

## ERA-HDHL<sup>1</sup>

### Joint Funding Action “Effectiveness of existing policies for lifestyle interventions – Policy Evaluation Network (PEN)”

#### Call for Expressions of Interest

Submission deadline for Expression of Interest: **Mar 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 at 14:00 UTC**

Submission deadline of network proposal: **Sep 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 at 14:00 UTC**

Link to: “[Guidelines for applicants](#)”

Link to: “[Eol submission website \(PT-Outline\)](#)”

For further information, please visit us on the website:

<http://www.healthydietforhealthylife.eu/index.php/joint-actions/policy-evaluation>

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**List of Acronyms**

BMBF	Federal Ministry for Education and Research
CA	Consortium Agreement
CSC	Call Steering Committee
DEDIPAC KH	Determinants of Diet and Physical Activity Knowledge Hub
DLR	German Aerospace Centre
ERA-HDHL	ERA-NET Biomarkers for Nutrition and Health implementing the JPI HDHL objectives
HDHL	A Healthy Diet for a Healthy Life
IPR	Intellectual Property Rights
JCS	Joint Call Secretariat
JPI	Joint Programming Initiative
KH	Knowledge Hub
NC	Network Coordinator
PEN	Policy Evaluation Network
SEC	Scientific Evaluation Committee
SRA	Strategic Research Agenda

## 1. Background

The Joint Programming Initiative “A Healthy Diet for a Healthy Life” (JPI HDHL, <http://www.healthydietforhealthylife.eu/>) has been established to coordinate research in the areas of food, diet, physical activity and health. This will contribute to tangible societal and health impact and strengthening European leadership and competitiveness in this field. JPI HDHL entails a voluntary partnership between Member States and Associated Countries of the European Union and beyond.

The vision of the JPI HDHL is that by 2030 all citizens will not only have the adequate knowledge and motivation, but also the opportunity and accessibility to consume a healthy diet from a variety of foods, practice healthy levels of physical activity, and that the incidence of lifestyle-related diseases will have decreased significantly. A Strategic Research Agenda (SRA) with its related Implementation Plan (IP) provides a roadmap for harmonised and structured research activities with defined priorities to achieve these goals.

Using the ERA-NET instrument<sup>2</sup> (named ERA-HDHL) the JPI HDHL aims to provide a robust platform for implementing Joint Funding Actions (JFA) that address the research challenges that are identified and described in the SRA and to create a transnational network of researchers.

This joint transnational call is the second implemented JFA in the frame of ERA HDHL. With this JFA, the JPI HDHL aims to build on the results of the [Determinants of Diet and Physical Activity Knowledge Hub \(DEDIPAC KH\)](#), JPI HDHL’s first joint action, as foreseen in the [Implementation Plan](#).

## 2. Aim of the Call

Up to now, the impact of policies aiming for significant and sustainable changes in dietary, physical activity and/or sedentary behaviors conducted across Europe has not been assessed or evaluated systematically. As a consequence there is only incomplete knowledge about the effect of different policy intervention types and strategies on consumers’ health and lifestyles. In particular, the variations of their effectiveness in different cultural, demographic, socio-economic or ethnic groups or their transferability to other social contexts have not been taken into account yet.

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<sup>2</sup> The ERA-NET instrument under Horizon 2020 is designed to support public-public partnerships in their preparation, establishment of networking structures, design, implementation and coordination of joint activities as well as topping up of single joint calls and of actions of a transnational nature.

Therefore, the aim of the call is **to establish a multi-disciplinary research network for the monitoring, benchmarking and evaluation of policies that affect dietary and physical activity as well as sedentary behavior with a standardized approach across Europe.**

The Policy Evaluation Network should make use of the achievements of the [DEDIPAC KH, especially Thematic Area 3](#) and combine it with other existing tools and frameworks (e.g. INFORMAS<sup>3</sup>) to develop a consistent and sustainable approach for the evaluation and benchmarking of existing policies. The focus should be put on the comprehensive application of this newly developed standardized approach for policy evaluation. Although the network activities are supposed to build on the results of the DEDIPAC KH, the Policy Evaluation Network is explicitly not meant as a direct continuation of the DEDIPAC KH.

