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The Potential and Challenges of Demographic Change

Call for research proposals 2024

Labour force shortages within the long-term care sector

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I. BACKGROUND

As populations age, major demographic change is taking place across Europe leading to labour force shortages within the long-term care (LTC) sector. Vacancy rates remain high as severe labour force shortages continue to be amplified as demand grows and the number of older people needing care increases. A recent [OECD report](#) on long-term care concluded: 'LTC labour shortages may reach socially unacceptable levels if no decisive action is taken'.

Efforts to attract and retain workers to care for older people are hampered by relatively low wages, atypical employment contracts, low career opportunities, and by stressful and difficult working conditions as well as non-standard forms of employment, issues that have been further exacerbated by the recent pandemic. [Evidence](#) shows that increasing pay and reward is essential, as is improving working conditions to attract and retain workers. These professions are often female dominated meaning women's 'double' work (the dual role women often hold as informal caregivers alongside formal work), and other issues affecting women's health, working life and labour market participation are highly relevant. A large part of the work force in LTC are immigrants or migrant workers. The care sector is an employment opportunity for this group who often face difficulties entering the labour market, but also poses some specific challenges concerning for example skills levels, and appropriately inclusive employment practices.

New forms of technological development and digitisation have potential to mitigate labour shortages and to [transform the health and care sector](#). New data infrastructures and various forms of algorithmic decision making, often referred to as "Artificial Intelligence" (AI), are assumed to allow the provision of more (labour) efficient care for older people and thus save costs. While widely promoted as a possible solution for some of the issues faced by the care sector, often digital and technological solutions start from a perspective of technology rather than from the user perspective. The growing interest in and use of AI within the long-term care sector also leads to questions about algorithmic harms, biases and inequalities, as described in the [European AI strategy](#) with its focus on human-centric AI. Moreover, the quality of the outcomes of the wider use of AI systems is linked to the quality of data the systems used. Yet, data collection in the LTC sector is often unstructured, with different systems or with different terminology, diminishing data quality.

While the problem of labour force shortages exists across countries, the present national situation and policy responses are vastly different. Still, within the EU, both the Pillars of Social Rights, and the [European Care strategy](#), stress the fundamental principle that everyone should have the right to high quality, affordable and accessible health care. In this call we are especially interested in comparison between countries and in learning from different innovative strategies and solutions to attract and retain staff. This includes the migrant labour force, within the sectors of the labour market which focus on the care of older people. Projects should include the perspective of care givers as well as those receiving care. We encourage involvement of industry and/or third sector project partners in proposals where appropriate. Please see Annex III on costs permitted by country.

Under the umbrella of the JPI MYBL, the 5th Joint Transnational Call will have funding from the following partner organisations¹:

- Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG) on behalf of Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research (BMBWF), Austria
- Belgian Science Policy Office (BELSPO), Belgium*
- Research Council of Finland (AKA), Finland

¹ The JPI is a collaboration between national/regional funding bodies, and it is not a European funding programme in its own right.

- German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), Germany*
- The Swedish Research Council for Health, Working Life and Welfare (FORTE), Sweden
- Economic and Social Research Council, UK Research and Innovation, United Kingdom
- The Netherlands Organisation for Health Research and Development (ZonMw), The Netherlands

***Belgium and Germany involvement to be confirmed, subject to budgetary/legal approvals**

II. RESEARCH TOPICS

We want to fund research on three interrelated aspects of the labour force shortages in the LTC sector within the framework of demographic change, ageing and care of older people. Proposals must address **all three research topics** outlined below but not necessarily answer all the research questions. Please see glossary in Annex IV for definitions of key terms.

1) Working situation:

The working situation is a fundamental aspect of attracting and retaining workers caring for older people. It includes factors such as the supply of care workers and relevant healthcare professionals, wages, conditions, employment contracts, continuity of staffing and turnover, leadership and training and career opportunities. Each of these factors are likely to be important to mitigate labour shortages. Relevant research questions for this topic might include but are not limited to:

- What conditions are most important to attracting and retaining care workers? How do such working situations vary cross-nationally? How does the supply of healthcare professionals vary to meet the demographic challenge in different countries? What role do migrant workers play?
- Would increasing skill requirements lead to higher attractiveness, or instead further exacerbate labour shortages? Are there skills or training that care workers need to develop in order to meet current and future needs? Does this differ by different groups of workers (e.g. migrant workers)
- How can organisational aspects and changes hinder or foster attempts to improve the working conditions among care workers?
- How should teams be reorganised? Should new professions be created within or outside the healthcare professions?
- Is specialist care sufficiently developed? Should the skill mix be changed? Should care for older adults be made more attractive for care workers?

2) The role of AI:

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and associated digital technologies are widely proposed as possible ways to alleviate strains on the care work force. However, how such digital devices and infrastructures intersect with human care and thus re-constituted care practices and relations in the production of better outcomes, has remained a topic for debate. AI and associated digital technologies might also pose challenges in terms of ethical, equality and democratic aspects from both the perspective of people drawing on care and support, and workers.

Relevant research questions for this topic might include but are not limited to:

- How are the working conditions of care workers and relevant healthcare professionals affected by the advent of more AI-driven technologies and data infrastructures in tracking care labour?
- Are there specific forms of harm, inequalities or ethical dilemmas that emerge from digital tracking?
- How are practices of formal care co-shaped with AI technologies and infrastructures? Does the application of AI technologies in professional care practices influence job satisfaction?
- How can AI be used in a way that is supportive of the needs of care workers? What are the infrastructure challenges of applying AI across care settings? Which parts of the care process can sensibly be transferred to AI technologies and how will this be achieved?

