

CALL TEXT
6th CALL FOR PROPOSALS

POLAND - TÜRKİYE

1. Funding purpose

The National Centre for Research and Development, Poland (NCBR) and the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK) aim to strengthen and develop scientific and technological co-operation of the two countries on the basis of equality and mutual benefit. They shall pursue their support for bilateral research and development (R&D) projects for the years 2025-2027, in the following areas of mutual interest:

1. Health: Pharmaceuticals, Biomaterials, Medical Diagnostic Kits;
2. Advanced Material Technologies: Biomaterials, Polymers, and Plastics;
3. Food and Agriculture: Food Processing and Production Technologies, Food Biotechnology;
4. Energy: Energy Storage, Renewable Energy (including hydrogen energy, solar energy, and biomass).

The funding will be focused on topics falling into the scope of these call areas that are of major interest to the participating sides. In addition to this, the scientific oriented cooperation between the participating countries will serve to develop their national economies. Basic research projects are not supported within the scope of this call. Instead, the projects, focusing to R&D, technologically new or improved product and technological process innovation, are expected. The Parties shall encourage and support co-operation between research entities, universities, research institutes and industries of Türkiye and Poland. The project applications outside the specified thematic areas mentioned above will not be considered for evaluation.

2. Type of funding and legal basis

Project partners will be funded by the funding institutions of the respective partner countries (Poland and Türkiye).

In the frame of the Science and Technology Call, the applicants from Türkiye are obliged to apply to:

https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/3125/1071_ar-ge_ve_yenilik_projeleri_surec_dokumani.pdf

Applicants from Poland are obliged to follow national regulations published in the Call announcement on the NCBR website: <https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr>

3. Legal status of applicants

Proposals may be submitted by enterprise, consortia of enterprises or consortia of enterprise and private/public research organizations that are eligible to participate in the call according to the respective funding regulations of the funding institutions. These can be public research organizations, private research organizations, higher education institutions and industries.

Further information relevant to national applicants/regulations for Turkish applicants:

https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/3125/1071_ar-ge_ve_yenilik_projeleri_surec_dokumani.pdf

Polish applicants will find more information about legal status of applicants on the NCBR website in the Call announcement.

4. Composition of project consortium

The work plan must show real cooperation between the partners. Project outputs are expected to provide benefits to both partner countries. Consortia also need to be balanced both in terms of number of partners and distribution of budget; such that all project partners contribute to and benefit from an equitable and balanced cooperation.

Eligible Applicants:

- The Polish part of the consortium shall consist of at least one enterprise¹ established in Poland (micro/small/medium/large enterprise) or at least one Polish enterprise established in Poland (micro/small/medium/large enterprise) and one research organization² forming a national consortium or consortium of at least two enterprises. Polish consortium may be composed of maximum 3 entities. The Turkish consortium has to consist of at least one Turkish commercial company. At least one academy partner (including public institutions or organizations/ research institutions/ universities/ training and research hospitals) is encouraged but is not compulsory. Turkish team will receive funding through TÜBİTAK 1071 Program. All Turkish researchers who apply for this program should be registered to TÜBİTAK ARBİS (Researcher Information system) through the following link: <https://arbis.tubitak.gov.tr>

Applicants are advised to make sure that the project consortium is balanced with regard to the type and number of entities constituting the consortium - enterprises will need to be present on both sides i.e. Polish and Turkish.

5. Financial support

¹ defined in Annex I to Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty (hereinafter referred to as “Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014”);

² defined in Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014.

For Turkish Applicants:

Each winning project will receive funding of up to 5.250.000 TL (excl. overhead and Project Incentive Premium) from TÜBİTAK within the scope of the available call budget. As a rule, Turkish academia/public institution partners that are eligible for funding can receive up to 2.000.000 Turkish liras (excl. overheads and Project Incentive Premium (PIP)) of funding per proposal and Turkish industry partners can receive up to 5.250.000 Turkish liras (excl. overheads and Project Incentive Premium (PIP)) of funding per proposal in total. Turkish small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) can receive 75% of the approved budget; Turkish large-scale enterprises can receive 60% of the approved budget. Higher education institutions, their institutes, public R&D centers can receive 100% of the approved budget. Requested funding from TÜBİTAK is obtained by multiplying the project budget with the support rate. In projects involving more than one executive institution, requested funding from TÜBİTAK is the sum of the amounts obtained by multiplying the project budget of each executive institution with the support rate. TÜBİTAK-funded costs of each grant will be issued and managed by TÜBİTAK according to its funding guidelines and procedures (For detailed information please visit ([Link](#))).

