

The EuroTransBio (ETB) programme

EuroTransBio (ETB) is a network of national/regional funding agencies which coordinate their efforts to launch annual calls for R&D&I projects in the area of modern biotechnology. The network started off as an ERA-NET initiative in 2004 and was supported by the European Commission in FP6 and FP7. From 2014, ETB is one of the first initiatives to operate in a self-sustainable way i.e. without further funding for coordination and networking (ETB international funding initiative).

ETB's mission is to foster the competitiveness of the European biotechnology industry by supporting research intensive SMEs and their strategic partners (large industries, public and private research organizations/universities) with the aim of achieving a thriving European biotechnology industry.

ETB's objective is to further reduce fragmentation of the ERA by coordinating national and regional R&D&I programmes throughout Europe in order to establish cross border partnerships between European SMEs in all sectors of modern biotechnology.

International partnerships: ETB encourages international collaboration between European and non-European partners. Hence, also non-European funding agencies are invited to join the network in order to support worldwide cooperation in biotechnology.

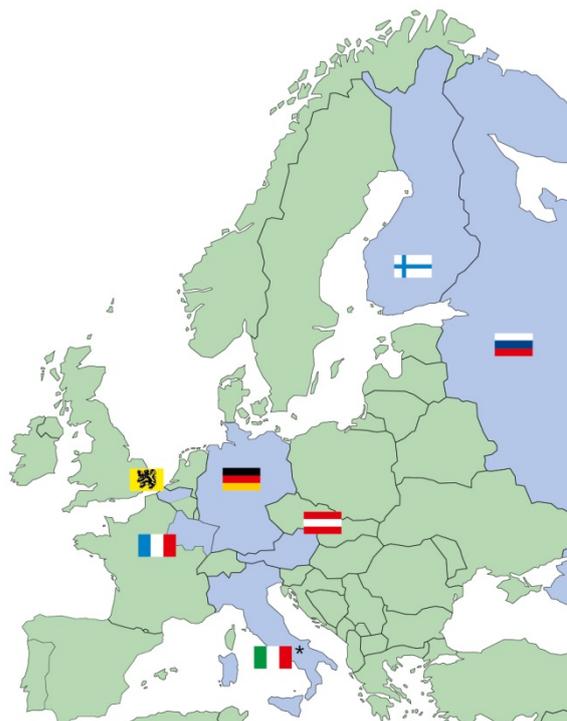
Achievements of the ETB initiative: In order to establish the sustainable ETB funding initiative, ETB has elaborated a lean call process and tested the developed procedure by launching twelve joint calls from 2006 to 2017.

ETB programme guidelines for applicants

For the current call, please go to the call announcement , where specific information and data on this call can be found.

1. Participating countries / regions

- Austria
- Belgium, represented by the region of:
 - *Flanders*
- Finland
- France, represented by the region of:
 - *Grand Est (Alsace, Champagne-Ardenne and Lorraine)*
- Germany
- Italy*
- Russia



*will not participate in the 13th ETB call

The countries / regions listed above (and referred to as programme participants) are participating in ETB programme. Applicants from these countries / regions may expect funding through the ETB programme. Applicants from other countries / regions may participate in ETB consortia at their own expenses (see [3.2.1](#)).

2. Project scope and funding

The strategic objective of ETB calls is to foster the competitiveness of Europe's biotechnology industry by supporting research intensive SMEs and their strategic partnerships. ETB programme focuses on supporting innovation and competitive research in SMEs (see [Definition 1](#)) by funding transnational projects with challenging application aspects and a substantial commercial impact on the market. ETB calls address applications in all fields of modern biotechnology (see [Definition 2](#)), irrespective of particular branches (health, marine & fresh water, agro/food, industrial and environmental biotech projects are more than welcome).

Funding is intended for innovative biotech-projects in the fields of:

- Industrial research & development (see [Definition 3](#)).
- Applied research (*i.e.* experimental development *sensu* EC) (see [Definition 4](#)).

2.1. *ETB recommendations for project budget and duration*

- The budget for individual project proposals is not restricted; it must fit with the project goals and must not fall below / exceed national / regional funding limits

for each partner (for further information see contact information ([Fact sheet 1](#)) and national regulations ([Fact sheet 2](#)).

- The project duration is not restricted by ETB, but projects of 2 to 3 years are recommended.

2.2. Budget & funding modalities

- The amount of available funding is stated in the [call announcement document](#). Funding of project partners is provided by the participating national / regional programmes according to national / regional regulations ([Fact sheet 2](#)).
- A consortium agreement among the project partners is not needed at the moment of proposal submission, but may be required by some national / regional programmes before first instalments can be transferred. For more details please contact your [national ETB contact](#) or see [Fact sheet 2](#). Support is also provided in the [FAQ](#) of ETB.