3) Cross-national differences and similarities within different welfare systems:

Countries differ in their societal organisation of care for older people, from the importance of informal care as it relates to paid care, the interlinkage, or lack of interlinkage, between services and the amount of public spending devoted to LTC. Relevant research questions for this topic might include but are not limited to:

- To what extent can countries learn from each other in attempts to decrease the already urgent labour force shortages? How are gender issues relating to shortages taken in to account?
- What is the role of informal care as it relates to formal care across different welfare systems?
- Do different countries and welfare models face similar or different problems in the way LTC is organised, financed and delivered? Are there potential applicable policy solutions across countries or are different countries following different routes?
- Is there evidence of successful integrated LTC for older people which has had an influence on labour force shortages?

Within all the topic areas we are further interested in 'what works' that is, potential and/or promising practises at regional or national initiatives that improve the likelihood of retaining and increasing the numbers of care workers and supporting them in their everyday work.

We expect each proposal to address **all three** research topics above, paying particular attention to cross-cutting issues of **gender, ethnicity and social inclusion**. Proposals should include all these structural dimensions in their research, and any relevant ethical, legal and social aspects should be adequately addressed.

III. OUTCOMES

Overall, we are interested in research that goes beyond only the mapping of issues described and instead proposes practical solutions informing policymakers, the care sector and/or other

related organisations on what the main obstacles and potential tangible solutions to mitigate future labour force shortages within LTC.

IV. RESEARCH REQUIREMENTS

We are aiming to fund projects

- Where **demographic change and older people is a central issue**;
- Where a **European comparative perspective is likely to add value** to what can be achieved by the usual national research programmes;
- Which **do not duplicate the work of other programmes**, especially in the field of biomedical and technology where much research funding is currently concentrated;
- With outcomes that **make a tangible difference** to either systems, workforce, carers or those being cared for.

We encourage research which:

- Is innovative and interdisciplinary;
- Is of high scientific quality;
- Builds, develops or expands on previous work;
- Actively engages with relevant communities of workers and citizens, including older people;
- Involves any non-academic stakeholders such as third sector organisations and/or industry partnerships where appropriate;
- Presents outputs and results in conventional academic forms, but also includes outreach activities of various kinds outside academia to policymakers, to communities, and to older people;
- Balances the need for long term work with the shorter term priorities of policymaking.

Every proposal must explain how the research and its methods will ensure societal relevance by:

1. Informing policymakers and other key stakeholders at international, national, regional and local levels about the implications and possible development opportunities arising from their findings.
2. Identifying the roles of different actors – what part is played by the state, family, community, the market, and civil society; the extent to which decisions are centralised or devolved; and the roles of different levels and kinds of governance.
3. Engaging key stakeholders relevant to the project. Examining how different approaches affect equity, gender, and social inclusion – who benefits and who loses, and how individuals are enabled to be active participants in decision making.
4. Assessing the ability of models to evolve in response to changing circumstances.
5. Assessing the ethical implications of particular approaches.
6. Bringing an international comparative perspective to their work.

V. COLLABORATION AND SYNERGY

Projects funded under this call are required to participate in sharing knowledge with each other. JPI MYBL encourages this by organising networking meetings. All funded JPI MYBL projects will liaise with a member of the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB). The role of the liaison is to act as a “critical friend”/adviser to the project on scientific and research issues and on whether the project conveys the original intent of the call. The liaison can help to identify significant issues and findings as the work progresses and can feedback messages to Scientific Advisory Board ([SAB](#)), and through that Board to the General Assembly ([GA](#)) and the Societal Advisory Board ([SOAB](#)) on emerging issues and questions. The liaison can also help to identify individuals and agencies with relevant knowledge or skills to contribute to the work.

VI. APPLICATION

1. ELIGIBILITY

Proposals may be submitted by applicants belonging to one of the following categories (**according to national/ regional eligibility criteria**): Public and private scientific research, technological and innovation institutions, universities, other higher education institutions.

Only transnational projects will be funded. Each proposal must involve **a minimum of three eligible applicants from at least three different countries participating in the call**. The consortium should be reasonably balanced. Participants not eligible to be funded (e.g. from non-funding countries or not fundable according to national/regional regulations of the participating funding organisations) may participate in a project proposal as a collaborator if they are able to secure their own funding. Such participants should state the source of funding for their part in the project. However, the majority of participant groups in a consortium and the coordinator shall be eligible to be funded by the participating funding organisations, according to the national/regional regulations.

The number of participants and their research contribution should be appropriate for the aims of the transnational research project. Each transnational collaborative project should represent the critical mass to achieve ambitious scientific goals and should clearly demonstrate added value from working together.

Research active industry, NGOs, and other institutions such as private companies, public institutions and other stakeholders can be involved in research activities and participate in the project consortia **as long as they are eligible for funding through national/regional eligibility criteria**, please check before submission as eligibility differs across countries (see **Annex III**).

The eligibility of the aforementioned entities, together with details of eligible costs (personnel, material, consumables, travel money, investments), are subject to the individual administrative and legal requirements of each funding organisation and may therefore vary. **Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to consult the relevant national funding agencies/bodies regarding questions of eligibility**. Please find a list of contact details in Annex I and published on the JPI MYBL website (<http://www.jpdemographic.eu>).

Each consortium must nominate a coordinator among the project's applicants. **The coordinator must be considered an eligible project applicant by one of the funding organisations participating in the call.** The coordinator will represent the consortium externally towards the Joint Call Secretariat (JCS) and Call Steering Committee² (CSC) and will be responsible for its internal scientific management (such as controlling, reporting, intellectual property rights (IPR) and contact with the JCS). Each partner will be represented by one (and only one) group leader (local PI). Within a joint proposal, each group leader will be the contact person for the relevant national/regional funding organisation.

Each eligible applicant can only be involved in a maximum of two proposals and can only be listed as a coordinator on one proposal. Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact their national/regional contact points to check their national/regional eligibility rules before submission (see also "Guidelines for applicants").