For the purpose of this call, policies are defined as decisions, plans, and actions that are implemented by national or regional governments to achieve specific health care goals within a society. The policies to be evaluated include:

- Policies that directly affect dietary and physical activity as well as sedentary behavior.
- Policies that indirectly affect the aforementioned health behaviors, for example from the field of transportation, agriculture or environment/sustainability.

Policies addressing the consumption of alcohol, tobacco or drugs are excluded from this call.

In addition, the following conditions apply (see also national regulations in ANNEX A):

- The joint proposal should make use of existing data and/or cohorts, where possible.
- The network and their joint proposal need to be multi-disciplinary, combining different scientific approaches as well as appropriate quantitative and qualitative methods.
- The involvement of researchers and research groups not involved in the DEDIPAC KH is mandatory to better cover all relevant research disciplines.
- Special attention should be paid to low socio-economic and other vulnerable groups. In particular, it needs to be assessed how and why policies affect different socio-economic groups differently.
- The network is encouraged to involve other relevant stakeholders from the public sector to ensure translation into praxis.
- The JPI HDHL expects the proposal to address how the data management following the [FAIR principles](#)<sup>4</sup> is applied. In particular, the proposal should explain how they will

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<sup>3</sup> International Network for Food and Obesity/non-communicable Diseases Research, Monitoring and Action Support

<sup>4</sup> FAIR is the abbreviation for: findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable.

disseminate the knowledge/data gathered through their project into to the wider research community.

### 3. Participating countries and respective funding organisations

The participating countries, respective funding organisations and their contributions are listed in the following table.

Country	Funding organisations	Abbreviation	Contribution in €
Czech Republic	Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports	MEYS	500,000
Germany	Federal Ministry for Education and Research represented by the Project Management Agency in the German Aerospace Centre	BMBF/DLR-PT	1,500,000
Ireland	Health Research Board	HRB	370,000
Italy	Ministry of Education, University and Research	MIUR	300,000
The Netherlands	The Netherlands Organisation for Health Research and Development	ZonMw	750,000
Norway	The Research Council of Norway	RCN	500,000
Poland	The National Centre for Research and Development	NCBR	500,000

### 4. Management of the call

The call will be coordinated by the Joint Call Secretariat (JCS). The JCS acts as the primary contact point for interested researchers and research groups for information on general issues of the Joint Action and its technical aspects. The JCS will also take care of managing and administration of the submission procedures (Expression of Interest and proposal submission, evaluation, selection).

The JCS will be set up at:

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Questions concerning national regulations should be addressed to the national contact person of the respective funding organisation (see ANNEX A).

## **5. Implementation and execution of the Policy Evaluation Network**

The Policy Evaluation Network will be implemented in a three-step procedure. Following the electronic submission of the Expression of Interest (Eol) letters and the national eligibility check (step one) the suggested members of the network will be selected by an external international scientific evaluation committee (SEC). The successful researchers and research groups will be invited to a Network Meeting where they can start working on the design, development, writing of one joint proposal (step two). The network proposal will be evaluated by the SEC (step three). Details on the procedure are listed below.

### **5.1 Expressions of Interest**

Within the first stage of implementation of the Policy Evaluation Network, interested researchers or research groups have to submit an Eol before **14:00 UTC the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2017**. The Eol must be written in English following a pre-defined template (see ANNEX B) and submitted via the electronic submission system ([PT-Outline](#)). The system will be opened by **28<sup>th</sup> of February 2017**.

The Eol should express the willingness and ability of the applicant(s) to join the Policy Evaluation Network as an active and contributing member. In addition, applicants should state the following:

- their scientific expertise in the area of the network
- their putative role and planned activities in the network, i.e., how and by what means and activities they plan to achieve the objectives of the network
- their motivation and added value of work within the network

- their most significant previous and ongoing research projects related to the network including publications related to the role proposed in the network and that could be useful for the network.

Moreover, they have to state that their institution/organisation fully supports their involvement in the proposed tasks within the network. The EoI has to be signed by the applicant and by the legal representative of the respective institution/organisation.

