



Joint Action “Nutrition and Cognitive Function”

Call for Joint Transnational Research Proposals

Proposal submission: June-08, 2015 (23:59 CEST)

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1. Introduction

The promotion of healthy lifestyles with better diets and increased physical activity is of utmost importance for future public health, well-being and prosperity in Europe. The growing share of the elderly population in Europe is accompanied by an increase in the prevalence of chronic diseases such as cardiovascular diseases, cancer, neurodegenerative diseases and diabetes. This places a heavy burden on the health-care systems and affects performances of national economies in Europe. Poor diet, lifestyle choices and obesity are implicated as key determinants for many chronic diseases. The Joint Programming Initiative “A Healthy Diet for a Healthy Life” (<http://www.healthydietforhealthylife.eu/>, JPI HDHL) has been established to coordinate research in the areas of food, diet, physical activity and health in order to achieve tangible societal and health impact and to strengthen European leadership and competitiveness in this field. JPI HDHL entails a voluntary partnership between Member States and Associated Countries of the European Union providing a roadmap for harmonised and structured research activities with defined priorities to achieve these goals.

Several studies indicate that the interrelation between diet and cognitive function significantly impacts our overall health and well-being, although this relationship is still relatively poorly understood. Research is needed to understand how dietary factors affect cognitive function and performance in various life stages and *vice versa* how cognitive processes interrelate with diet and food intake. The translation of this knowledge will contribute to the development of effective strategies to prevent or to delay the onset of various chronic diseases and therefore is of utmost importance for the public health domain in Europe.

The funding organisations that have agreed to fund this joint call for multinational research projects in this scientific area, with a view to adding value to their existing nationally funded activities, are

listed below. The call will be conducted simultaneously by the funding organisations in their respective countries and coordinated centrally by the Joint Action Secretariat (JAS, see below).

Country	Funding Organisation	Earmarked Budget (in €)
Austria	BMFWF	300.000
Belgium	FWO	200.000
France	ANR	750.000
Germany	BMBF	3.000.000
Ireland	SFI	500.000
Italy	MIUR	400.000
Italy	ISS on behalf of the MOH	130.000
The Netherlands	ZonMW	700.000
Poland	NCN	500.000
Spain	ISCIII	In kind, approx. 1.7 M€
Spain	MINECO	500.000
UK	MRC	500.000

2. Aim of the call

The joint action “Nutrition and Cognitive Function” (NutriCog) aims at promoting research activities that address the interrelation of diet and cognitive function. This knowledge will lay the basis for dietary preventive strategies and recommendations to guide individuals and populations towards health promoting dietary habits.

The objective of the NutriCog Call is to support ambitious, innovative and transnational collaborative research projects that will address important questions relating to the interplay between nutrition and cognitive function, such as perception, reasoning, thinking, memory and/or cognitive processes. Both the influence of dietary patterns (and/or dietary constituents, where appropriate) on cognitive functions and *vice versa* the effects of Central Nervous System nutrient signaling and cognitive processes on food intake, dietary patterns and eating behaviour are relevant for this call.

Prevention rather than progression of disease is the focus of this call. Research dealing primarily with clinically manifested neurological, neurodegenerative, or psychiatric diseases and their interrelation to nutrition/diet is not eligible for this call.

Proposals have to follow a multidisciplinary approach and should cover multiple areas, such as:

- a) Mechanistic / experimental research (*in vitro*, animal and/or human studies) focusing on how dietary factors interrelate with cognitive functions and processes.
- b) Translational research (animal and/or human studies) delivering the physiological basis for the development of effective strategies to influence dietary behavior and/or to improve cognitive function and performance.
- c) Epidemiological research elucidating the relationship between diet and cognitive function across the life course, exclusively based on existing cohorts or other ongoing epidemiological studies.
- d) Pilot and/or proof of principle studies for interventions in humans, to develop new strategies for the maintenance and promotion of cognitive function and/or healthy dietary habits during the lifespan.

Each consortium should have the critical mass to achieve ambitious and innovative scientific goals. Proposals should **clearly demonstrate added value** from working together.

To increase the impact at the European level, proposals are expected to link with other JPI HDHL activities, where appropriate.

3. Application

3.1 Eligibility

The objective of the NutriCog call is to support **joint transnational and interdisciplinary research consortia** with innovative approaches addressing the described scientific questions. It aims to increase and facilitate transnational cooperation between excellent researchers. Joint transnational research proposals may be submitted by research groups working in universities (or other higher education institutions), non-university public research institutes, hospitals and other health care settings, as well as commercial companies, in particular small and medium-size enterprises.