Although proposals will be submitted jointly by research groups from several countries, individual research groups will be funded by their respective national/regional funding organisation. The applications are therefore subject to eligibility criteria of relevant national/regional funding organisations of the respective country/region. **Applicants are advised to carefully read the funding rules and eligibility criteria of the relevant funding organisation and contact their relevant funding organisation contact before applying. Please note that for some countries this might be mandatory (see Annex I for national contact details).**

Please note that if an applicant is found to be non-eligible by one of the funding organisations after the eligibility check, the entire proposal will be rejected without further review and cannot be resubmitted.

The duration of the projects can be up to three years. Nevertheless, a partner can receive funding for less than 3 years according to funding organisations' eligibility criteria and national/regional regulations.

1.1 Financial and legal modalities

Eligible costs and funding provisions may vary according to the respective funding organisation's regulations. Each applicant is subject to the rules and regulations of their respective national/regional funding organisation. This means that the applying consortia have to adapt to the conditions set up by the addressed funding organisation.

1.2 Submission of joint proposals

This call will have a one-stage procedure.

Deadline for proposals: 14th May at 16:00 CET

Joint proposals (in English) must be submitted to the online submission website by the Coordinator no later than **14th May at 16:00 CET**. The server will not accept proposals after this time. Information on how to submit proposals electronically is available in "Guidelines for applicants" and "Proposal template" on the website.

For applicants from some countries it might be mandatory to submit the proposal and/or other information, in some cases before the deadline of this call, directly to the respective national/

² Call Steering Committee: funding organisations' representatives.

regional funding organisation. **Therefore, applicants are strongly advised to contact their funding organisations' contact person before submission (Annex I).**

2. EVALUATION PROCEDURE

The evaluation of the proposals will be organised as follows:

2.1 Formal eligibility check of proposals

The JCS will check all proposals to ensure that they meet the call's formal criteria (date of submission; number and category of participating countries; inclusion of all necessary information in English; appropriate limits on length). In parallel, the JCS will forward the proposals to the corresponding funding organisations, which will perform a check for compliance with national/regional rules. Proposals passing both checks (JCS and national/ regional) will be forwarded to reviewers for evaluation. Proposals not meeting the formal criteria will be declined without further review. **Please note that if a proposal includes one non-eligible applicant, and also unable/ not able to secure their own funding, the whole proposal will be rejected and cannot be resubmitted.**

2.2 Review of proposals

There are two steps to the review process:

- **Remote evaluation:** each proposal will be allocated at minimum three reviewers. All reviewers will be asked for reports and scoring on the proposals according to evaluation criteria and a scoring system (see below). Coordinators will be given the chance to respond to evaluation, via a rebuttal stage.
- **Panel meeting:** After the rebuttal stage, a panel will be convened to discuss the evaluation summary reports and rebuttals in a separate meeting, identifying the proposals recommended for funding and not recommended for funding. Proposals recommended for funding will be ranked by the panel according to the evaluation criteria.

A scoring system from 1 to 5 will be used to evaluate the proposal's performance with respect to the six evaluation criteria. In addition, reviewers will assess if proposals are within the scope of the Joint Transnational Call (JTC). **Scoring system: 0: ineligible 1: poor; 2: fair; 3: good; 4: very good; 5: excellent.**

Scoring system

0: The proposal fails to address the criterion and cannot be assessed due to missing or incomplete information.

1: Poor. The criterion is addressed in an inadequate manner, or there are serious inherent weaknesses.

2: Fair. While the proposal broadly addresses the criterion, there are significant weaknesses.

3: Good. The proposal addresses the criterion well, although improvements would be necessary.

4: Very good. The proposal addresses the criterion very well, although certain improvements are still possible.

5: Excellent. The proposal successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion in question. Any shortcomings are minor.

Six evaluation criteria:

- **Relevance:** clarity with the objectives and their respective relevance in relation to the aims of the call.
- **Scientific quality:** scientific excellence of the proposal in terms of innovative approach, originality and expected progress beyond the state of the art, availability and quality of existing data, comparative perspective and interdisciplinarity.
- **Quality of the project consortium:** international competitiveness of participants in the field(s), expertise of the participants, added value of the transnational collaboration, including participation of early career researchers.
- **Feasibility of project plan:** relation of work packages to proposal themes and aims, quality of work plan and time schedule, balanced participation of project partners, quality and efficiency of the coordination and management, scientific justification and adequateness of the requested budget and risk assessment.
- **Potential impact on society and/or policy:** response to actual societal needs, providing evidence for policy makers and practitioners; early integration of relevant stakeholders, ensuring societal relevance over the course of the project and its dissemination).
- **Inclusion of gender, ethnicity and social inclusion dimensions:** Applicants should integrate crosscutting gender, ethnicity and social inclusion dimensions where relevant. Also, gender balance in applicants' consortia will be noted.

2.3 Final decision on funding

CSC will select the projects recommended for funding based on the ranking list provided by the panel. Based on this list, final decisions will be made by national/regional funding organisations and authorities which will also be **subject to budgetary restrictions of each individual country**. This means that depending on which countries are included in the ranked projects, funders might need to 'jump' to the next ranked proposal on the list as and when national budgets have been allocated.

The JCS will communicate final decisions to coordinators and send the evaluation report in due time. Please see the evaluation timetable below for approximate dates for this.

2.4 Confidentiality of the proposals

Funding organisations will need to share applications and personal information that it contains with each other as joint data controllers, so that they can participate in the assessment process. For more information, including how to exercise your rights, please read the privacy notice statements provided in national regulation guidance.

Proposals shall not be used for any purpose other than the evaluation and subsequent monitoring of the funded projects. Proposals will be required to include a publishable summary, which will clearly identify the main goals of the project. If a proposal is funded this information will be published on the JPI MYBL website. All other project details shall be kept strictly confidential, although **national/ regional rules prevail**.