The selection and appointment of the eligible members of the Policy Evaluation Network will be based on an external scientific evaluation committee (SEC) with renowned international experts in this field. Their selection will be based on the following selection criteria:

1. Overall scientific quality of the intended contribution of the research group/organisation and how it matches the objectives of the network.
2. Quality of the planned activities in the Policy Evaluation Network
3. Scientific excellence, quality of the currently running and funded research projects as documented by given facts, figures, papers, patents, etc.
4. Good balance among the members and their different expertise from all required disciplines.

The final list of eligible researchers and research groups has to be validated and approved by the members of the CSC. The final decision will be communicated to the interested researchers and research groups via email by 19<sup>th</sup> of May 2017. A formal letter stating the decision will be attached.

The maximum number of successful EoIs and thereby the maximum network size will be limited in order to establish an efficient and capable network.

## **5.2 Networking process and setup of the Policy Evaluation**

### **Network structure**

The appointed network members will be brought together in a Network Meeting scheduled to take place on the **13<sup>th</sup> of June 2017 in Bonn, Germany**. Participation in this Network Meeting is highly recommended for all appointed network members. For some researchers/research groups the responsible funding organization made the participation mandatory (please refer to national regulations, ANNEX A). The meeting will be used to present and explain the background and specific objectives of the Policy Evaluation Network and to bring the successful applicants together for the first time to facilitate the start of the



development of a joint proposal. This meeting is of high importance as it should be used to set up a suitable governance structure including the election of the network coordinator (NC). Further, the meeting will mark the starting point for the preparation of the network proposal.

### 5.3 Policy Evaluation Network Proposal

One joint proposal written in English and following a pre-defined template must be submitted before **14:00 UTC on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2017** via the electronic submission system. The system will be opened from the 13<sup>th</sup> of June 2017. No other means of submission will be accepted. The proposal template will be made available online. Adhering to this proposal template is mandatory.

### 5.4 Evaluation of the Policy Evaluation Network proposal

The Policy Evaluation Network proposal will be evaluated by the SEC members. It will be carried out according to the following criteria:

1. **Relevance to the aim(s)** of the call.
2. **Scientific excellence** of the proposal (originality, methodology).
3. **Feasibility of the project** (adequacy of the work plan, budgetary and other resources, time schedule, management, in case of partners from countries that do not participate in the Joint Action: evidence of funding).
4. **Quality of the transnational collaboration** (added value of the research network, multidisciplinary approach, sufficient expertise to reach the aims of the call, international competitiveness of the network, in case of partners from countries that do not participate in the Joint Action: role of partners).
5. **Translational impact** of the expected results for future policies on lifestyle interventions.

As a result, the SEC will elaborate a funding recommendation including suggestions for revisions, if necessary.

After a positive evaluation of the network proposal, the establishment of an independent external Scientific Advisory Board for the Policy Evaluation Network is mandatory. Regular scientific exchanges as well as costs for the Scientific Advisory Board need to be foreseen in the network proposal.

## **5.5 Funding decision and contract negotiation**

Based on the SEC evaluation of the network proposal and their recommendations one of the following decisions will be made:

- a. In case of a positive evaluation, to fund the network proposal as it is.
- b. In case of a conditional recommendation, to ask for revisions deemed necessary by the review panel.
- c. In case of a negative evaluation, not to fund the network proposal.

In any case the NC will be informed by the JCS about the outcome of the evaluation and the funding decision no later than 27<sup>th</sup> of October 2017.

In case of necessary revisions (option b), the JCS will ask the NC and the members of the network to improve the submitted proposal according to the SEC recommendations. The NC will be provided with specific items and specific information on which parts of the proposal have to be revised and improved. Afterwards, the NC has time to improve and resubmit the proposal until the 24<sup>th</sup> of November 2017.

The compliance of the resubmitted final proposal with the reviewers' recommendations will be evaluated by the SEC and approved by the members of the CSC. In case of compliance, the CSC will recommend the network to be funded by the national funding organisations. Final decisions and negotiations will be made by the national funding organisations and will be subject to budgetary considerations. The NC will be informed by the JCS about the outcome of the evaluation and final decision no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of December 2017.