The eligibility of the afore-mentioned institutions, together with details of eligible costs (personnel, material, consumables, equipment, travel money, etc.), are subject to the individual administrative requirements of individual funding organisations and may

therefore vary (see Annex A/B). Applicants will need to obtain clarification from the individual funding agencies (see contact details in Annex A/B).

Only transnational projects will be funded. Each consortium must involve a minimum of three and a maximum of six research groups eligible for funding by organisations listed in this call text (see above), and three groups must be from different countries. Not more than two research groups can originate from the same country.

In addition, research groups or international organisations not eligible to their national/regional funding organizations or from countries which are not partners in the JPI HDHL joint transnational call may participate in projects if they clearly demonstrate an added value to the consortium and are able to provide their own funding. They must provide clear evidence in the proposal that these funds are already secured. However, the majority of research groups in a consortium and the coordinator must be eligible for funding by organisations listed in this call text (see above). In any case, the total number of research groups in one consortium must not exceed eight.

Whilst applications will be submitted jointly by groups from different countries, individual research groups will be funded by the individual NutriCog funding organisation(s) respective of their country/region. Eligibility is the matter of individual partner organisations (see Annex A/B).

Please note: Inclusion of a non-eligible partner (i.e., an applicant applying for funding, although this partner cannot be funded by the funding agency in its country for administrative reasons according to country specific regulations) in a proposal may result in the rejection of the entire proposal without further review. Applicants are therefore strongly advised to contact their national/regional funding organisation and confirm eligibility before participating in an application (see country specific information in Annex A/B).

3.2 Financial and legal modalities

Projects can be funded for a period of up to three years. Single research groups will be funded according to national regulations. Eligible costs may vary according to the corresponding funding organisations' regulations. Each group is subject to the rules and regulations of its respective national/regional funding organization.

A project consortium agreement should be negotiated by all project partners in each project consortium before the commencement of the project. This should address matters such as the regulation of intellectual property rights and actions to be taken in the event of unsatisfactory

performance by one or more partners. In some countries, such an agreement might be required for release of the funds. Applicants have to obey national/organisational regulations regarding this aspect. Further guidance and model consortium agreements can be found at the IPR helpdesk (<https://www.iprhelpdesk.eu/services>) and DESCA websites (<http://www.desca-2020.eu/>).

3.3 Submission of joint transnational proposals

One joint transnational proposal document (in English) shall be prepared by the consortium partners and must be submitted to the Joint Action Secretariat (JAS) by the coordinator.

Proposals must be submitted **no later than June 8, 2015, 23:59 PM CEST**, to the NutriCog electronic submission system (<https://www.pt-it.de/ptoutline/application/nutricog>). No other means of submission will be accepted. A proposal template is available online (<http://www.healthydietforhealthylife.eu/index.php/joint-actions/nutricog>). Adhering to this template is a requirement.

3.4 Further information

The call will be coordinated centrally by the Joint Action Secretariat (JAS), PT-DLR.

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Country specific regulations must be considered by each applicant. For applicants from some countries/regions, it might be necessary to submit **additional information before the submission** deadline directly to the country/regional funding organisation. Therefore, applicants are strongly advised to **consult their national/regional contact officer** ([Annex A](#)) for more details. Proposals not meeting country specific regulations, at least for one single partner, might be rejected without further review.

In case you need any additional information, please contact the JAS.

4. Evaluation and decision

4.1 Formal check of proposals

The JAS will check the proposals to ensure that they meet the call's formal conditions (date of submission; number of participating countries and groups; inclusion of all necessary information in English; adherence to the proposal template, scope of the call). In parallel, the JAS will forward the proposals to the national/regional funding organisations which will perform a check of compliance with their respective regulations. Proposals not meeting the formal conditions will be rejected. Proposals passing both these checks will be forwarded to the peer review process.

4.2 Peer review stage 1 (written review):

All eligible proposals will be forwarded to the international Peer Review Panel for evaluation. Each proposal will receive at least three reviews on a written basis from peers with expertise in the substantive area of the proposed research.

In exceptional justified cases, applicants may ask the JAS via e-mail not to assign their applications to a certain expert for evaluation in order to avoid individual conflicts of interest. The decision on potential substitution of evaluators shall be taken by the funding organizations. Such a request must reach the secretariat by the "submission date" at the latest. The request will be treated confidentially.

4.3 Peer review stage 2 (panel meeting):

The international Peer Review Panel will meet for a plenary discussion to jointly evaluate the proposals. In that meeting the panel will establish a ranking list of the fundable proposals based on scientific assessment and taking into account the evaluation criteria listed below. In addition to briefing material, panel members will receive the original application and the anonymous written reviews.