3. ETB eligibility criteria (mandatory for any ETB project)

The ETB consortium has developed formal criteria which are applied in the eligibility check and in the evaluation process to select the best collaborative R&D&I-projects in the biotech field. These criteria have been agreed upon by all participating programmes and are described below, together with a set of recommendations given by ETB.

Please note that this does not obviate more specific criteria set up in the single national / regional funding programmes. Programme-specific criteria and requirements are found in [Fact sheet 3](#) and are referred to where applicable (not exhaustively).

3.1. Area of activities and project scope

- Projects must be in the field of biotech ([OECD definition](#)) irrespective of the core business of the applicants. Please note that some national programmes may not support non-biotech applicants because they have complementary funding programmes for them ([Fact sheet 3](#)).
- Projects must be technologically innovative and create economical value. They may involve any kind of work up to and including the pre-competitive phase (i.e. up to the first prototype)

3.2. Composition of consortia

To facilitate a broad-based funding support for SMEs engaged in biotech from the ETB countries / regions, the ETB initiative allows a great flexibility with regard to the composition of transnational consortia, in particular with respect to size / number of partners (see below).

ETB criteria for an eligible consortium are the following:

- 3.2.1.** The consortium consists of at least two enterprises belonging to two different countries participating in the call and coordinated by a SME. Cooperation between two or more regions of one single country is not considered to be transnational. However, inter-regional partnerships may apply together with an additional company partner from another country (see also [3.2.3](#)). There is no upper limit of consortium size. Consortia can involve as many partners (e.g. SMEs, Large Industries (LI), Academic research groups or other public / private Research Organisations (RO) belonging to the participating countries – but see [3.2.4](#)) as necessary to achieve the project goals.
- 3.2.2.** The consortium must be balanced both at consortium partners and countries level: that means that the contribution of one country / partner to the collaborative project must not exceed 70% of the total project costs, in order to ensure balanced trans-national partnerships.
- 3.2.3.** The consortium must have a focus on SME participation. It means that:
- The consortium has to be coordinated by a SME, that can delegate parts of the project management to the most competent partner, if necessary;
 - A minimum of 50% of the total project costs must be budgeted for SME partners within the consortium.
- 3.2.4.** Academic research groups or other public / private research organisations (RO) can join the consortia provided there is also a company (SME or LI) from the same ETB programme participant. Specific conditions for the funding of ROs and LIs may apply (depending on the national / regional funding programmes) ([Fact sheet 3](#)).
- 3.2.5.** According to ETB rules, projects are checked for eligibility and evaluated as a whole, not per partner. This means that failing of one partner within the consortium will cause the entire project to fail.
- 3.2.6.** Proposals must be submitted via ETB electronic submission system (ESS, see [5](#)), for the submission deadline please check the [call announcement](#) and meet the required format (see [4](#). and [5](#)). Please note that failure to comply the submission rules (date, format and size of file) may cause ineligibility of the project.

3.3. *Responsibility of the project coordinator*

- The project coordinator will lead the consortium throughout the application procedure and is fully responsible for the overall project coordination.
- ETB will only communicate with the project coordinator. Accordingly, the project coordinator is obliged to share all the information provided by ETB with the other consortium partners.
- The project coordinator has to make sure that all partners fulfil both ETB and national / regional requirements and criteria ([Fact sheet 3](#)) and participate actively in the proposal preparation, by doing their best to guarantee the project eligibility and quality.

- The project coordinator should make sure which type of funding (loans / grants) are going to be provided by his / her own national / regional programme and that / those of his / her international partner/s ([Fact sheet 2](#)).
- The project coordinator has to make sure that all consortium partners provide the necessary information and formalities as required by the national / regional programmes ([Fact sheet 2](#), [Fact sheet 3](#)) to ensure the eligibility of the project according to ETB rules, and will be responsible for this function towards the consortium.

ETB recommendations

- Any single partner's participation should involve R&D&I activities. The focus is on companies whose main activities rest in developing and manufacturing innovative products.
- Parties from countries / regions which do not participate in the ETB call may be part of a consortium at their own expenses if their contribution is needed to achieve the project goals and they are additional with respect to the minimum number of 2 companies (SME+SME or SME+LI) from 2 ETB participants.
- Subcontractors can be included and are managed under the national / regional financing regulations of the eligible participant.
- Applicants should convincingly demonstrate their ability to co-finance the project beyond the potential funding. The financial capability and stability of SME applicants is considered an important eligibility criterion in most participating programmes (see [3.4](#)).

3.4. National / regional project eligibility criteria for funding

All consortium partners must prove sufficient financial stability to conduct the project properly. National / regional programme managers will check the financial status of their countries / regions' partner.

ETB will accept these national / regional eligibility criteria. Thus, national / regional programmes will co-decide on the eligibility of ETB projects. This process of assessing financial stability may be ongoing until the end of the evaluation phase in order to reflect the economic development of the companies and guarantee the operative viability of the proposed project.