2.5 Evaluation timetable

Submission deadline	14th May 2024 (16.00 CET)
National eligibility checks completed	Late May 2024
Evaluation and Rebuttal stage	June/July 2024
Panel Meeting	September 2024
Outcomes communicated to coordinators (approximate date)	October/November 2024

3. Reporting requirements and dissemination

Each Coordinator, on behalf of the project consortium, must submit to the JCS a brief annual progress report (in English) at the beginning of the second and third year of the project. In addition, a final scientific report of the transnational project (in English) has to be submitted no later than two months after the end of the project. These reports should state the scientific progress, milestones and goals that have been met and corrective measures set in case that the targets in the annual project plan have not been fulfilled. When applicable, each research group might also have to report to its relevant funding organisation, in accordance with the respective national/ regional regulations.

All consortium members must ensure that all results (publications etc.) of their research project's activities include a proper acknowledgement that the projects are supported in part by the respective funding organisations under the framework of the JPI MYBL initiative. Moreover, coordinators and/or partners may be asked to present the results of their projects, at an intermediate and/or a final status seminar, during JPI MYBL events. Accordingly, travel expenses to attend these events should be included in the proposal budget plans.

ANNEX I. FUNDING ORGANISATIONS CONTACT DETAILS

FUNDING ORGANISATION	COUNTRY	CONTACT DETAILS
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ANNEX II. FUNDING ORGANISATIONS FUNDING COMMITMENT

PARTICIPATING FUNDING ORGANISATION	COUNTRY	FUNDING COMMITMENT (EUR)	ENVISAGED NUMBER OF PROJECTS POTENTIALLY FUNDED
Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG) on behalf of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research (BMBWF)*	Austria	600.000,-	Max. 3 Max. 200.000,- / project
Belgian Science Policy Office (BELSPO)*	Belgium	540000 -600000	Max.2
German Federal Ministry of Education and Research	Germany	1000000	Max. 5
Swedish Research Council for Health, Working Life and Welfare (FORTE)	Sweden	800000	Max. 2
The Netherlands Organisation for Research and Development (ZonMw)	The Netherlands	250000	1
UK Research and Innovation	United Kingdom	900000	2-3
Research Council of Finland (AKA)	Finland	700000	2-3

*Note Belgium involvement is to be confirmed, subject to budgetary/legal approvals

Annex III. Matrix of organisations and permitted costs in proposals by country

The following overview is designed to give a quick orientation on the general cost eligibility of organisations across participating countries. Please always contact your national funder in the first instance for specific details (contact details found in Annex I).

Country eligible costs	University	Other Research Organisation	SME	Large Enterprise	User organisation	Other organisation
Austria	Y	Y	N	N	N	N
Belgium	Y	Y/S	N	N	Y/S	Y/S
Finland	Y	Y	N	N	S	S
Germany	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Netherlands	Y	Y	N	N	Y	S
Sweden	Y	Y	N	N	N	S
UK	Y	Y/S	Y/S	Y/S	Y/S	Y/S

Y = Yes, eligible for funding

N = No, not eligible for funding

S = Special rules apply, contact national /regional funding agency

Annex IV. Glossary of terms used in the call

Term	Definition
Carer/Caregiver	Anyone who provides care of older people in either a formal or informal setting.
Collaborator	Member of the project team that is self-financed or supported by another national funder (not part of the current consortium).
Co-ordinator	Leads of the proposed JPI project; responsible for submitting the proposal.
Health and Care workers	This covers any care workers and other health professionals working in the care sector.
Long Term Care (LTC)	<p>We take an intentionally broad and inclusive approach to 'long term care' as there is no single accepted cross-national definition.</p> <p>Therefore 'long term care' (or depending on the country this could also be expressed as 'health care' and/or 'social care') encompasses any care for older people provided privately in the home by relatives or friends, paid carers, as well as more formal aspects such as care homes, residential care, supported living, and care provided in primary and secondary clinical settings.</p> <p>We also take a broad view of social care arrangements, to include statutory and non-statutory providers as well as wider and atypical care arrangements.</p>
Non-academic stakeholders	Any non-academic group that for the purposes of this call has an interest either professional or personal in health and care sector this could be (but not limited to): charities, industry, NGOs, policymakers, health and care workers, carers of older people and those with lived experience of long term care.
Partner	Any member of the project team who is not the co-ordinator.

Annex V. National Guidance

AUSTRIA: National Eligibility Criteria, JPIMYBL call JTC 2024

1. Contact details funding organisations

Name funding organisation	Country/ Region	Contact person(s)	Contact details (E-mail + Phone)
FFG (Austrian Research Promotion Agency – Österreichische Forschungsförderungsgesellschaft mbH) on behalf of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research (BMBWF)	AUSTRIA	Susanne Meissner- Dragosits	susanne.dragosits@ffg.at +43 664 88 64 1809

2. Overview eligibility

Under the JTC national funding rules are applied. The following overview is meant to give a quick orientation on the general eligibility of your organisations contribution to call JTC 2024.

Organisation	Eligible*
University	Y
Research organisation	Y
SME	N
Large enterprises	N
User organisations	N
Other organisations	N

* Fill in for every type of organisation:

Y = yes, eligible for funding

N = no, not eligible for funding

S = special rules apply, contact national /regional funding agency

3. National Eligibility Criteria

Fill in this overview to give specific information about the eligibility:

Initial funding pre-commitment	EUR 600.000
Maximum Funding per awarded project	EUR 200.000 per project (for all Austrian partners)
Eligible institutions/ investigators	<p>Research organisations from Austria (non-commercial activities):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - universities - universities for applied sciences (Fachhochschulen) - non-university research institutes/organisations <p>All other organisations from Austria (e.g. SMEs) may participate but do not receive funding.</p> <p>All details like organisations being eligible for funding or funding rates are listed in the FFG Funding Instrument Guidelines available on the FFG Call website: https://www.ffg.at/europa/ausschreibungen/mybl_call2024</p> <p>In addition to the provisions in the FFG Funding Instrument Guidelines the</p>

	following applies to this call: Only legal entities, based in Austria, are eligible for funding.
Organisations excluded from funding	e.g. SMEs, Large enterprises, user organisations
Additional eligibility criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The following FFG Funding Instrument is available for applicants from Austria: Transnational Projects of Oriented Basic Research (Projekte der orientierten Grundlagenforschung -Transnationale Ausschreibungen) In addition to the submission of the transnational proposal by the coordinator via the <u>official transnational Submission Platform</u>, all Austrian applicants are obligated to submit a national proposal via the FFG eCall (http://ecall.ffg.at). <p>For detailed information please consult the FFG Call website: https://www.ffg.at/europa/ausschreibungen/mybl_call2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The national call closes on 16. Mai 2024, 12:00 Uhr CEST (2 days after closure of the transnational call). After the deadline, FFG will conduct a formal eligibility check of all Austrian project proposals. The “Checklist for the national eligibility check“ can be found on the FFG Call website: https://www.ffg.at/europa/ausschreibungen/mybl_call2024 Failing to comply with the detailed requirements of the eCall application procedure, the abovementioned deadline and/or the eligibility criteria will result in the formal rejection of the national proposal! The national proposals will not be scientifically evaluated separately. The project duration is up to 36 Months
Eligible costs	<p>Eligible costs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Personnel costs - Use of R&D infrastructure - Costs of materials and supplies - Travel costs - Subcontracting <p>Overheads are 25% of eligible costs (except subcontracting costs).</p> <p>The national rules on eligible costs for Austrian applicants can be found here: Kostenleitfaden Version 3.1, https://www.ffg.at/recht-finanzen/kostenleitfaden/version-31</p> <p>Deviating from the „Kostenleitfaden Version 3.1“ the following rules apply to this Call:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Für Personalkosten, die überwiegend aus Bundesmitteln gefördert werden, sind Kosten nur bis zu jener Höhe anerkenbar, die entweder dem Gehaltsschema des Bundes entsprechen oder auf entsprechenden gesetzlichen, kollektivvertraglichen bzw. in darauf basierenden branchenüblichen Betriebsvereinbarungen festgelegten Bestimmungen beruhen. Bei der Vergabe von Aufträgen für Lieferungen und Leistungen sind unbeschadet der Bestimmungen des Bundesvergabegesetzes 2018 (BVerG 2018), BGBl. I Nr. 65/2018, zu Vergleichszwecken ab einem Auftragswert von 20.000,- Euro nachweislich mehrere Angebote einzuholen.
Funding of user organisations	Not applicable
Submission of the proposal needed at national level (if applicable)	<p>Yes</p> <p>In addition to the submission of the transnational proposal by the coordinator via the official transnational Submission Platform, all Austrian applicants are</p>

	<p>obligated to submit a national proposal via the FFG eCall (http://ecall.ffg.at).</p> <p>For detailed information please consult the FFG Call website: https://www.ffg.at/europa/ausschreibungen/mybl_call2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The national call closes on 16. Mai 2024, 12:00 Uhr CEST (2 days after closure of the transnational call).
Further guidance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants from Austria are strongly advised <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to contact their National Contact Point (Susanne Meissner-Dragosits) • to consult the FFG Call website: https://www.ffg.at/europa/ausschreibungen/mybl_call2024 before starting to prepare proposals for application. • All successful Austrian applicants have to negotiate and sign a Consortium agreement with their transnational project partners. • The legal basis for the national call: „Sonderrichtlinie MissionERA des Bundesministeriums für Bildung, Wissenschaft und Forschung (GZ.: BMBWF-2022-0.170.869) mit Geltung ab 1.3.2022“ • The final funding decision for the Austrian projects will be taken by the Federal Minister of Education, Science and Research. • Privacy Policy FFG: https://www.ffg.at/en/privacy-policy
Link to additional information	<p>For detailed information please consult the FFG Call website: https://www.ffg.at/europa/ausschreibungen/mybl_call2024</p>

BELGIUM: National Eligibility Criteria, JPIMYBL call JTC 2024

1. Contact details funding organisations

Name funding organisation	Country/ Region	Contact person(s)	Contact details (E-mail + Phone)
BELSPO + MoH	Belgium federal	Aziz Naji	Aziz.naji@belspo.be +32 2383646

2. Overview eligibility

The following overview is meant to give a quick orientation on the general eligibility of your organisations contribution to call JTC 2024.

Organisation	Eligible*
University	Y
Research organisation	Y if public
SME	N
Large enterprises	N
User organisations	Y when pursuit of scientific research in their statutes
Other organisations	Y when pursuit of scientific research in their statutes

* Fill in for every type of organisation:

Y = yes, eligible for funding

N = no, not eligible for funding

S = special rules apply, contact national /regional funding agency

3. National Eligibility Criteria

Fill in this overview to give specific information about the eligibility:

Initial funding pre-commitment	300.000€ (270.000€ from Belspo, 30K€ from MoH)
Maximum Funding per awarded project	300.000€
Eligible institutions/ investigators	Non for profit organisations with pursuit of scientific research in their statutes
Organisations excluded from funding	Those not complying definition above
Additional eligibility criteria	Belgian researchers must take the Belgian situation in consideration
Eligible costs	Personnel costs, functioning costs, equipment, overheads, subcontracting
Funding of user organisations	
Submission of the proposal needed at national level (if applicable)	Yes

Further guidance	Belgian researchers are invited to discuss their idea with Belspo and the MoH
Link to additional information	
Other notes:	Belgian researchers selected will liaise with MoH and Belspo in the course of their project, beyond any outreach activities foreseen at consortium level

FINLAND: National Eligibility Criteria, JPIMYBL call JTC 2024

1. Contact details funding organisations

Name funding organisation	Country/ Region	Contact person(s)	Contact details (E-mail + Phone)
Research Council of Finland	Finland	Vilma Lehtinen	vilma.lehtinen@aka.fi

2. Overview eligibility

The following overview is meant to give a quick orientation on the general eligibility of your organisations contribution to call JTC 2024.