4.4 Evaluation criteria

The following criteria will be used for the peer review evaluation of proposals submitted:

1. **Relevance to the aim(s) of the call.**
2. **Scientific quality** of the proposal (innovation potential, methodology).
3. **Feasibility of the project** (adequacy of the work plan, budgetary and other resources, time schedule, management, in case of partners not eligible for funding: evidence of funding)

4. **Quality of the transnational collaboration** (added value of the research consortium, on both scientific and transnational levels, multidisciplinary approach, if applicable: role of partners not eligible for funding)
5. **International competitiveness** of participating research groups in the field(s) of the proposal (expertise relevant for the field, expertise of the research groups)
6. **Translational impact** of the expected results for future clinical and other health relevant applications.

4.5 Decision

Based on the recommendations from the Peer Review Panel the final decisions will be made by the funding organisations. All applicants will receive feedback on their proposals.

5. Funding procedure

Projects can be funded for a period of up to three years and according to funding organisations' regulations. Funding is expected to start earliest at the end of 2015.

The research groups of successful collaborative projects will be funded directly by the respective funding organisations. Funding will be administered according to the terms and conditions of the responsible funding organisations, taking into account all other applicable regulations and legal frameworks.

In order to minimize the variability in the project starting dates between the partners of one consortium, the coordinators are requested to seek a common starting date for all research groups and to communicate this date to the involved funding agencies. The goal should be to start the consortia of one call as similarly as possible.

The budget for individual project proposals is not restricted; it must meet the project goals and take into account the national/organisational funding limits for each partner (see partner country contributions in [Annex A/B](#)).

Each project must nominate a project coordinator, who represents the consortium externally and is responsible for all communications with the JPI HDHL (such as monitoring, reporting, intellectual property rights (IPR) issues and sharing of data and resources). Project coordinators having submitted an eligible proposal will be informed about the funding recommendation by the JAS regarding their proposal. They are responsible to communicate this information to the project partners.

After a positive funding recommendation, the project partners must directly contact their national/regional funder in order to start the contract negotiation and accomplish the remaining

steps until the research project can start. Each group leader within a joint research consortium will be the contact person for the relevant national/regional funding organisation.

6. Responsibilities and reporting requirements

The project coordinator will be required to submit a brief annual scientific progress report on the joint project, on behalf of the project consortium, to the JAS in March of each year. The project coordinator will be required to submit a final scientific progress report on the joint project, on behalf of the project consortium, to the JAS within 3 months after the project ends. It may also be necessary for group leaders and/or project participants to submit reports individually to their funding organisation if required by national/regional regulations. In addition, the coordinators of each consortium will be asked to present two progress updates, one intermediate and one final status symposium. Group leaders will be asked to participate in the final status symposium. Travel budgets should be planned and managed accordingly.

Funding recipients must ensure that all outcomes (publications, etc.) of transnational JPI HDHL projects include a proper acknowledgement of JPI HDHL and the respective funding partner organisations. For this reason, a JPI HDHL dissemination strategy has been agreed by all member states. Researchers funded under the umbrella of JPI HDHL are requested to adhere to the JPI HDHL dissemination guidelines described in the “Quick guide for dissemination of the JPI HDHL research project results” (<https://www.healthydietforhealthylife.eu/index.php/hdhl-documents/key-documents>) or briefly outlined in Annex C.


ANNEX A: National contact points and regulations

Please note that country specific requirements might apply to this call. For further information please contact your national representative:

Funding Organisation	Contact Officer	Eligible Institutions	Eligible Costs	Anticipated amount of funding for this call (€)
Austria Bundesministerium für Wissenschaft, Forschung und Wirtschaft (BMWFw) Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy	Dr. Oliver Mayer Bundesministerium für Wissenschaft, Forschung und Wirtschaft 1014 Wien, Rosengasse 2-6 T: +43 (0)1 53 120 7145 F: +43 (0)1 53 120 99 7145 E: oliver.mayer@bmwfw.gv.at W: www.bmwfw.gv.at	Austrian Universities Austrian non-University research Institutes/Organisations SMEs/Industry registered in Austria	Relevant direct project expenses e.g.: Personnel Consumables Travel Documentation/dissemination Subcontracts Equipment	300.000
Belgium Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO)	Dr. Olivier Boehme Science Policy Advisor + 32 (0)2 550 15 45 Toon Monbaliu Advisor Research Affairs +32 0(2) 550 15 70 jpi@fwo.be	The FWO considers JPIs as an instrument for the coordination of transnational research, hence it chooses to finance only ongoing research projects of the FWO for joint calls.	Financing involves an extra budget (a so-called top-up) which should enable the research group to integrate itself in an international consortium.	Total available budget of € 200,000. Each FWO project can apply for top-up funding (meaning on top of the already existing funding for the project itself as provided by FWO) of 10,000 euro/year and 30,000 in total.

