



National Eligibility Criteria of research project proposal in international ERA-NET calls funded from Mobilitas Pluss programme

Estonian Research Council (hereafter The Council) funds basic and applied research. Applied research is only funded as far as it does not refer to product development with commercial value and for marketing purposes.

A grant or research support is the allocation of funds by the Council for a specified purpose to carry out research work and the grant shall be awarded within an open competition.

Funding will come from the Mobilitas Pluss programme, which is partly financed by the European Regional Development Fund. The project must comply with the rules set in the Mobilitas Pluss decree No. 1.1-2/15/481 of the Minister of Education and Research of 30 December 2015.

1. Participants of the project

1.1. The Host Institution (the final recipient) is the applicant of the grant, to which the grant will be allocated within an open competition.

1.2. The Principal Investigator is the researcher who is appointed to be responsible for the use of the grant for its specific purpose and for the productive realisation of the project. The principal investigator:

1.2.1. Must possess either the Estonian nationality or citizenship or be a permanent resident of Estonia.

1.2.2. Has an updated profile in the Estonian Research Information System (ETIS).

1.2.3. Has as a rule entered into an employment relationship with the Host Institution, which is the basis of the realisation of the grant project and through which the grant shall be allocated to the Principal Investigator.

1.2.4. Must be a holder of the doctoral degree of Estonia or an equivalent academic degree (both awarded by the deadline of submission of the grant application, at the latest).

1.2.5. Must have published within the last five years prior to the proposal's submission deadline at least three publications, which comply with the requirements of clauses 1.1 of the classification of publications of the ETIS, or at least five publications, which comply with the requirements of clauses 1.1, 1.2, 2.1 and 3.1 of the classification of publications of the ETIS; international patents are equalised with publications of clause 1.1.; the monographs are equalised to each author with three

publications mentioned in clause 1.1 if the number of its authors is three or less. If the applicant has been on the parental leave or in the compulsory military service within these last five years, the deadline of the publication requirement shall be extended by the time stayed on the parental leave or compulsory military service

1.3. The main participant of the project is a person who participates in the substantial performance of the project. The main participant of the project shall either possess at least the master's degree or the respective qualification and must have published at least one publication within the last three years prior to the proposal's submission deadline, which comply with the requirements of clauses 1.1, 1.2, 2.1 or 3.1 of the classification of publications of the ETIS; or be a doctoral candidate.

2. Grant Agreement

The Council shall enter into a grant agreement with the Principal Investigator and the Host Institution.

3. Budget

3.1. A budget of proposal shall consist of the research expenses and the overhead costs, through which the grant project is to be carried out.

3.2. The research expenses consist of personnel costs, travel costs, other direct costs and subcontracting costs. The expenses on research are clearly required to carry out the project and respectively identifiable. All eligible costs are set in the decree of Mobilitas Pluss.

3.3. Double funding of activities already having contributions is not acceptable. If the project or parts of the project are already being funded from other sources or the Host Institution is currently applying for other funding for the same project, the Host Institution is required to provide this information.

3.4. Only costs which have been made between the signature of the grant agreement and 31.12.2022 are eligible.

3.5. **Remuneration** may only be paid out of the grant to the Principal Investigator and main participants in the project according to the time they participate in the grant project and their total salary cost.¹

3.6. **Travel costs** cover expenses for transport, accommodation and daily allowances (except in case of internal travel).

3.7. **Subcontracting costs** cover generally only additional or complementary tasks (e.g. costs for translation, analyses, etc.) to the third parties. Core project research tasks should not be subcontracted. Subcontracting costs may not exceed 10% of the total costs.

3.8. **Other direct costs** are:

¹ comprising basic monthly salary plus social security charges and other statutory costs

- 3.8.1. Consumables related to the project;
 - 3.8.2. Costs for publishing and dissemination of project results (fair distribution of costs between partner should be followed);
 - 3.8.3. Costs for organising the meetings/seminars/conferences (only in Estonia);
 - 3.8.4. Fees for participating in scientific forums and conferences;
 - 3.8.5. All other costs which are clearly required for the implementation of the project, are respectively identifiable and which comply with the eligible costs of the Mobilitas Plus decree.
- 3.9. Indirect costs of the project are 15% of eligible direct personnel costs and should cover general expenses of the Host Institution and the Council. Two thirds (2/3) of the overhead will go to the Host Institution and one third (1/3) will be kept by the Council (for checking the compliance of the costs with the rules of the European Structural Funds).
- 3.10. Costs for equipment and services intended for public use (copying machine or printer publicly used, phone bills, copying service, etc.) shall be covered from the indirect costs.
- 3.11. Participants' personal expenses or expenses not directly related to the project are not eligible.

4. Human research or animal tests

- 4.1. If a human research or animal tests are intended in the research project, the positive resolution of the Ethics Review Committee or Animal Testing Project Permits Committee with respect to the performance of the project addressed to the Council shall be submitted by the time of commencement of human research or animal testing.