4. Application Procedure

The application process is single-phased. Proposals must be submitted by the project coordinator exclusively using the [electronic submission system](#). The submission deadline can be found in the [call announcement](#). Please see also [Fact sheet 3](#) for additional requirements (e.g. hard copies, forms, etc.) that may be required by national / regional programmes.

4.1. Eligibility check and evaluation of the proposals

Upon receipt by the ETB office, proposals are registered and acknowledged. The proposal eligibility check will be carried out by ETB through the ETB participating

programmes and will address formal compliance with the (1) [ETB](#) criteria that are applied in all member countries / regions, and the (2) national requirements that are applied exclusively to the applicants from these countries / regions ([Fact sheet 3](#)). During the eligibility check and until the end of the evaluation the involved programs may ask for additional information. Proposals that do not fulfill the ETB eligibility criteria or national/regional requirements will not be subject to evaluation by ETB. The results of the eligibility check will be disclosed to the project coordinator in March.

The evaluation of the project proposals is conducted by experts and discussed by international evaluators with relevant expertise in the project field. Eligible proposals are subject to a thorough quality and viability assessment with respect to four equally weighted criteria:

- Technological / scientific innovation aspects,
- Economic and social perspectives and sustainability,
- Consortium potential and project management capabilities,
- Human and financial resources.

For detailed information on the evaluation criteria, please see [Fact sheet 4](#).

Positively evaluated projects will be recommended for funding by the ETB consortium. The results will be made available and be communicated to the project coordinators through ETB office by the date stated in the call announcement. The involved funding agencies / ministries will subsequently formally decide at the national / regional level on funding of the projects (please contact your ETB contact person in this regard since funding decision dates will differ from one country / region to another).

4.2. *Filling in the application form*

1. Register as coordinator.
2. Navigate through the individual sections of the submission platform (on the left side of the screen) and fill in the required information.
3. Invite all your partner(s) abroad in the section "**PARTNERS**" for registration. Enter the partner data and activate the entry by clicking on the "letter" icon on the right. After your partner has access to the submission tool, he/she must fill in the required partner details. Please note that partners cannot work on the proposal.
4. All budget data have to be provided in integral numbers in K€ (fraction numbers are not possible). Please fill in the project costs and the funding requested for each partner.
5. After completion, the entered information can be validated by pressing the "**VALIDATION**" button. Missing information will be highlighted. Furthermore, there is the possibility to generate a "**FACTSHEET**" of the proposal that can be opened and saved as a PDF file.
6. The submission can be **finalized** by pressing the "**SUBMISSION**"-button.

7. The **submission can be done several times** until the submission deadline for necessary updates of the proposal content. Only the most recent version will be saved!
8. The application form is a single document and the space available for your information has been limited on purpose. The proposal file must be submitted electronically before the deadline.

4.3. Information, communication & assistance for applicants

- Each ETB participating programme has nominated ETB contact persons ([Fact sheet 1](#)) and applicants are strongly recommended to get in touch with them to get answers to individual questions and receive information on the specific national / regional regulations and requirements ([Fact sheet 2](#)).
- The only official communication line for ETB exists between the ETB office and the project coordinator. The project coordinator is the only contact person informed by the ETB office with regard to relevant questions during the application procedure. He / she must provide this information to the partners ([see also section 3.3](#)).
- For further assistance please visit the ETB website (www.eurotransbio.eu).
- For additional information and support please contact your [national contact persons and/or ETB office](#).

5. Delivery (Electronic submission system)

All application forms must be submitted to the ETB office exclusively via the electronic submission system (ESS).

For further information, please follow the instructions on the submission site (<http://www.etbsubmission.eu/call13>).

After submission, an ETB code number will be attributed to project proposals arriving on time and this number will be communicated to the project coordinator. Please submit your project on time. Although the deadline is defined in the [call announcement](#) ETB strongly recommends that you submit the proposal before this date.

Please note that as a formal requirement, a signed hard copy or electronic submission of the proposal and / or other documents might be required by the national / regional programme involved, and that this process may also have its own deadlines ([Fact sheet 2 and 3](#)).

6. Confidentiality

ETB ensures complete confidentiality to applicants, i.e. your proposal will only be read by the national / regional evaluators, by the commissioned international experts, and be handled by the ETB office operated by Forschungszentrum Jülich GmbH, Germany. All parties involved have signed a confidentiality agreement.

7. Timeline

Please consult the information provided in the [call announcement](#).

8. Monitoring and follow-up of the projects

Monitoring and follow up of funded projects is conducted by each of the national / regional programmes for each of the project partners according to the national / regional regulations and the individual contracts / agreements between the applicants and their respective agencies/ministries.

Additionally, each project participant will have to complete the 'ETB final project report form' which will be provided by the ETB office after the completion of the project.