France The French National Research Agency (ANR)	Dr. Martine Batoux Health and Biology Department Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR) 50 avenue Daumesnil, 75012 Paris T : +33(0) 1.73.54.81.40 E : martine.batoux@agencerecherche.fr	Applicants from public research institutes such as EPST, EPIC and universities (maximum rate of support: 100% of additional costs) or from private bodies such as large enterprises or SMEs are all eligible to apply (maximum rate of support: 45% of total costs for SMEs and 30% for larger companies).	Personnel, Consumables, Animals, Subcontracts (if costs<50% eligible costs), Equipment, Travel See French Annex for details at http://www.agencenationalerecherche.fr/JPIHDHL-2015	750.000
Germany Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung (BMBF) Federal Ministry of Education and Research	Dr Friederike Bathe T: +49 228 3821- 1225 F: +49 228 3821 -1257 Dr Petra Lüers T: +49 228 3821 -1194 F: +49 228 3821 -1257 E: nutrition-HDHL@dlr.de PT-DLR, on behalf of the BMBF Heinrich-Konen-Str. 1 53227 Bonn Germany	Universities University hospitals Non-university research institutes Industry/SME Note: industry is funded with a maximum of 50-60% of their cost Research institutions, which receive institutional financing, can be funded subject to specific conditions. http://www.gesundheitsforschung-bmbf.de	Personnel Consumables Subcontracts Equipment Travel Overheads	3 M
Ireland Science Foundation Ireland (SFI)	Dr Kevin Walsh Science Foundation Ireland (SFI) Wilton Park House, Wilton Place, Dublin 2 T: +353 1 607 3139 E: kevin.walsh@sfi.ie W: www.sfi.ie	Eligible research body in the Republic of Ireland A list of Eligible Research Bodies is available on the SFI website.	Salary-related costs Small equipment costs Travel Direct running costs Dissemination and knowledge exchange costs Overheads Please also refer to “Science Foundation Ireland: Grants Terms & Conditions” and also the SFI Grant Application Budget Policy	500.000 € * * inclusive of overheads

Italy Ministry of Education, University and Research (MIUR)	Dr. Giovina Ruberti +39 06 90091263 giovina.ruberti@cnr.it Dr. Aldo Covello +39 06 9772 6465 aldo.covello@miur.it	See Annex B	See Annex B	400.000€ see Annex B
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			consortium proposal and the ZonMw budgetary tables of the Dutch partners in ZonMw ProjectNet before the 15th of November 2015.	
Poland National Science Centre (NCN)	Laura Bandura-Morgan, PhD Coordinator in Life Sciences  National Science Centre Krolewska 57 30-081 Krakow, Poland phone +48 12 341 9163 fax +48 12 341 9099 laura.bandura-morgan@ncn.gov.pl www.ncn.gov.pl	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Polish research institutions as referred to in Art. 10 of the Act of 30 April 2010 on the Principles of Financing Science (Dz. U. z 2010 r. nr 96, poz. 615 z późn. zm.) http://www.ncn.gov.pl/sites/default/files/pliki/ustawy/ustawa-o-ncn.pdf The applicant who intends to act as Principal Investigator in the consortium must be a researcher with a doctoral degree, with an established scientific record Principal Investigator must be employed at a Polish research institution, have necessary qualifications, the required infrastructure and sufficient free capacity to carry out the requested project. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicants are obliged to adhere to the rules included in the List of Eligible Costs available in the Resolution of the NCN Scientific Council no 26/2015. Under this scheme the NCN will not offer state aid grants: http://www.ncn.gov.pl/finansowanie-nauki/pomoc-publiczna?language=pl Overhead costs must not exceed a maximum of 20% of eligible costs (excl. equipment) and may not be increased during the course of a research project Administrative personnel costs have to be covered from overheads. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 500 000 Euro Please note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only proposals involving basic research may be submitted in response to the call for proposals Applicants must provide basic administrative data via the OSF electronic submission system (UNISONO applications).
Spain National Institute of Health Carlos III	Office for EU and International Research Projects Dept. of International Research Programmes and External Relations National Health Institute Carlos III Av. Monforte de Lemos, 5 (Building 6) 28029 Madrid (Spain) Laura Mohedano T: + 34 91 822 23 77 E :lmohedano@isciii.es	Only research groups from a CIBER, CNIC or IIS are eligible to send an EoI. An additional statement declaring the eligibility and ensuring funding if awarded, signed by the Scientific Director and the Management Director of the CIBER, CNIC or IIS must be sent by each PI applicant to any of the ISCIII NCP's and received prior to the deadline of the EoI closing. Proposals not	Research costs (e.g. staff and consumables); Travel costs; Communication & dissemination costs; Coordinators' costs; Training & capacity building; Mobility.	In kind contribution (approx. €1.7M)