Organisation	Eligible*
University	Y
Research organisation	Y
SME	N
Large enterprises	N
User organisations	S
Other organisations	S

* Fill in for every type of organisation:

Y = yes, eligible for funding

N = no, not eligible for funding

S = special rules apply, contact national /regional funding agency

3. National Eligibility Criteria

Fill in this overview to give specific information about the eligibility:

Maximum Funding per awarded project	The Research Council of Finland's scientific for Social Sciences and Humanities has decided to fund this call with ca. 700 000 euro. This amount is expected to cover funding for max. 2-3 projects.
Eligible institutions/ investigators	<p>The leader of the Finnish sub-project (the Lead Project Investigator, LPI or Project Investigator, PI) must in addition to their doctorate have other significant scientific merits. Usually, they are a professor or docent-level researcher.</p> <p>The Research Council will fund a research project only if the application includes a commitment by the site of research. You must agree on this commitment before submitting your application with a representative of the site of research.</p> <p>The Research Council will request the commitment by the site of research from the successful applicants before making the funding decision.</p>

Additional eligibility criteria	<p>The Research Council of Finland funding is granted under the full cost model where Research Council's funding can be up to 70 % of the total costs of a project. If there are no other funding sources, the site of research must cover at least 30% of the costs of a project under full costing. If there are other sources, their contributions must also pass through the books of the site of research.</p> <p>The Research Council of Finland requires that the site of research (e.g. university department) provides the research project with all necessary basic facilities. These are determined based on the nature of the research and are the same as those available to other research staff at the site: office and laboratory premises, equipment (incl. computer equipment), and telecommunications, telephone, mailing, copying and library services, etc.</p> <p>In the application, give a cost estimate including an estimate of the annual amount of funding needed, itemised by type of expenditure. The cost estimate must be realistic and justified by type of expenditure in the research plan. The Research Council allocates the funding to the researcher's host organization (site of research).</p>
Eligible costs	<p>Funding is primarily intended towards the salaries of researchers who work full-time on the project and for other project costs. Funding can be used to cover both direct and indirect research costs of the research team arising from, for example, the following: working hours (salary), research, travel, national and international collaboration and mobility, work and researcher training abroad, preparation of international projects, and publishing (e.g. open access publishing).</p> <p>The salary costs of the LPI/PI may be incorporated into the total project costs. However, the salary costs must not be significant in relation to the project's total costs. For example, a four-year research project must not include more than six months of the LPI's/PI's effective working hours. This is equivalent to approximately 1.5 months a year.</p>
Submission of the proposal needed at national level (if applicable)	<p>All successful applicants will be asked to submit their proposal via the Research Council of Finland portal after they have been selected for funding.</p>
Link to additional information	<p>More information on Research Council of Finland's funding terms: https://www.aka.fi/en/research-funding/apply-for-funding/how-to-use-funding/</p>

GERMANY: National Eligibility Criteria, JPIMYBL call JTC 2024

1. Contact details funding organisations

Name funding organisation	Country/ Region	Contact person(s)	Contact details (E-mail + Phone)
German Federal Ministry for Education and Research via VDI/VDE-IT	Germany	Christian Wehrmann/ Bettina Schmietow	E-mail: Jpimybl2024@vdivde-it.de Phone: +49 (0)30 310078-197; +49 (0)30 310078-5519

2. Overview eligibility

The following overview is meant to give a quick orientation on the general eligibility of your organisations contribution to call JTC 2024.

Organisation	Eligible*
University	Y
Research organisation	Y
SME	Y
Large enterprises	Y
User organisations	Y
Other organisations	Y

* Fill in for every type of organisation:

Y = yes, eligible for funding

N = no, not eligible for funding

S = special rules apply, contact national /regional funding agency

3. National Eligibility Criteria

Fill in this overview to give specific information about the eligibility:

Initial funding pre-commitment	1 Mio. €
Maximum Funding per awarded project	- No maximum sum per partner - max. 5 projects to be funded
Additional eligibility criteria	- SME and large enterprises: Credit assessment
Eligible costs	Staff costs, travel costs, material expenses, operating costs, investments, subcontracts
Further guidance	Submission platform: https://ssl.vdivde-it.de/positrons-en/calls/2401/login JPI MYBL website: https://jp-demographic.eu/
Link to additional information	All forms for selected candidates to be found here: https://vdivde-it.de/de/formulare-fuer-foerderprojekte

NETHERLANDS: National Eligibility Criteria, JPIMYBL call JTC 2024

1. Contact details funding organisations

Name funding organisation	Country/ Region	Contact person(s)	Contact details (E-mail + Phone)
ZonMw	The Netherlands	Denice Moi Thuk Shung	jpimybl@zonmw.nl

2. Overview eligibility

The following overview is meant to give a quick orientation on the general eligibility of your organisations contribution to call JTC 2024.

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Organisation	Eligible*
University	Y
Research organisation	Y
SME	N
Large enterprises	N
User organisations	Y
Other organisations	

* Fill in for every type of organisation:

Y = yes, eligible for funding

N = no, not eligible for funding

S = special rules apply, contact national /regional funding agency

3. National Eligibility Criteria

Fill in this overview to give specific information about the eligibility:

Initial funding pre-commitment	250 000
Maximum Funding per awarded project	250 000
Eligible institutions/ investigators	University, Research organisation, User organisations
Organisations excluded from funding	SME and Large enterprises
Additional eligibility criteria	Project Duration: ZonMw aims to funds projects with a duration of 36 months ZonMw will avoid double funding and will not finance projects or part of projects that have been funded through other calls. ZonMw will cross-check the proposals submitted to ZonMw through the national and international calls for possible demands of double funding.
Eligible costs	The following costs are eligible: - staff costs - Travel costs - material/ equipment and consumer goods - Dissemination and knowledge exchange costs - Data management / data steward - Open access costs with a maximum of € 5000,-/project For more information, please consult the ZonMw terms and conditions or your national contact person.