After a positive funding recommendation, the network members will be directly contacted by their national funding organisations in order to start the contract negotiation.

## **6. Facts and rules of the Policy Evaluation Network**

### **6.1 Eligibility**

Funding organisations participating in the Policy Evaluation Network will fund new activities towards the needs of the network. Each funding organisation will be responsible for checking, if the national researchers and research groups are formally eligible to join the network and the level of funding it makes available to the selected members. Therefore, applicants are advised to check their respective funding organisations' eligibility regulations and contact them for further questions (see ANNEX A).

Researchers or research groups not eligible for funding by the participating funding organisations or from countries that do not participate in the call (see list of funding organisations in Section 3) may participate in the network as i.e., collaborators, if they clearly demonstrate an added value to the consortium and if they are able to provide their own funding. They must clearly state that funds are secured in advance of the project start in written form. However, the majority of research groups in the consortium and the network coordinator (NC) must receive funding from countries participating in the call.

## **6.2 Participation and membership**

The members of the network should represent the best expertise in their countries on the research area in question. Valid members are only researchers and research groups that have the formal support of their respective research organisations and/or institutions. These research organisations and/or institutions include 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.

Applications of consortia built from different research groups from one or more organisations are not eligible to submit a collective Expression of Interest letters (EoI). Each researcher/research group needs to submit separate Eols. A research group will be represented by one group leader responsible to submit the EoI.

The Policy Evaluation Network is expected to nominate a Network Coordinator (NC) during proposal preparation and to design and implement a suitable governance structure to guide the activities of the network. The chosen NC has to confirm with her/his national funding organisation, whether costs associated with the role of the NC are eligible for the respective funding organisation. The NC will be responsible for the scientific management of the project and will act as the interface between the JCS and the consortium.

## **6.3 Financial modalities**

The Policy Evaluation Network will be funded for a period of up to three years. The eligibility of costs (e.g., personnel, material, consumables, equipment, and travel expenses) as well as the maximum budget per applicant is subject to the national regulations of the individual funding organisations (see ANNEX A). Therefore, network members are advised to check their respective funding organisation's rules and eligible costs to decide on their putative role and activities in the network (e.g. Network Coordinator). The scheduled research activities of the individual researchers and research groups within the network will be funded by their respective funding organisation according to their own eligibility criteria. Furthermore, each

network partner is responsible for financial reporting towards its national funding organisation.

## **6.4 Legal modalities**

Before commencement of the project the consortium is encouraged to sign a consortium agreement (CA) by each beneficiary participating in the Policy Evaluation Network depending on the national regulations of the funding organisations. It is recommended that the CA specifies at least the following issues: the governance structure, the decision making processes, the collective responsibilities and the management arrangements including specific arrangements on intellectual property rights (IPR), scientific reporting and monitoring, open access and sharing data/knowledge and resources as well as actions to be taken in the event of unsatisfactory performance by one or more partners. Guidance and model consortium agreements can be found at the [European IPR Helpdesk](#) and [DESCA](#) websites which may support drafting the CA. However, please note that the respective documents were developed for activities funded by the European Commission which differ from funding measures within JPI HDHL. Within JPI HDHL national rules have to be taken into account. There is a shared responsibility between all network members for the progress of the project.

Ownership and transfer of newly developed intellectual property, as well as access to existing intellectual property are a core part of project success and contribution to society, and therefore, should be properly managed from the beginning of a project. Any particular protection and exploitation strategy should be agreed before the research activities start, and arrangements need to comply with the relevant national and/or European legislation. More information can be found in the [Quick guide for dissemination of the JPI research projects results](#).

## **7. Responsibilities and reporting requirements**

### **7.1 Progress report**

The NC is required to submit an annual scientific progress report on behalf of the project consortium, to the JCS in March of each year for the previous year, describing how the project is progressing in relation to planned objectives. An annual report does not have to be submitted, if the project ends in the first three months of the following year (i.e., between January and March). In this case, the submission of the final report will suffice.