	Sara García T: +34 91 822 29 41 E-mail: sgridriguez@isciii.es	<p>accompanied by this statement will be considered ineligible.</p> <p>Research groups, international organisations or commercial companies, in particular small and medium-size enterprises, that are not eligible to receive in-kind funding from ISCIII, may participate if they clearly demonstrate an added value to the consortium and are able to provide their own funding. They must provide clear evidence in the proposal that these funds are already secured.</p>		
Spain Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad (MINECO)	Dr Julio Barbas T : +34 9160 38384 E : julio.barbas@mineco.es Dr David González hdhl@mineco.es	See Annex B	See Annex B	500.000 €
United Kingdom Medical Research Council 14 th Floor One Kemble Street London WC2B 4AN E:Karen.Finney@headoffice.mrc.ac.uk T: +44 (0)20 7395 2255 W : www.mrc.ac.uk	Dr Karen Finney Medical Research Council 14 th Floor One Kemble Street London WC2B 4AN E:Karen.Finney@headoffice.mrc.ac.uk T: +44 (0)20 7395 2255 W : www.mrc.ac.uk	<p>Universities, hospitals, research institutions that are eligible to administer MRC funding are all eligible to apply. Please consult the MRC website and Applicants Handbook for more information on eligibility requirements.</p> <p>http://www.mrc.ac.uk/funding</p>	<p>Please consult the MRC website and Applicants Handbook for information on eligible costs.</p> <p>http://www.mrc.ac.uk/funding</p>	500.000 €

ANNEX B: Specific national regulations**AUSTRIA**

**Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy
(BMWFW)**

**Eligibility:**

Eligible institutions are Austrian Universities, Austrian non-University Research Institutes / Organisations as well as SMEs / Industry registered in Austria.

- Projects of Universities and non-University Research Institutes/Organisations can be funded up to 100% of the incurring costs.
- SMEs/Industry projects can be funded with a maximum of 50% of the incurring costs.

Costs eligible for funding (according to standard BMWFW funding regulations):

- Personnel
- Consumables
- Travel
- Documentation/dissemination
- Subcontracts
- Equipment

Funding:

300.000 €

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BELGIUM**Research Foundation - Flanders (FWO)****Eligibility:**

The FWO considers JPIs as an instrument for the coordination of transnational research, hence it chooses to finance only ongoing research projects of the FWO for joint calls.

Funding:

The budget is 200.000 € to be distributed among PIs holding an ongoing project of FWO that fits in a consortium applying for this call. The top-up these existing projects can receive consists of 10.000 EUR/year or 30.000 EUR in total for 3 years, for networking costs.

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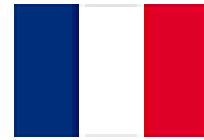
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FRANCE**French National Research Agency (ANR)****Eligibility:**

Applicants from public research institutes such as EPST, EPIC and universities (maximum rate of support: 100% of additional costs) or from private bodies such as large enterprises or SMEs are all eligible to apply (maximum rate of support: 45% of total costs for SMEs and 30% for larger companies).

Funding:

- Total budget : 0,75 M€
- Minimum amount per partner: 15 k€.
- Maximum funding per research group: 0.25 M€ (ideally, ANR would like to support 4-5 research projects)
- Consult the French Annex for details on the ANR website
- For projects selected for funding: a copy of the signed consortium agreement established between the consortium partners must be provided to ANR before the first payment to the French researchers involved in the project.

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GERMANY**Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)**

See also German version of the call (www.gesundheitsforschung-bmbf.de/de/5110.php).

Eligibility:

Eligible applicants are German Universities, German University hospitals, German non-University Research Institutes and Industry/SMEs registered in Germany (subject to certain conditions).

Funding rates for universities, university hospitals and non-university research institutes can be up to 100% of their costs. Industry can be funded with a maximum of 50-60% of their cost.

The following costs are eligible for funding:

- Personnel
- Consumables
- Subcontracts
- Equipment
- Travel
- Overheads

Overheads are eligible according to standard BMBF regulations.