Turkish side shall receive daily allowances as indicated below:

- The sending party is obliged to cover all expenses of its investigator in accordance with its rules. In the case of bilateral travel, economic class air tickets and daily allowance shall be paid in accordance with the provisions of the Per diem Law No. 6245.

For Turkish applicants, the total duration of visits in one direction of a specific project should not be more than three months a year. It is possible to exceed 90 days a year provided that it is justified and deemed appropriate.

For Polish Applicants:

Each winning project may apply for funding up to 850 000 PLN from NCBR within the scope of the available call budget.

This funding will cover the expenses in connection with the project, i.e. personnel costs, equipment, subcontracting, travel, overheads, etc. All expenses must be in accordance with the national regulations and the NCBR eligibility guide published in the Call announcement.

The duration of projects can be minimum 24 months and not exceed 36 months.

6. Application procedure

There is a one-level procedure for submission of proposals.

Project proposals must 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 and the intended timetable and the proposed budget.

Project proposals shall be submitted for evaluation and approval simultaneously to TÜBİTAK (<https://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr/>) and to NCBR. Each proposal shall comprise an Application Form prepared in English and further formal and financial information according to the required form in the national language, which should be submitted to the both funding agencies respectively.

Applications which are not submitted on both sides will not be accepted for evaluation. Hence, Turkish/Polish project leaders should make sure that their counterpart submits a matching Application.

Each national applicant shall need to consult with the National Rules & Regulations imposed by the corresponding Managing Authority. Applications which are found to be ineligible by one of the Managing Authorities will automatically render the whole proposal as ineligible.

Applicants are eligible to submit more than one proposal under this call.

Turkish partners are obliged to use E-Signature for their applications. Detailed information can be achieved via;

http://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/281/ardeb_e-imza_yardim_dokumani.pdf

Polish applicants shall submit scans of the signed documentation via e-mail. Documents signed electronically (Qualified Electronic Signature) will also be accepted.

For formal and financial national regulations, please see the national call text and guidelines:

➤ for Polish applicants:

<https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr> (Section: Współpraca międzynarodowa/ Dział Współpracy Międzynarodowej/ Współpraca dwustronna/ Turcja)

➤ for Turkish applicants:

https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/3125/1071_ar-ge_ve_yenilik_projeleri_surec_dokumani.pdf

The timeline for the call:

Application	Launch of the call/ invitation for proposals	20 December 2023
procedure	Deadline for submitting of proposals	4 March 2024

	Deadline for e-signature (For Turkish Applicants)	11 March 2024
Project	Earliest start of projects	January 2025

Potential applicants are advised to contact the national contact points before writing proposals to carefully check the specific national application and funding conditions.

The respective contact points are:

- in Poland:
NCBR – The National Centre for Research and Development
Chmielna Str. 69
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- in Türkiye:
TÜBİTAK The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye
Tunus caddesi No:80 Kavaklıdere,Çankaya/Ankara

Mr. Mustafa Emre Avcı
Tel: + 90 312 298 1388
E-mail: uidb@tubitak.gov.tr

7. Evaluation of project proposals

Evaluation procedure

The proposals will be evaluated according to the national regulations of the funding institutions, but based on jointly agreed rules and criteria of evaluation. Only projects that fit to the call topics mentioned in Part 1 of this document can be funded.

Selection/Evaluation criteria:

- (1) Scientific/Technological Excellence
- (2) Methodology
- (3) Project Management
- (4) Importance of International Collaboration
- (5) Impact

Based on evaluations from external experts each funding institution will establish its own ranking list of proposals with the average score given for each proposal.

The final score for each proposal will be an average of points received in both evaluation procedures. The common ranking list will be established based on these final scores.

The final decisions on what projects to support will be made by the funding institutions based on the common ranking list and within available budget.

8. Communication of project evaluation decisions

The outcome of the evaluation of proposals will be communicated to applicants in accordance with the respective communication procedures of the funding institutions.

9. Decision process and the start of projects

The formal funding decisions will be taken jointly by the funding institutions after the proposals have been evaluated by external experts, wherein only projects which were positively evaluated by both parties, will be considered eligible for support. Each country will fund its own project partners within available budget.

When final decisions have been conveyed to project participants, successful applicants must enter into individual contractual agreements with their national funding institutions. A consortium agreement must be concluded between the project partners and has to regulate, inter alia, duties and responsibilities, use of project results and intellectual property rights (IPR) issues. The consortium agreement and the above mentioned individual contractual agreements are prerequisites for the first payments made to the project partners by the Polish funding agency. The involved funding institutions will monitor and supervise the funded projects (reporting).