Furthermore, a final scientific report is required within 3 months after the project ends. All reports must be written in English. The respective templates will be provided by the JCS. All members of the network are jointly responsible for the delivery of the reports. The JSC will only accept complete reports delivered by the NC on behalf of the entire network.

The annual and final reports will be submitted to the network's Scientific Advisory Board and will be evaluated by the CSC. The NC will be responsible for taking corrective actions, if required. The NC shall inform the JCS of any event that might affect the implementation of the project. It may also be necessary for some network participants to submit financial and scientific reports individually to their funding organisation, if required by national regulations.

In addition, the NC will be asked to present two oral progress updates, i.e. one intermediate and one final status symposium. The network members will be asked to participate in the final status symposium. Travel budgets should be planned and managed accordingly.

## **7.2 Communication**

The NC represents the network externally and is responsible for the communication with the JCS, CSC and the JPI HDHL. For effective contribution to the objectives of the JPI HDHL and the Joint Funding Action "Effectiveness of existing policies for lifestyle interventions – Policy Evaluation Network", the NC should be available to participate in meetings with the aim to:

- Exchange results.
- Develop a joint strategy to coordinate and facilitate integration of the planned activities of the JPI HDHL.
- Communicate results across the JPI HDHL (e.g. at Management Board meetings, conferences and progress meetings organised by the JPI HDHL).
- Monitor the progress of the activities and coordinate the exploitation of results.
- Interface and build collaborations with the other JPI HDHL Joint Actions and relevant organisations within Europe and worldwide.

## **7.3 Dissemination**

The funded network is expected to organize a workshop at the end of the funding period to communicate and transfer their research results to the public sector and discuss their implementation with appropriate stakeholders. This workshop can be combined with the aforementioned final status symposium. In order to translate the results of the policy evaluation into praxis governmental representatives and other relevant policymakers need to be invited. The resources for this symposium should be covered in the network proposal.

In order to enhance visibility of the JPI HDHL, the Policy Evaluation Network should adhere to the following JPI HDHL dissemination guidelines:

- Appropriate measures should be taken to engage with the public and media about the project.
- The JPI HDHL should be appropriately referred to in reports, articles or any other documents resulting from the network. The JPI HDHL should be referred to as the “European Joint Programming Initiative “A Healthy Diet for a Healthy Life” (JPI HDHL)”. The following link to the website can be used:  
<http://www.healthydietforhealthylife.eu/>.
- Funding recipients must ensure that all outcomes (publications, oral presentations, etc.) of the Policy Evaluation Network include a proper acknowledgement of JPI HDHL support and the respective national funding partner organisations.
- The JPI HDHL should be referred to and acknowledged appropriately in any promotional material including event programmes, invitations, press releases, reports, presentations and external websites.
- Whenever possible and useful, the JPI HDHL logo should be used.

Further details are laid down in the “[Quick guide for dissemination of the JPI HDHL research project results](#)”. Researchers funded under the umbrella of JPI HDHL are requested to adhere to these JPI HDHL guidelines.

The JPI HDHL supports an open access policy. Therefore, funded researchers should consider open access publication of their results. Due consideration should be given to consistency with similar policies that are already in place at national level.

## **8. Ethical issues**

Research supported by the ERA-HDHL must respect fundamental ethical principles. Applicants must ensure that the proposed research respects all national rules and procedures. It is the responsibility of the applicants to identify, if their proposed research requires ethical approval. Where ethical approval is required, applicants must inform their national contact person from the respective funding organization and may be requested to provide further details. Ethical approval must be obtained from the relevant national or local ethics committee prior to the start of the project.

## **9. Confidentiality**

The JCS takes all reasonable steps to ensure that information provided in the application is treated as confidential.