Funding:

3 M €, approx. 10 research groups

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IRELAND

Science Foundation Ireland (SFI)



Eligibility:

- The applicant must hold a PhD, MD or equivalent.
- The applicant must:
 - be a member of the academic staff of an eligible Research Body (permanent or with a contract that covers the period of the grant) **OR**
 - be a contract researcher with a contract that covers the period of the grant, who is recognised by the Research Body as an independent investigator and will have an independent office and research space for which he/she will be fully responsible for *at least* the duration of the SFI grant, **OR**
 - be an individual who will be recognised by the Research Body upon receipt of the grant as an academic staff or as a contract researcher as defined above. The applicant does not necessarily need to be employed by the Research Body at the time of the application submission.
- The applicant is required to have demonstrated research independence through securing at least one peer-reviewed, independent research grant as a lead investigator or as co-investigator and be a senior author (first, last or corresponding or in those fields where alphabetic order authorship is the norm, joint author) on peer-reviewed scientific journals.
- The PI cannot request a salary.
- Any named co-applicants cannot request their own salary.

Funding:

€500,000. Funding sought cannot be in excess of this national budget commitment. Applicants need to fully justify their requested funding.

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ITALY**Ministry of Education, University and Research (MIUR)**

(Budget: €400.000,00 as grant)

Projects are funded from the Fund for investments on Scientific and Technological Research (FIRST). The criteria and provisions provided herewith are intended only for informative purpose. The complete list of criteria and provisions legally valid, which must be respected by the participants, as well as the integrative forms to be filled in and to be sent to MIUR by the JPI HDHL deadline, are included in the “Avviso integrativo nazionale”, that will be published on MIUR website (<http://www.ricercainternazionale.miur.it>) and in the applicable Italian laws.

Any participant, who does not send its national documents by the deadline, will be considered ineligible for MIUR.

Contact:

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Eligibility

Eligible Institutions	According to art. 60 of the Decree-Law n. 83/2012 and art. 4 of its implementing Ministerial decree 115/2013, the following entities are eligible: universities, research institutions, research organizations and SMEs as indicated in the “Avviso integrativo nazionale”, providing that they have stable organization in Italy.
Additional requirements	Only research groups with a documented expertise in thematic areas relevant for the call and participating in national and/or european research projects in thematic areas relevant for the call are eligible to participate in the initiative. SMEs are welcome as participants if an added value to the network is proven and if they are willing to share data and results within the initiative.

Budget

Budget	<p>Total budget € 400.000,00</p> <p>The total funding request, in terms of grant, of the Italian partners in each project cannot exceed € 200.000,00.</p>
Fundable costs	<p>All costs incurred during the lifetime of the project under the following categories are eligible: Personnel, Equipment, Subcontracting, Consumables, Dissemination and Coordination activities, and Overheads.</p> <p>Co-funding required as indicated in the “Avviso integrativo nazionale”.</p>

National negotiation

Additional forms	Once the Project has been approved for funding and during the negotiation each Italian research unit will have to fill in the forms provided by the competent Ministry and present it to the funding body to apply for contribution.
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	In case of a research unit acting as coordinator, the description of the general plan of activities must also be presented to the funding body, including the activity of all partners and the financial sheet of the Italian research participants.
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Other

NOTE	The MIUR budget that will be not used in this call will be allocated to other JPI HDHL calls 2015 to support the participation of Italian research groups in projects selected through international evaluation procedures.
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ITALY**National Institute of Health (ISS),**

on behalf of the Ministry of Health (MOH)

**Eligibility:**

Research groups belonging to National Institute of Health (ISS) with an excellent expertise in thematic areas relevant for the call are eligible to participate in the NutriCog initiative.

Applicants that belong to national public and private research institutions, that among their institutional and statutory scopes are “performing research activities” and not only are “promoting or supporting research activities”, can participate as project partner if they can provide their own financial resources to carry out the work. It is mandatory for all the private research bodies defined above that they state in the official documents (statute and/or articles of incorporation, memorandum of association) their non-profit’s purpose.

SMEs, industries and organisms with other statutory nature are welcome as participants if an added value to the network is proven and if they are willing to share data and results within the NutriCog initiative. They must be able to provide their own financial resources to carry out the work. A short description of the Enterprise involved in a proposal, its role and the added value brought to the project with its participation must be included (section of collaborators in the online application) together with a declaration on own-funding.

Funding: Total budget € 130.000

ISS/MOH in cash contribution* will be available for supporting ISS researchers by up to 100% of the approved eligible project costs;

Eligible costs to be refunded:

- Personnel

Salaries – Only for non-permanent scientific staff (including post docs, PhD students, fellowships).

- Travel expenses, for permanent and non-permanent staff involved in the project.

- Consumables

Dissemination and knowledge exchange costs

- External activity costs – expenditures for activity carried out externally to the research applicant (Consultancy services, agreements, material transportation when needed for the project implementation).