9. Partnering

ETB has created a partnering site to facilitate the matchmaking of partners to set up a consortium. If you are looking for a partner for your ETB project or if you are looking for a project proposal to join, visit the ETB partnering webpage <https://www.etbsubmission.eu/index.php?index=95> and fill in your project description and contact details. This option will help you to build a consortium. For further information on completing a project/ partner search, visit the partnering site webpage. ETB is also present on [Linkedin](#).

Definition 1

SME (ETB applies the EU definition for SME)

On May 6th, 2003 the European Commission adopted a new Recommendation 2003/361/EC regarding the SME definition which replaced Recommendation 96/280/EC as from April 3rd, 1996. This definition is based on number of employees and either turnover or balance sheet total (for SME definition see also http://ec.europa.eu/growth/smes/business-friendly-environment/sme-definition/index_en.htm).

This [website](#) will allow you to find out whether or not your company is an SME.

Definition 2

Biotechnology (ETB applies the OECD definition for biotech)

The application of science and technology to living organisms, as well as parts, products and models thereof, to alter living or non-living materials for the production of knowledge, goods and services. Please go to the [OECD-definition](#).

Definition 3

Industrial research (ETB applies the EU definition)

In the ETB projects, industrial research refers to the planned research or critical investigation aimed at the acquisition of new knowledge and skills for developing new products, processes or services or for bringing about a significant improvement in existing products, processes or services. It comprises the creation of components of complex systems, which is necessary for the industrial research, notably for generic technology validation, to the exclusion of prototypes as covered by “experimental development”.

Definition 4

Applied research

In the ETB projects, applied research means the implementation of the results of industrial research for the creation of commercial applications. Applied research is performed in order to solve specific, practical questions related to product, process or service development up to the first prototype.

Experimental development (ETB applies the EU definition)

Experimental development means the acquiring, combining, shaping and using of existing scientific, technological, business and other relevant knowledge and skills for the purpose of producing plans and arrangements or designs of new, altered or improved products, processes or services. These may also include, for example, other activities aiming at the conceptual definition, planning and documentation of new products, processes and services. The activities may comprise producing drafts, drawings, plans and other documentation, provided they are not intended for commercial use.

The development of commercially usable prototypes and pilot projects is also included where the prototype is necessarily the final commercial product and where it is too expensive to produce for it to be used only for demonstration and validation purposes. In case of a subsequent commercial use of demonstration or pilot projects, any revenue generated from such use must be deducted from the eligible costs.

The experimental production and testing of products, processes and services is also eligible, provided that the products, processes and services cannot be used or transformed for industrial or commercial applications.

Experimental development does not include the routine or periodic changes made to products, production lines, manufacturing processes, existing services and other operations in progress, even if such changes may represent improvements.

Fact sheet 1

Contact data of national funding agencies

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- **Fact sheet 2**

Application of national regulations

Austria

1 Name of the programme

General Programmes / Basisprogramme

2 Agency

Austrian Research Promotion Agency / Österreichische Forschungsförderungsgesellschaft (FFG)

3 Who can be funded (Who cannot be funded)?

FFG-General Programmes provides funding for all sizes of companies. Applicants can be companies and research organisations.

4 Which types of projects are /are not eligible?

Industrial and applied research projects providing commercialisation expertise are eligible.

5 Which types of costs are/are not eligible?

Personnel costs, R&D equipment/machinery (depreciation or hourly rate), material costs and other costs (such as patenting, travelling and subcontractors) are eligible. Costs pertaining to marketing, sales and distribution and transition to production are not eligible.

6 Funding is provided as grant/loan/capital loan/guarantee

Funding is provided as a grant.

7 Limits of funding per proposal

A total of maximum 60% of R&D costs can be funded, depending on the size of the company. There is no absolute limit.

8 Link to the programme

<http://www.ffg.at/projektfoerderung-im-basisprogramm>

9 Link to general guidelines, reporting and follow up

<http://www.ffg.at/projektfoerderung-im-basisprogramm>

<https://www.ffg.at/eurotrans-bio>

10 Information on biotech companies

<http://www.lifesciencesdirectory.at>

Flanders / Belgium

1 Name of the programme

O&O-bedrijfsprojecten / KMO-programma - innovatieprojecten

2 Agency

Agency for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (VLAIO)

3 Who can be funded (Who cannot be funded)?

VLAIO funds small, medium sized and large enterprises. Participants must be enterprises. Research organisations may participate as partners or subcontractors.

4 Which types of projects are /are not eligible?

Industrial and applied research projects with an economical outcome are eligible.