## 10. Time schedule

When	What
Jan 2017	Pre-announcement of the Joint Funding Action
Feb 28, 2017	Launch of call + opening of electronic submission system (for Eols)
<b>Mar 31, 2017 (14:00 UTC)</b>	<b>Deadline submission Expression of Interest forms</b>
May 11-12, 2017	SEC and CSC meeting for evaluation of Eols
May 19, 2017	Communication of Eol selection + Invitation to Network Meeting
<b>Jun 13, 2017</b>	<b>Network Meeting + opening electronic submission system for network proposal</b>
<b>Sep 1, 2017 (14:00 UTC)</b>	<b>Deadline submission network proposal</b>
Oct 6, 2017	SEC and CSC meeting for proposal evaluation
End of October 2017	Communication of final decision to network coordinator (revision of proposal or no revision required)



## ANNEX A: National contact persons and regulations

### CZECH REPUBLIC

**Ministry: Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports**

<http://www.msmt.cz/vyzkum-a-vyvoj-2/spolecne-programovani-2>



#### Eligibility:

##### General information

The national funding authority of the Czech Republic responsible for ensuring participation of the Czech entities in the present Call launched within the framework of the Joint Programming Initiative “Healthy Diet for a Healthy Life” (HDHL) is the **Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports** – Department of Research and Development, Unit for European Research Area.

##### Eligible partners

The participants from the Czech Republic in the projects’ consortia must meet the criteria of **research and knowledge-dissemination organisation** (hereinafter referred to as the “research organisation”) in accordance with the [Framework for State Aid for Research and Development and Innovation \(2014/C 198/03\)](#). These might be public universities, public research institutes and/or another entities classified as research organisations.

It is obligatory that the Czech participants involved in the projects’ consortia prove compliance with the eligibility criteria and fulfilment of the conditions set by **§ 18 of the Act No. 130/2002 Coll. on Support of Research, Experimental Development and Innovation from Public Funds** and on Amendment to Some Related Acts by means of a **Statutory Declaration**. The required procedure is described and the Statutory Declaration template is available on the websites of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports: <http://www.msmt.cz/vyzkum-a-vyvoj-2/spolecne-programovani-2>.

##### Eligible costs

Eligible costs for a Czech participant involved in a project consortium are defined by **§ 2 of the Act No. 130/2002 Coll. on Support of Research, Experimental Development and Innovation from Public Funds** and on Amendment to Some Related Acts. The maximum indirect costs set for the present call are **25 % (flat rate)** of direct costs without the sub-contracting.

The **aid intensity** for activities carried out by a research organisation might be at the level of **100 %** provided that the research organisation complies entirely with requirements stipulated by the Article 2.1.1 “Public funding of non-economic activities” of the [Framework for State Aid for Research and Development and Innovation \(2014/C 198/03\)](#) and proves it by means of the above-mentioned **Statutory Declaration**.

Should the above-stated criteria not be fulfilled by the Czech participant, funding rates will be adjusted appropriately by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports and will reach the level of **100 % for fundamental/basic research** activities, **50 % for applied research** activities and **25 % for experimental development** activities.

Each Czech participant in a project consortium is requested to specify the costs related to the envisaged R&D activities in detail by using the **Eligible Costs Specification** template available on websites of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports: <http://www.msmt.cz/vyzkum-a-vyvoj-2/spolecne-programovani-2>.

### **Eligibility confirmation**

All of the requested documentation (i.e. Statutory Declaration and Eligible Costs Specification) shall be sent by each Czech participant in a project consortium to the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports no later than **31<sup>th</sup> of March 2017** both by electronic correspondence and post.

The **electronic version** of requested documentation shall be sent to the address of electronic correspondence [monika.kocmanova@msmt.cz](mailto:monika.kocmanova@msmt.cz).

One **signed and stamped hard copy** (by the statutory representative of research organisation) of requested documentation shall be submitted as well following the instructions stipulated on websites of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports: <http://www.msmt.cz/vyzkum-a-vyvoj-2/spolecne-programovani-2>.

**Funding:** 500.000 €, approx. 3-5 research groups

**Network Meeting:** Participation is highly recommended, but is not a mandatory condition for applicants, travel costs cannot be reimbursed.

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

See also German version of the call

<http://www.gesundheitsforschung-bmbf.de/de/6859.php>

**Eligibility:**

Eligible applicants are researchers or research groups from 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 (details see German version of the call):

- Research costs (e.g. personnel, consumables)
- Travel & networking costs
- Communication & dissemination costs
- Overhead costs ("Projektpauschale")

Overheads are eligible according to standard BMBF regulations.

