



4th Joint Call for Proposals of TÜBİTAK - NARD Bilateral Cooperation Projects

1. Preamble

This announcement set out the rules for the submission, selection and implementation of bilateral cooperation Projects financed under the 4th Joint Call for Proposals of TÜBİTAK – NARD.

TÜBİTAK - The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye, is the leading agency for management, funding and conduct of research in Türkiye. It was established in 1963 with a mission to advance science and technology, conduct research and support Turkish researchers. The Council is an affiliated institution for the Ministry of Industry and Technology.

NARD - National Agency for Research and Development is a central administrative authority under the Government of Republic of Moldova. It was established in 2018 with a mission to ensure the excellence in the field of research, development and innovation.

2. The objectives of the Call

The objectives of the call are:

1. To encourage international collaboration between research entities, universities, and research institutes (inclusion of private sector entities from Türkiye and Moldova is considered an asset)
2. To facilitate the access to new research environments, facilities, knowledge and expertise and to raise young scientists;
3. To enhance the quality of research and enable the translation of research and innovation results into economic and societal benefits, considering sustainable development.

2.1 Call Topics

- Engineering and Technology
- Medical and Health Sciences
- Agricultural Sciences and food security
- Social Sciences related to global crises
- Environment (Soil, Water, Climate)
- Earth Sciences
- Energy

2.2. Joint research and development projects

a) Joint research and development project proposals are foreseen to be submitted to this Call. Within this Call, the project proposals, which contribute to the current state of the art by producing new knowledge, making new scientific interpretations or solving technological problems are aimed to be funded.

b) Project proposals have to provide detailed information on the objectives and justification of the planned joint research work, the methodology to be followed, the composition of each research team, the intended time schedule, the estimated results and dissemination strategy.

c) The results should be focused on innovative insights, exploitable research results and the creation of foundations for a well-founded and sustainable partnership between Moldova and Türkiye, as well as to the call's objectives.

2.3. Funding Available

a) As a rule, Turkish partners that are eligible for funding can receive up to 1 250 000 Turkish Liras (excl. overhead and Project Incentive Premium (PIP)) of funding in total per project. The Moldovan partners that are eligible for funding can receive up to 1 000 000 MDL of funding in total per project. The funding will be provided simultaneously by TÜBİTAK and NARD in the form of non-repayable project grants.

b) For the Turkish side – funded costs of each grant will be issued and managed by TÜBİTAK in accordance with its funding guidelines and procedures ([national regulations document](#)).

c) For the Moldovan side – funded costs of each grant will be issued and managed by NARD according to its funding guidelines and procedures.

d) Co-financing is not mandatory, but is foreseen as an advantage.

e) Please liaise closely with prospective partners to ensure that both TÜBİTAK and NARD-supported elements of the proposal comply with all regulations for both funders.

2.4. Duration of the Projects and Reporting

1. The duration of the projects will be up to **24 months**. The total duration of international visits in one direction should not exceed **60 days** per year for the each supported joint research project. The projects will be monitored for its content and progress by both NARD and TÜBİTAK through progress/final and financial reports according to funding contracts provisions.

2. During the implementation period of the projects, the continuation of funding will be decided on the basis of intermediate evaluations with reference to the results proposed in the application form and funding contracts.

3. Within two months after completion of the project, a final report, presenting the work carried out and the results obtained, will be prepared in national language jointly by each research team and submitted to TUBITAK and NARD.

3. Call Schedule, Eligibility and Submission

The 4th Joint Call will be **opened from 3 April 2023 to 7 July 2023 (17:30)** for online submission. Turkish and Moldovan applicants will elaborate joint project proposals (common application form), which will be submitted by the Turkish partners only via TÜBİTAK's online system reachable from <http://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr/>.

Applicants and partners can participate in more than one project proposal.

3.1. Eligibility

It is a prerequisite that projects include the participation of one public research entity (eligible to funding from NARD) independently or in partnership with other research public/private organisation or enterprise from Moldova covering their own costs and research entity, university, research institute or private sector's representative from Turkey (eligible to TÜBİTAK).

All Turkish researchers who apply for this Programme should be registered to TÜBİTAK ARBİS (Researcher Information system) through the following link: <http://arbis.tubitak.gov.tr>. Further information relevant to national applicants/regulations:

https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/3125/1071_arastirma_projeleri_surec_dokumani.pdf

Moldovan partners will have to submit signed supporting documents in electronic and the paper version, published in the Call announcement, according the Government Decision nr.382/2019.

3.2. Proposal Submission

For the Turkish side

The Turkish applicants are expected to submit the online application and supported documents published by TUBITAK through UIDB-PBS system by **7 July 2023 (until 17:30)** and sign with e-signatures by **14 July 2023 (until 17:30)**, otherwise they will be rejected from evaluation and could not apply to this call in the same call period.

For the Moldovan side

The Moldovan applicants are expected to submit applications to NARD according to the call text, by **7 July 2023**.

Note: The applicants may submit their applications throughout the entire period of the call for proposals, until the afore-mentioned deadline.

The online system will not allow submission of any Application after the deadline.

Applications sent to e-mail after the deadline will not be examined.

Project proposals will be prepared in English.

3.3. Partnership Agreement:

a) Scientific and technological results and any other information derived from the co-operation activities under this Call, will be shared, published or commercially exploited with the written consent of both cooperating partners and according to the international agreements concerning intellectual property rights to which states of the both Parties are signatories.

b) The partnership agreement about ownership of intellectual property rights and other duties is a supporting document and has to be signed between the winner partners. The partnership agreement shall be concluded in compliance with national legal framework of the Parties.

4. The Evaluation Procedure

Projects that are submitted online without the supporting documents and original or e-signature(s) will not be evaluated and thus will be not considered for funding. Only projects eligible for both sides, TÜBİTAK and NARD, will be evaluated.

4.1. Evaluation Method

a) The proposals that are considered eligible will be reviewed by external reviewers selected according internal procedures by TÜBİTAK and NARD, and only those proposals that are approved by both Parties will be supported.

b) The projects to be recommended for funding will be selected together by TÜBİTAK and NARD. The selection of projects to be recommended for funding will be agreed by TÜBİTAK and NARD bilaterally.

On Moldovan side, the final decision about financing of recommended project proposals is made by NARD and on Turkish side by TÜBİTAK.

c) Any dispute related to the interpretation or implementation of this Call shall be settled through consultations within the TÜBİTAK and NARD.

4.2. Evaluation Criteria

The evaluation and selection process starts after the deadline of the call for proposal. The project proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Scientific and Technological Excellence
- Methodology
- Project Management
- Importance of International Collaboration
- Impact

4.3. Publication of results

The publication of results will be done in the agreed mode simultaneously by TÜBİTAK and NARD.

5. Indicative Timeline

ACTION	DATE
Publication of the Joint Call for proposals	3 April 2023
Deadline for submitting the applications	7 July 2023 (17:30)
Deadline for the e-signatures (for Turkish Applicants)	14 July 2023 (17:30)
Eligibility verification results	21 August 2023
Project proposals evaluation	August – October 2023
Final approval of results	November 2023
Feedback sent to applicants	December 2023
Launch of the approved projects	January 2024

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