5 Which types of costs are/are not eligible?

Personnel costs, capital investment and other costs (such as patenting, materials, travelling, and subcontractors) are eligible. Costs pertaining to marketing, sales and distribution, and transition to production are not eligible costs. Please check the cost model for more details (https://www.iwt.be/sites/default/files/subsidies/documenten/innovatiesteun_kostenmodel_jan2016.pdf)

6 Funding is provided as grant/loan/capital loan/guarantee
Funding is provided as a mixture of grants and loans. The funding type and maximum funding % depends on the nature of the project and the size of the company.

7 Limits of funding per proposal
Maximum 80% of R&D costs can be funded.

8 Link to the programme/guidelines/reporting and follow up

<http://www.iwt.be/subsidies/oeno-bedrijfsproject>

<http://www.iwt.be/subsidies/kmo-innovatie>

9 Information on biotech companies

<http://www.flandersbio.be/>

<http://www.flandersfood.com>

Finland

1 Name of the programme

No specific programme - companies can apply at any time, although some thematic programmes have also focused calls

2 Agency

Tekes – the Finnish Funding Agency for Innovation

3 Who can be funded (Who cannot be funded)?

Tekes offers funding for research and development work carried out by companies and research organizations in Finland. However, public research organizations are considered as subcontractors to companies and only companies can apply in the ETB calls.

4 Which types of projects are /are not eligible?

Tekes offers funding to SMEs that are aiming at the international markets or looking to expand their international business and start-up funding to get off to a fast start. Tekes funds also large companies' challenging innovation projects, when the company cooperates with SMEs and cutting-edge research teams.

5 Which types of costs are/are not eligible?

Tekes funds a certain percentage of the eligible costs of the approved R&D&I -projects. The following costs are considered eligible costs: research, development and innovation expenditure that has arisen from the project during the duration of the project. These costs are typically: personnel, material and supplies, travel expenses, machinery/equipment depreciation/rental costs, patenting and purchased services. The ineligible costs are typically costs related to production, advertising, marketing or sales, services containing other public funding, any financing, administration, insurance, repair, maintenance or equivalent costs arising from acquisitions financed through a part payment agreement and costs that are not included in the approved project plan.

6 Funding is provided as grant/loan/capital loan/guarantee

Funding can be provided in the form of grants or loans. The funding instrument depends on the type of the project and the size of the company.

7 Limits of funding per proposal

No limits

8 Link to the funding

<http://www.tekes.fi/en/funding/>

9 Link to the general funding instructions

<http://www.tekes.fi/en/funding/instructions/>

10 Link to Tekes online services

<http://www.tekes.fi/en/online/>

Grand Est Region / France

The application for regional regulations concerning the Grand Est region (Alsace, Champagne-Ardenne and Lorraine) will be published here as soon as possible.

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Germany

1 Name of the programme

KMU-Innovativ: Biotechnologie: Bio Chance

2 Agency

Projekträger Jülich

3 Who can be funded (Who cannot be funded)?

The programme provides funding opportunities for SMEs and their strategic partners.

4 Which types of projects are /are not eligible?

Precompetitive R&D projects in the field of biotechnology are eligible

5 Which types of costs are/are not eligible?

see ANBest, BNBest & NKBF 98 (Nebenbestimmungen für Zuwendungen auf Kostenbasis des Bundesministeriums für Bildung und Forschung an Unternehmen der gewerblichen Wirtschaft für Forschungs- und Entwicklungsvorhaben).

6 Funding is provided as grant/loan/capital loan/guarantee

Funding is provided as grant.

7 Limits of funding per proposal

There is no particular limit for funding of individual projects.

8 Link to the programme

<http://www.hightech-strategie.de/de/13.php>

9 Link to general guidelines

<http://www.ptj.de/eurotrans-bio>

Italy

1 Name of the programme

Italy participates in the EuroTransBio (ETB) call through a dedicated national call in the framework of the Programme called FCS “Fund for Sustainable Growth” (FCS - Fondo per la Crescita Sostenibile), established by Law n. 134/2012, art. n. 23. All the following information refers to the FCS Programme’s general rules and conditions, as well as to the specific national ETB call document, namely “Bando per la Concessione di Agevolazioni per lo sviluppo di progetti transnazionali di sviluppo sperimentale e ricerca industriale nel campo delle biotecnologie”.

2 Agency

The FCS Programme is managed by the Italian Ministry of Economic Development (DGLAI – Direction General for the Support to Enterprises, Division VII Actions for Research and Development).

3 Who can be funded (Who cannot be funded)?

Firms of any size in any industrial sector can be funded. Also Italian research and knowledge-dissemination organizations (as defined by COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) No 651/2014, art. 2, par. 83) can apply, if at least one Italian enterprise established in Italy is involved in the project.

4 Which types of projects are /are not eligible?

Projects aiming at performing industrial research and experimental development activities, by realising new or considerably improved products, processes and services, through the development of the biotech technologies indicated at point n. 4 of the "Technologies List" attached to the decree MSE-MEF of March 8th, 2013.