- Overheads – no more than 10% of the total amount of the above mentioned costs.

- Coordination – if ISS is playing a role of coordinator non-permanent administrative staff can be included in the coordination cost.

Additional forms: Once the Project has been approved for funding and during the negotiation each ISS research unit will have to fill in the forms provided by MoH and present it to the funding body to apply for contribution.

In case of a research unit acting as coordinator, the description of the general plan of activities must also be presented to the funding body, including the activity of all partners and the financial sheet of the Italian research participants.

The ISS budget that will be not used in this call will be allocated to other JPI HDHL calls 2015/2016 to support the participation of ISS research groups in projects selected through international evaluation procedures.

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*The in cash contribution available for participating in NutriCog derives from ISS own budget.

THE NETHERLANDS**The Netherlands Organisation for
Health Research and Development (ZonMW)****Eligibility:**

Research organisations, such as universities (or other higher education institutions), academic hospitals and non-university public research institutes.

Participation of a private party/private parties is required.

Relevant project expenses, such as:

- Salary-related costs
- Travel costs
- Direct running costs
- Dissemination and knowledge exchange costs

Funding:

€700.000

Per project only 1 Dutch partner with a maximum requested funding of €350.000 can apply (please contact ZonMw for more information).

Private parties should contribute at least 10% of the total costs to the total budget (in cash).

In case of full proposal submission, written consent of private parties is required.

To fill out the JPI HDHL NutriCog budgetary tables, please use the output gathered by completing the ZonMw format for budgetary tables and the terms and financial conditions stated at the following website: <http://www.zonmw.nl/nl/subsidies/voorwaarden-en-financien/>.

In case your proposal is recommended for funding, we will ask you to submit general information and upload the consortium proposal and the ZonMw budgetary tables of the Dutch partners in ZonMw ProjectNet before the 15th of November 2015.

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POLAND**National Science Centre (NCN)****Eligibility:**

- Only proposals involving **basic research** may be submitted in response to the call for proposals

Who can apply?

- Polish research institutions as referred to in Art. 10 of the Act of 30 April 2010 on the Principles of Financing Science (Dz. U. z 2010 r. nr 96, poz. 615 z późn. zm.)
<http://www.ncn.gov.pl/sites/default/files/pliki/ustawy/ustawa-o-ncn.pdf>
- The applicant who intends to act as Principal Investigator in the consortium must be a researcher with a doctoral degree, with an established scientific record
- Principal Investigator must be employed at a Polish research institution, have necessary qualifications, the required infrastructure and sufficient free capacity to carry out the requested project.

Forms to be submitted:

- Applicants must provide basic administrative data via the OSF electronic submission system (UNISONO application).

Please note:

- Under this scheme the NCN will not offer state aid grants:
<http://www.ncn.gov.pl/finansowanie-nauki/pomoc-publiczna?language=pl>
- Overhead costs must not exceed a maximum of 20% of eligible costs (excl. equipment) and may not be increased during the course of a research project
- Administrative personnel costs have to be covered from overheads
- Applicants are obliged to adhere to the rules included in the List of Eligible Costs available in the Resolution of the NCN Scientific Council no 26/2015.

Funding: 500 000 Euro

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SPAIN**Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness (MINECO)****Eligibility:**

- Universities, Public Research Institutions, Technological Centers, and other Private non-profit Institutions performing RDI activities in Spain.
- Eligible applicants must hold a Doctoral degree and have experience as principal investigators (PI) in projects funded by the *Plan Nacional I+D+I 2008-2011* and/or the *Plan Estatal I+D+I 2013-2016* in programmes managed by the *Dirección General de Investigación Científica y Técnica* (DGICT), MINECO.
- The projects mainly aimed at clinical or epidemiological research are not eligible for funding from DGICT.
- **Important:** Applicants must confirm their eligibility by sending their personal and institutional information to the NCP by **25th May 2015**.

Incompatibilities:

- Once the transnational evaluation procedure has been completed and the researchers involved have been notified, the Spanish applicants that are offered funding will be invited to formally apply to the call of *Programa Estatal de Investigación, Desarrollo e Innovación Orientada a los Retos de la Sociedad* (modality *Acciones de Programación Conjunta Internacional APCIN 2016*).
- MINECO will avoid double funding and will not finance projects or parts of projects that have been funded through other national, ERA-NET, JPI or EU calls.
- The same PI is not allowed to apply for funding in more than one proposal of this call, and will be allowed to submit **only one proposal** to the national **APCIN 2016** call.
- PIs granted through the APCIN 2015 call will not be allowed to apply for funding through the APCIN 2016 call, independently of the international programme in which the proposal is included.
- PIs granted through APCIN 2016 will not be eligible to apply to another APCIN call, (or to the national instrument designed for funding international actions by the DGCIT), until two thirds of the project duration has been completed.

