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National Eligibility Criteria for Estonian Applicants Requesting Funding from Mobilitas Pluss Programme in ERA-NET Calls

The Estonian Research Council (hereinafter ETag) 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.

Mobilitas Pluss programme 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 to which the grant will be allocated. The Host Institution must be registered and located in Estonia. R&D institutions must conform to the Organisation of Research and Development Act. For enterprises section 3(2) of the Organisation of Research and Development Act does not apply.

The Host Institution must declare that the project can be carried out within their premises and that it will employ the Principal Investigator during the proposed project, should the project receive funding.

1.2 The Principal Investigator is the researcher who will be responsible for the use of the grant and for the implementation of the project.

The Principal Investigator:

1.2.1 must have an updated public profile in the Estonian Research Information System (ETIS) , or as an alternative, convert his/her ETIS publications table into a PDF and send it directly to the ERA-NET's contact point at ETag;

1.2.2 must hold a doctoral degree of an Estonian higher education institution or an equivalent academic degree. The degree must be awarded by the submission deadline of the grant application, at the latest;

1.2.3 must have published at least three articles which comply with the requirements of clause 1.1 of the ETIS classification of publications, or at least five articles which comply with the requirements of clauses 1.1, 1.2, 2.1 and 3.1, within the last five years prior to the proposal submission deadline. International patents are equalled with publications of clause 1.1. Monographs (ETIS clause 2.1) are equalled with three publications mentioned in clause 1.1 if the number of authors is three or less. If the applicant has been on pregnancy and maternity or parental leave or in the compulsory military service, or has other serious grounds, the publication period requirement will be extended by the respective time.

1.3 Senior research staff of the project participates in the substantial performance of the project. They should hold at least master's degree or a respective qualification.

2. Budget

The budget of the proposal should consist of **research expenses** and **indirect costs**. Only expenses made between the start date and the end date of the project (not later than 31.12.2022) are eligible.

2.1 Research expenses consist of personnel costs, travel costs, other direct costs and subcontracting costs. The research expenses must be relevant to carry out the project and respectively identifiable. All eligible costs are set in the [Mobilitas Plus decree](#).

2.1.1 Remuneration may be paid out of the grant only according to the time commitment of the staff to the project and their total salary cost.¹ **Scholarships** are not eligible.

2.1.2 Travel costs cover expenses for transport, accommodation and daily allowances.

2.1.3 Other direct costs are:

- consumables related to the project;
- costs for publication and dissemination of project results;
- costs for organising meetings, seminars or conferences;
- fees for participation in scientific forums and conferences;
- all other costs that are identifiable as clearly required for the implementation of the project and comply with the eligible costs as defined in the [Mobilitas Plus decree](#).

¹ Comprising basic monthly salary, social security charges and other statutory costs.

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

2.2 The share of **indirect costs** of the project is 15% of eligible **direct personnel costs** and should cover general expenses of the Host Institution and ETAg. Two thirds (2/3) of the indirect costs will go to the Host Institution and one third (1/3) will be kept by ETAg for checking the compliance of the costs with the rules of the European Structural Funds.

Costs for equipment and services intended for public use (copying machine or printer publicly used, phone bills, copying service, etc.) must be covered from the indirect costs.

2.3 Double funding of activities is not acceptable.

2.4 Expenses not directly related to the project are not eligible.

3. Enterprises

If the applicant is a private enterprise, the [state aid form](#) must be filled in. No tax arrears are allowed on the proposal submission date.

4. Grant Agreement

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

5. Research involving human subjects or animal tests

If human research or animal tests are intended in the project, a positive resolution by the Human Research Ethics Committee or the Authorization Committee for Animal Experiments must be submitted to the Council by the start of the relevant activities.

6. Nagoya protocol

By applying for funding by ETAg the applicants agree to consider the relevance of Nagoya protocol for their research, and to submit the Due Diligence Declaration if applicable.