5 Which types of costs are/are not eligible?

Eligible costs include: expenses for personnel, equipment, subcontracting and other costs (licences, patenting costs, materials), overheads. Not eligible expenses are those pertaining to marketing, sales and distribution, and transition to production, as well as all the expenses sustained for project application, and in general all not traceable or not certifiable expenses.

6 Funding is provided as grant/loan/capital loan/guarantee

Co-funding by the MSE (Ministero dello Sviluppo Economico) is provided through a mix of soft loans and grants.

7 Limits of funding per proposal

The limits of public co-funding are those fixed by the national rules, complying with artt. 31 and 6 of GBER Regulation.

8 Link to the programme

<http://www.mise.gov.it/index.php?>

9 Link to general guidelines

<http://www.mise.gov.it/index.php/it/incentivi/impresa/eurotrans-bio/undicesimo-bando-eurotransbio>

Russian Federation

1. Name of program

General Programs / Under program INTERNATIONALIZATION

2. Agency

FASIE (Foundation for Assistance to Small Innovative Enterprises)

3. Who can be funded (Who cannot be funded)?

Only small companies according to the Russian law (up to 100 personnel, up to 10 mln EUR turnover and less than 49% participation of public, foreign and large companies. Special exception is made for „Skolkovo” residents). Universities, research organizations and other public bodies can participate as subcontractors (with not more than 30% share received as a grant from FASIE being subcontracted).

Ideally, applicant should be a small company not younger than 1 year with a proved track record, IP, and a good turnover.

4. Which type of projects are / are not eligible?

Technically and financially feasible R&D projects in the field of biotechnology with an impact increase in the R&D company activities are eligible.

5. Which types of costs are /are not eligible?

**Personnel costs, equipment (where applicable), subcontracting, some „other” costs are eligible. Travelling\subsistence, IPR, marketing are not eligible. Those have to be covered from co-financing. For details please contact the NCP.
50% of the amount of the grant provided by FASIE should be co-financed.**

6. Funding is provided as grant/loan/capital loan/guarantee

Funding is provided as a grant.

7. Limits of funding per proposal

Maximum amount per proposal is 15 millions Rubles (the amount which can be provided by FASIE). Projects can last for 2 years.

8. Information on biotech companies

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Fact sheet 3

National requirements

Specific national requirements are listed for each ETB country. Please, keep in mind that the list is not exhaustive. For further information regarding national regulations, please contact your [national contact person](#).

Austria

- A project cannot receive double public funding.
- The partners must have a solid and steady financial basis.
- The company must demonstrate its capability (in terms of dimension: personnel, laboratories, facilities) to gear properly its project effort (cost share).
- The project must be compatible with the national programme. Any kind of research supporting military activity will not be funded.
- Only pre-competitive development projects can be funded.
- All information needed for the evaluation should be available.
- The company must be registered in the country of the programme owner to receive funding and it must be well established in the country with plants, laboratories, employees, etc.
- The project must add benefit to the national economy.
- Following the electronic submission of the application form to ETB office by the project coordinator, Austrian partners must submit their part of the proposal via FFG e-Call (<https://ecall.ffg.at/Cockpit/Cockpit.aspx>) and follow the usual application procedure of the FFG Basisprogramme.
- Austrian partners are funded in accordance with the programme guidelines of General Programmes of the FFG (max. 60% of project costs).
- No funding of dissemination and training.

Flanders / Belgium

- A project cannot receive double public funding.
- Minimal budget for the Flemish partners is 50 000 EUR. The budget for the Flemish partners should follow the IWT cost model.
- The company must have a stable financial situation. Financial statements of the last 2 years should be included (in case of a start-up company, the business plan should be included as well).
- The company cannot be subject to any legal administrative procedure.
- The company must have enough financial means to fund its own part of the project.
- The project must be compatible with the regional program. Any kind of research supporting military purposes is not funded.
- All information needed for evaluation should be available.

- The company must be registered in Flanders in order to receive funding. Moreover, the company must be well established in the region.
- The project must add benefit to the regional economy. Companies should describe the “*Toegevoegde waarde in Vlaanderen*” (max 5 pages). This document should be part of the copy sent to IWT. Companies which do not create enough added value for Flanders will not be considered eligible.
- Companies may not be in default for previously funded projects.
- The duration of the project is max 3 years.
- Max funding is 80%.
- Large companies can be funded.
- Subcontractors can be funded.
- The applying Flemish companies are obliged to contact IWT at least 1 month before the closing of the call.

If authorization by an ethical commission is required for project execution in Flanders, the official approval should be send to IWT as soon as possible. In any case, for projects that have been selected for funding, the official authorization document has to be made available to IWT after the funding decision was made by the board of IWT. If not, project funding will be denied. A declaration (in Dutch and included in copy sent to IWT (can be submitted by email to bedrijfssteun@iwt.be) that

- The ETB-procedures and rules will prevail on IWT-procedures and rules.
- IWT can perform all due diligence to evaluate the international project.
- There are no government claims on the company and there is no double financing.
- That the given financial information is correct.
- Electronic version of the application sent to ETB is identical to the hard copy of the application sent to IWT.

is required for eligibility.