Funding of user organisations	Yes
Submission of the proposal needed at national level (if applicable)	Not at central submission stage. Only proposals recommended for funding will be invited by ZonMw at a later stage to submit an additional application. - Funded projects will be subject to standard ZonMw Grants Conditions. - Make sure to consult the ZonMw Open Access publication and Data management policies.
Further guidance	Awarded projects will need to deliver a Consortium Agreement (CA) and a Data Management Plan. With regards to the Consortium Agreement ZonMw requests a copy of the CA, signed by all partners, within 3 months after the project start date.

SWEDEN: National Eligibility Requirements

This call is supported by the The Swedish Research Council for Health, Working Life and Welfare (Forte). The official national call announcement for Sweden is published on Fortes' website forte.se.

All Swedish applicants participating in the call shall also submit a parallel application using the application system Prisma. The project leader of the Swedish part of the consortium is the main applicant for the parallel application, which includes a budget for only the Swedish part of the project. **Please, note that even though the budget for the consortium is reported in euro, all budget posts of the Swedish part of the project in Prisma must be given in SEK. The maximum grant amount for the Swedish part of the project shall not exceed SEK 4 500 000 (1 500 000 SEK per year).**

The application form in Prisma and instructions can be reached from the call text at Forte's [website](#), once the call opens. **Parallel application is a mandatory eligibility criterion. Failure to submit the parallel application in Prisma before the deadline will result in the Swedish applicant being declared ineligible.** Prisma opens for submitting the parallel application on May 21st 10.00. **The full proposals must be submitted in Prisma on May 28th 14.00.**

Who can apply?

Researchers holding a Ph.D. affiliated with an organisation (a Swedish HEI or another Swedish organisation) that fulfils the criteria for administrating organisations for [Forte grants](#) [Criteria for administrating organisations - Forte \(English\)](#).

You may concurrently apply for other grants at Forte, and you may apply for this grant even if you hold an ongoing grant at Forte. The applicant may not have any other project grant concerning the same project concept or research idea.

If you have been the project leader for concluded grants from Forte, final financial and scientific reports must have been submitted within the permitted time frame for you to apply for a new grant. For Forte grants you may contact Forte's Research and Systems Administrator Susanne Gabrielsson (susanne.gabrielsson@forte.se).

What are eligible costs for researchers?

The grant may be used to fund all types of project related costs, running costs, premises and depreciation costs. Grants may not be used for scholarships. If a doctoral student participates their doctoral research must be well and clearly integrated in the consortium. Project funds may not be paid out as salary during teaching, curricular activities or other departmental duties. Grants must not be used for scholarships.

- Eligible personnel costs:
 - One or more senior researcher(s), PhDs
 - One or more Post-doc(s)
 - One or more Ph.D. student(s) (for restrictions on Ph.D. student participation - see above)

- Eligible material costs are e.g:
 - Travel & accommodation & meeting costs
 - Costs for knowledge transfer
 - All joint publication costs (incl. editing and translation costs)
- Indirect costs:
 - The research institution hosting the researcher should calculate the indirect costs based on their own models.

For more detailed information on how to calculate and fill in the financial budget table for the Swedish part of the project (in SEK), please, see instructions on Fortes website when the call is opened.

Funding commitment

The total funding available per consortia with Swedish applicants is up to SEK 4 500 000, including indirect costs.

The Swedish applicants in one project consortium collectively can apply for a maximum of SEK 1 500 000 per year. The maximum amount applies regardless of how many Swedish researchers participate in the consortium.

The grant period starts in the first months of 2025 and lasts a maximum of 36 months. For exact date consult call information on the submission platform. Please note that the availability period, that is to say the time during which you have the right to use your grant, normally is 12 months longer than the grant period.

Additional Information

We require that the scientific publications on the results of Forte-funded research projects are open access, and that the research data produced by the projects are made widely available. **Please note that costs associated with Open Access publishing are ineligible and are not funded.**

For more information about the terms and conditions that you must comply with, please, see:

- Forte's [Guidelines for Publication with Open Access - Forte \(English\)](#)
- Forte's [General terms and conditions for grants - Forte \(English\)](#)

National contact points

- **Anna-Karin Florén**, Senior Research Officer, Forte
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UK: National Eligibility Requirements

Country/Region	United Kingdom
Funding Organisation	Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) as part of UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) – henceforth referred to as ESRC. Website: https://esrc.ukri.org/
National contact person	<p>For UK-specific enquiries please contact: Eve Forrest, Senior Portfolio Manager E-mail: JPiBetterLives@esrc.ukri.org</p> <p>Standard ESRC research funding terms and conditions apply as set out in the ESRC Research Funding Guide</p>
Data Protection	Personal data included in the proposals and national application forms will be processed by the Call Secretariat and by funding organisations participating in this call according to the rules and regulations available at the following link which also includes details on how to exercise your rights: privacy notice .
Open Access Policy	ESRC-funded researchers are expected to comply with the UKRI open access policy (UKRI open access policy – UKRI) on research publications and outputs. You are required to make your data available in line with ESRC policies. More information can be found at: https://www.ukri.org/manage-your-award/publishing-your-research-findings/making-yourresearch-data-open/#contents-list
Resubmission Policy	ESRC does not allow the resubmission of any previously unsuccessful proposal. More information can be found on the ESRC website: https://www.ukri.org/councils/esrc/guidance-for-applicants/how-to-submit-your-proposal/resubmissions-policy/#contents-list
General information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All UK applicants are required to apply directly through the Joint Call submission platform in the first instance and not through ESRC’s own submission platform (TFS). Only proposals which are successful will be required to submit via ESRC’s systems once outcomes are issued. The link to the Joint Call submission platform is here: https://ssl.vdivde-it.de/positrons-en/calls/2401 Projects can start no earlier than 01/03/25. The UK component of proposals must fall within ESRC’s remit. For information on ESRC’s scientific remit please refer to our discipline classifications (Remit, portfolio and priorities – ESRC – UKRI). The UK component of proposals will be deemed ineligible if it does not satisfy ESRC’s remit requirements. Proposals where the UK element is ineligible will likely lead to rejection of the entire proposal. The UK has up to 900,000k Euro available for this call. Use of the full budget will be contingent on the quality of the applications received. All funding associated with the UK component of projects will be paid in Pound Sterling. The UK component of projects should initially be costed in Pound Sterling following usual procedures and in consultation with your local Research