Funding:

- Only additional (marginal) cost will be eligible.
- Direct costs: including personnel costs for temporary contracts (fellowships are not eligible) and other costs (consumables, small equipment, use of research infrastructures or services, travel and mobility costs, organization of consortium meetings, etc.; according to national call regulations.
- Indirect costs (overheads) are **not eligible** for funding in this programme.
- Maximum requested funding is 150.000 € per partner (200.000 € per project coordinator). When more than one Spanish partner participate in the same proposal, the maximum funding of the Spanish part should not exceed 250.000 € per project.

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SPAIN**National Institute of Health Carlos III (ISCIII)****Eligibility:**

Only research groups from a CIBER, CNIC or IIS are eligible to send an EoI. An additional statement declaring the eligibility and ensuring funding if awarded, signed by the Scientific Director and the Management Director of the CIBER, CNIC or IIS must be sent by each PI applicant to any of the ISCIII NCP's and received prior to the deadline of the EoI closing. Proposals not accompanied by this statement will be considered ineligible.

Research groups, international organisations or commercial companies, in particular small and medium-size enterprises, that are not eligible to receive in-kind funding from ISCIII, may participate if they clearly demonstrate an added value to the consortium and are able to provide their own funding. They must provide clear evidence in the proposal that these funds are already secured.

Funding:

In kind contribution (approx. 1.7M€)

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UNITED KINGDOM

Medical Research Council - MRC

This document contains information on specific requirements for researchers applying for MRC funding. Following the specific requirements is mandatory.

Eligibility:

Universities, hospitals, research institutions that are eligible to administer MRC funding are all eligible to apply. Please consult the MRC website for more information on eligibility requirements.

Applications involving industry collaboration should include an MRC Industry Collaboration Agreement (MICA) form. Information on MICA arrangements may be found here:

<http://www.mrc.ac.uk/innovation/mrc-industry-collaboration-agreement-mica/>.

Please contact the MRC in advance of submission to discuss.

Funding:

- 0.5 M € (total UK funding available)
- Anticipated funding per research group: 0.25 M € (ideally, MRC would like to support 2 research projects)
- Funding is available at 80% FEC for the UK partners
- Please consult the MRC website and Applicants Handbook for information on eligible costs. PhD students cannot be funded through the UK partner as part of the research proposal.

Funding will be awarded on the basis of full economic cost as described on the MRC website, at the time of the call. UK applicants are encouraged to clearly justify the requested resources and ensure that their applications conform to current requirements on Full Economic Cost. Funds for successful UK groups will be awarded in GBP and via the Joint electronic-Submission System (Je-S).

In addition to the responsibilities and reporting requirements set out in the call document, MRC Grant Terms & Conditions will apply - see the PDF of complete guidance for applicants and award holders which is available to download from this link:

<http://www.mrc.ac.uk/funding>

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For all further information please refer to the national contact point:

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ANNEX C: Brief outline of the JPI HDHL dissemination guidelines

Please also refer to the “Quick guide for dissemination of the JPI HDHL research project results”) available at <https://www.healthydietforhealthylife.eu/index.php/hdhl-documents/key-documents>.

- As a general principle, for any research project or activity supported under JPI HDHL, participants are encouraged to take appropriate measures to engage with the public and the media about the project and to highlight the financial support from the relevant funding organisation in the JPI HDHL initiative.

- When referencing JPI HDHL for the first time within a report, article or other document, please use ‘EU Joint Programming Initiative – A Healthy Diet for a Healthy Life (JPI HDHL)’, as opposed to JPI HDHL. Please also include a link to the JPI HDHL website: <http://www.healthydietforhealthylife.eu/>

- JPI HDHL should be referenced and acknowledged appropriately on any scientific report or publication as part of a JPI HDHL-supported project. The acknowledgement should reference the support provided to the project by JPI HDHL and the appropriate national/regional funding organisations. The following term is suggested:

This work was supported by a grant of the [name national/regional funding organisation/s (+code of national grant, if applicable)] in the framework of the Joint Programming Initiative “A Healthy Diet for A Healthy Life”.

- JPI HDHL-supported projects should always display the JPI HDHL logo and the JPI HDHL acknowledgement on any project-specific promotional material including event programmes, invitations, press releases, reports, presentations and external websites. A high resolution logo can be found under at:

<https://www.healthydietforhealthylife.eu/index.php/hdhl-documents/key-documents>