DECLARATION FORM

Voeg aan uw aanvraag onderstaande tekst toe en onderteken deze. De ondertekening moet voor uw bedrijf gebeuren door een persoon die de betrokken rechtspersoon rechtsgeldig kan verbinden.

Ik verklaar in naam van het bedrijf akkoord te gaan met de ETB-procedure en dat deze procedure voorrang heeft op de IWT-procedure.

Hierbij geef ik IWT-Vlaanderen de toestemming alle nodige enquêtes te laten uitvoeren naar aanleiding van de aanvraag bij IWT-Vlaanderen tot financiële steun voor het ETB project : <titel project>.

In hoofde van het aanvragend bedrijf verklaar ik dat het bedrijf op datum

van deze aanvraag geen vervallen schulden bezit met betrekking tot belastingen en/of RSZ alsook in orde is met betrekking tot de nodige (milieu)vergunningen. Ik verklaar tevens voor dit projectvoorstel geen andere overheidssteun aangevraagd of ontvangen te hebben.

Tevens verklaar ik dat alle relevante informatie m.b.t. deelnemingen en stemrechten van mijn bedrijf en zijn aandeelhouders volledig en correct is.

Ik verklaar dat het aanvragend bedrijf op datum van deze aanvraag in orde is met betrekking tot de nodige vergunningen en dat indien voor het project specifieke autorisaties of verzekeringen vereist zijn, deze tijdig zullen aangevraagd worden en dat de activiteiten die dergelijke autorisaties/verzekeringen vereisen niet zullen uitgevoerd worden zonder dat deze autorisaties/verzekeringen bekomen werden.

Ik verklaar in naam van het aanvragend bedrijf dat de elektronisch ingestuurde versie van de ETB projectaanvraag identiek is aan de papieren versie van de ETB projectaanvraag die aan het IWT wordt bezorgd

Datum :

(handtekening(en), voorafgegaan door "gelezen en goedgekeurd")
Voor het aanvragend bedrijf

A project can only be considered eligible if an electronic version is sent to ETB and a copy is sent to IWT (submitted by email to bedrijfssteun@iwt.be) including the document describing the added value for Flanders and the declaration form.

Finland

- The application for funding is made by using the Tekes online services (<http://www.tekes.fi/en/online-services/>).
- Before submitting an application for funding, the application instructions should be read (<http://www.tekes.fi/en/funding/instructions/>).
- It is recommended to contact Tekes contact person before submitting to get further details
- The company, applying for funding, should have a stable financial situation and it must have enough own financing for the project for which they are applying for funding.
- The company must be registered in Finland and it must be well established in the country with plants, laboratories, employees, etc.

- The project must add benefit to the national economy.
- All areas of biotechnology (by OECD definition) are supported.

Grand Est Region / France

The application for regional requirements concerning the Grand Est region (Alsace, Champagne-Ardenne and Lorraine) will be published here as soon as possible.

For any question please contact: Achim Mayer, achim.mayer@lorraine.eu, Tel.: +33 3 87 336 214

Germany

- BMBF funding of the EuroTransBio call is provided as delineated in the regulations of the programme KMU-Innovativ: Biotechnologie - Bio Chance.
- The procedure (“Verfahren”) is according to the above mentioned EuroTransBio protocol (see Chapter 4 “Application Procedure”). The funding will be awarded as non-repayable project grant.
- The funding regulations, the follow up and reporting of publicly funded projects are regulated according to ANBest (Allgemeine Nebenbestimmungen), BNBest (Besondere Nebenbestimmungen) and NKBF 98 (Nebenbestimmungen für Zuwendungen auf Kostenbasis des Bundesministeriums für Bildung und Forschung an Unternehmen der gewerblichen Wirtschaft für Forschungs- und Entwicklungsvorhaben).
- The proposed project must be compatible with the programme KMU-Innovativ: Biotechnologie - Bio Chance.
- The company proposing a project must be registered in Germany and must be well established in Germany with plants, laboratories, employees, etc.
- The proposed project will be conducted in Germany.
- The utilization of the project results will take place in Germany.
- The company proposing a project must be capable to provide the co-financing.
- The proposed project must provide added value to the national biotech scenery.
- The proposed project must add benefit to the national economy.
- Double funding is not possible.
- Documents have to be submitted at Project Management Jülich
- Together with the electronic submission of the proposal at the ETB-office the applicants have to submit the following documents:
 - *Jahresabschlüsse der letzten zwei Jahre*
 - *Erklärung zur Aufbringung des Eigenanteils*
 - *Aktuelle BWA*
 - *Liquiditätsplanung für die Laufzeit des vorgeschlagenen Projektes*
 - *Handelsregister Auszug*
 - *KMU Erklärung*