	<p>Office. You are required to submit your costs in Pound Sterling using the 'UK Funding Template – Mandatory Attachment' spreadsheet. Costs provided in the attachment should be at 100% full Economic Costing (fEC).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ESRC will meet 80% of fEC on successful proposals.• The costs of the UK component of projects will need to be reported in Euro as part of the main application. These should be calculated at the exchange rate of 1 GBP equalling 1.167EUR. Costs should be included at 100% fEC.
Maximum Funding per awarded project	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The UK maximum amount per proposal that will be awarded by ESRC is £360,000 at 80% fEC. This is £450,000 at 100% fEC. Using the above defined exchange rate, the UK maximum amount per proposal that may be submitted to this call is €420,840 at 80% fEC (€526,050) at 100% fEC.• We expect to see a balanced workload among the participants in the project and expect that the costs will reflect this.• We anticipate funding a maximum of 3 projects with UK components. Use of the full budget will be contingent on the quality of the applications received.
Eligible Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• You can apply for funding if you are an established member of an approved research organisation, or you have an agreement with a recognised research organisation to work there and have access to appropriate research facilities for the duration of the grant.• UK funding is available for individuals based at approved universities and independent research organisations in the UK. Please see the ESRC Research Funding Guide for further details. One lead applicant for the UK should be identified, who will be the UK Project Lead. Please note that international co-leads cannot be included in the UK component of the proposal.• The UK component of a project may include additional academic partners. For successful proposals, ESRC will list these additional academic partners as Co-Leads on the UK Award.• The UK component of a project may also include co-leads from UK business, third sector or government bodies. There is no requirement for the UK business, third sector or government partner to hold a PhD or equivalent qualification. Applicants should consult ESRC standard guidance for further information (https://www.ukri.org/publications/including-project-co-leads-from-business-third-sector-or-government-bodies/).• ESRC's normal international co-lead policy does not apply to this call as international co-leads are not permitted in the UK component of the application.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There is no upper limit on the number of partners that can be involved in a project. However, we expect to see balance in the number of partners across the countries participating in a project.
Eligibility of Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• "Eligible Costs" are limited to the full Economic Costings of a project, in line with ESRC's normal funding rules.• Costs for the UK component of a project must be provided in the 'UK Funding Template – Mandatory Attachment' spreadsheet at 100% fEC.• ESRC will meet 80% of fEC on successful proposals.• The UK component of any project should not exceed more than 50 percent of the overall cost of the project.• The combined costs for partners that ESRC will list as UK business, third sector and government body Co-Investigators on the UK Award must not exceed 30% of the total fEC of the UK component of a project.• In line with standard ESRC funding rules, there are specific categories of funding that ESRC will potentially fund in full (at 100% fEC) rather than at 80% fEC. These "exceptions" include costs of partners that ESRC will list as UK business, third sector or government body co-lead costs on successful UK Awards. Details are provided in the ESRC Research Funding Guide (see link below).• Associated studentships cannot be included in UK costs.• Please see the ESRC Research Funding Guide for full eligibility of costs (ESRC research funding guide – UKRI). You should also consult your local Research Office.• We recommend that applicants pay close attention to the main body of call text and the Guidance for Applicants document for this call noting the requirement that applicants include costs for participating in specified JPI MYBL activities throughout the lifetime of their Award.
Additional Information - Guidance for UK applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We encourage applicants to proactively engage with a range of stakeholders from the outset, including those from the public, third and private sectors, to ensure that evidence the project produces is both useful to, and used by, those who need it. We encourage applicants to think about expertise that is needed within the project to achieve this.• We recommended that applicants pay close attention to the requirements set out in the main body of the Guidance for Applicants document for this call and



	<p>note where these requirements differ from typical ESRC applications. In particular, applicants should note the scoring criteria and system.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ESRC uses 'ResearchFish', a research outcomes collection and evaluation system, to collect information on the inputs, activities, outputs and outcomes that have resulted from the research that we fund. Award holders will be expected to provide information through this system during and beyond the lifetime of their Award.• The lead of the UK component of successful projects will be required to submit a Final Expenditure Statement when the grant comes to an end. Financial sanctions apply if this is not completed.
Submission of Proposal at National Level (if applicable)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Once final decisions have been agreed, the lead of the UK component of each successful project will be required to submit their proposal through TFS in order that ESRC can administer the Awards.• To reduce the administrative burden on applicants during the initial application stage, you will not be required to upload additional UK-specific attachments to the submission platform at this time, except for the 'UK Funding Template – Mandatory Attachment'. This may differ from other calls you have applied to.• Successful applicants will instead be required to input relevant information from the Joint Call submission platform into UKRI's platform once decisions have been made.• Applicants should expect to undertake this action swiftly after being notified of their successful outcome in order that ESRC can make the Awards in a timely manner and in line with other national funders. Further guidance will be made available following final decision stage.
Link for additional information	Please visit the JPI MYBL website for further information