadline of application of the preproposal in which information on

	the employment contract of the principle investigator is indicated. Furthermore, in this letter the department head or other responsible official should also guarantee that the applicant will have the time and facilities to perform the research properly and according to plan. The principle investigator should show strong commitment to (the results of) the project.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Costs for personnel can be part of the application of the Dutch applicant. Furthermore, consumables, animals, equipment, travels, costs for dissemination of results (implementation) are eligible (see the ZonMw grant terms and conditions: http://www.zonmw.nl/nl/subsidies/subsidievoorwaarden/). Subcontracting is not allowed.
National phase	- Submission of the proposal to ZonMw will be carried out once the international evaluation and the ranking list have been performed and endorsed by the Call Steering Committee. - The Dutch consortium partners in honoured consortia have to comply with ZonMw procedures for honoured projects (e.g. uploading via ProjectNet - including the ZonMw budget format, and reporting annually). More information: http://www.zonmw.nl/nl/subsidies/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.
Further guidance	- The funding conditions of ZonMw are applicable for Dutch consortium partners (more information: http://www.zonmw.nl/nl/subsidies/subsidievoorwaarden/).

TURKEY

Country	TURKEY
Funding organisation	TUBITAK The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey
National contact persons	Ms. Nihan ERYILMAZ
National programme	The Support Programme for Scientific and Technological Research Projects (1001)
Funding commitment	Max. 0,6 M€
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	3-4 Projects
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	Maximum funding per grant is 120.000 TL / year which is approximately 48.000 EUR / year (for 3 years maximum funding per grant is 360.000 TL which is approximately 144.000 EUR)
Eligibility of projects	All necessary documents and eligibility criteria can be checked via TUBITAK's web page on the national programme: http://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sid/367/pid/364/cid/9907/index.htm
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Legal body: university, university hospital, public research institutes, industry
Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	Principal investigators from universities and university hospitals should at least have a PhD degree. Principal investigators from public research institutes and industry should at least have a university degree. There are other requirements related to principal investigator and other research team members. This information should be checked thoroughly by the Turkish partner from the web site http://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sid/367/pid/364/cid/9907/index.htm before organising the research team.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Personnel, consumables, animals, subcontracts, equipment, travel, documentation.

National phase	• During the international submission phase, national submission will not be required. • Submission of the proposal at the national level will be required as soon as the funded projects list announced after the international evaluation • **Letter of Applications for ECA** should be submitted to TUBITAK in parallel to the international submission. **Original version of the "Ethics Committee Approvals - ECA"** should be submitted for the projects in which ECA is needed during the national submission. • Transfer of patient material will follow the national regulations and "Material transfer agreements" should be signed before national application.
Further guidance	Further information should be checked via TUBITAK's web page on the national programme: http://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sid/367/pid/364/cid/9907/index.htm