- *Aktuelle Auskunft der Hausbank*
- The documents have to be submitted to:

Forschungszentrum Jülich
 Projektträger Jülich
 Frau Kirsten Suermondt (k.suermondt@fz-juelich.de)
 52425 Jülich

Italy (does not participate in the 13th ETB call)

- Italian applicants, in order to submit a project proposal under the ETB call, must submit a specific request for funding to the Ministry of Economic Development, following the rules and instructions described in the “Bando per la concessione di agevolazioni per lo sviluppo di progetti transnazionali di sviluppo sperimentale e ricerca industriale nel campo delle biotecnologie” available at www.mise.gov.it.
- The submitting Italian enterprises have to be registered to an Italian Chamber of Commerce (demonstrating also to be well established in Italy with plants, laboratories, employees).
- Research and knowledge-dissemination organizations (as defined by **COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) No 651/2014, art. 2, par. 83**) can be funded, only if at least one Italian enterprise is involved in the project.
- The applicant shall not be subject to any legal administrative procedure.
- The applicant must not be in default for previously funded projects.
- The applicant must have a stable financial situation.
- The applicant must demonstrate its capability (in terms of dimension and competences: personnel, laboratories, facilities) to gear properly its project effort (i.e. its project cost share).
- The applicant must have enough own financial resources for the carrying out of the project that is submitted for funding.
- The sum of all the expenses of any single Italian partner in a single project must account over 200,000 Euro and below 500,000 Euro. In any case, the whole expenses sum of the Italian participants involved in a project cannot exceed 1.5 M Euro.
- A project cannot receive double public funding.
- Only project topics related to industrial innovation needs will be accepted.
- Only projects where the activities performed by the Italian applicants concern industrial research and experimental development can be funded.
- All areas of biotechnology (according to the OECD definition) are supported, but the project must be compatible with the national legislation and rules on biotechnologies (e.g. research or development on human embryo stem cells or GMOs for applications in agriculture are not allowed).
- All information needed to do evaluation must be provided in the project proposal (incomplete proposals will be rejected without evaluation).
- The duration of the project should be 18-36 months.

- Funding amount depends on the national rules, complying with art. 31 and 6 of GBER Regulation.
- The Italian applicants are subject to all the general rules and conditions of the Italian Programme “Fund for Sustainable Growth” (FCS- Fondo per la Crescita Sostenibile, managed by the Ministry of Economic Development www.mise.gov.it).
- Project budget information should be reported without taxes.

Russian Federation

- The company which has an “open” contract with FASIE when applying for ETB project is not eligible;
- The duration of the project is normally 18 or 24 months.
- Universities, research organization and medium\large sized companies can be financed through sub-contracting (up to maximum 30%);
- The company must be a duly registered commercial body with the maximum participation of 49% in the share capital of public and foreign companies and large companies.
- The project must add benefit to the national economy and demonstrate added value from the international cooperation;
- Ideally, the project should result in acquiring a patent and demonstrate commercialization potential;
- There is no legal limitation to the size and financial status of the company; however, preference will be given to the already established companies having proven record and a good turnover;
- Companies which are in the “black list” of FASIE (either did not fulfil contracts or did not meet other obligations) will not be financed;
- Companies which received funding from FASIE previously will have to provide additional materials showing the effectiveness of the funded projects;
- The company must have enough financial means to fund its own part of the project (50% of the amount of the grant) or, alternatively, find an investor;
- Maximum budget per project is 200 000 EUR (or equivalent of 15 mln RUR)
- Details can be found here: <http://fasie.ru/programs/programma-internatsionalizatsiya/polozhenie-o-konkurse-mezhdunarodnye-programmy.php>

Fact sheet 4

Evaluation criteria

The international evaluation is performed considering the following aspects:

- Technological / scientific innovation
 - Technical risks and feasibility of the project
 - Degree of innovation in comparison with state-of-the-art
 - Practical value / benefit for the consortium
 - State of intellectual property - patents
 - Technology transfer through the project
- Social and economic perspective
 - Economic potential of the project - commercialisation of results
 - Impact for the companies - competitiveness, growth, employment
 - Business strategy of the project - strengths and weaknesses
 - Trans-national added value
 - Sustainable development in respect to social and environmental impact
 - Impact on the European competitiveness in the specific field
- Consortium and project management
 - Quality of consortium - complementarity, SMEs, internationality
 - Scientific and technological ability and experience of the consortium
 - Business expertise of the consortium (track record)
 - Project management capacity
- Resources
 - Human resources (qualification and overall man power)
 - Financial capability of the consortium and financial commitment of the partners
 - Facilities such as laboratories or very specialized equipment