**Funding:** 1.500.000 €, approx. 10 research groups

**Network Meeting:** Participation is highly recommended, travel costs cannot be reimbursed.

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**IRELAND****Health Research Board (HRB)**[www.hrb.ie](http://www.hrb.ie)**Eligibility:**

The HRB budget of **€370,000 over 3 years** will support the successful Irish delegates to participate in the Policy Evaluation Network. Eligible researchers must be from a HRB approved Host Institution. For a full list of HRB approved Host Institutions please see <http://www.hrb.ie/research-strategy-funding/policies-guidelines-and-grant-conditions/policies-and-position-statements/approval-of-host-institutions/>

**Please note that the following research-related activities are not eligible**

- Work packages/activities proposing to use human embryonic stem cells or tissues, or intended to create human embryos solely for the purpose of research or for the purpose of stem cell procurement, including by means of somatic cell nuclear transfer;
- Work packages/activities from individuals applying for, holding, or employed under a research grant from the tobacco industry.

**Eligible costs**

<b>1. Personnel costs</b>	Must be listed for each salaried personnel under each of the following subheadings (a-c):
a) Salary	(a) Gross Annual Salary (including 5% employee pension contribution) negotiated and agreed with host institution. Applicants should use the IUA website scales for the most up-to-date recommended salary scales for academic researchers. <a href="http://www.iua.ie/research-innovation/researcher-salary-scales">http://www.iua.ie/research-innovation/researcher-salary-scales</a>  Please state the pay scale used and the level and point on the scale.
b) Employer's PRSI	(b) Employer's PRSI contribution is calculated at 10.75% of gross salary.
c) Employer Pension Contribution	(c) Employer Pension Contribution: Pension provision up to a maximum of 20% of gross salary will be paid to the host institution to enable compliance with the Employment Control Framework (an additional 5% employee contribution is part of the salary). The level of employer contribution should be in accordance with the model adopted by the host institution.

	<p>If applicable, state the amount of employer contribution based on the pro rata salary and note the % of pro rata salary used to calculate this for reference.</p> <p>Exceptions apply where Circular letter 6/2007 applies. Circular Letter 6/2007 states that the pensions contribution of all Public Health Service employees who, on or after 1 June 2007, are granted secondments or periods of special leave with pay to enable them take up appointments with other organisations, including other Public Health Sector organisations, will be increased to 25% of gross pensionable pay. The rate of 25% of gross pensionable pay referred to in this context is the pension contributions to be paid by the body to which the employee is seconded – it does not include any pension contributions which employees make themselves. Where no such arrangements are in place, the HRB will not be liable for costs.</p>
<b>Running Costs</b>	All costs required to carry out the research including materials and consumables, survey costs, travel for participants, transcription costs etc.
<b>Dissemination Costs</b>	Costs associated with publication of results, seminar/conference attendance (provide details of name and location, where possible) and any other means of communicating/reporting research outcomes as detailed in the dissemination and knowledge exchange plan.
<b>Equipment Costs</b>	Funding for small items of equipment can be included in this section. The maximum amount that can be requested for equipment over the lifetime of the award is €2,000. Any costs over this need to be clearly justified. All costs must be inclusive of VAT, where applicable.
<b>Other Costs</b>	Please complete this budget section for any additional cost outside running costs that you think you may require for this research project. Note that all additional costs will need to be clearly justified.
<b>Overhead Contribution</b>	In accordance with the HRB Policy on Overhead Usage, the HRB will contribute to the indirect costs of the research through an overhead payment of 30% of Total Direct Modified Costs (TDMC excludes student fees, equipment and capital building costs) (or 25% of Total Direct Costs if desk based research).

**Additional documents required for Irish researchers at full proposal stage**

Applicants from Ireland invited to submit a full application may be required to provide additional information to the HRB at the time of the full application submission deadline. This will include justification for their requested budget, and clarification on deliverables assigned to the partner from Ireland. They will also be requested to identify a lead Principal Investigator and HRB recognised Host Institution for the grant should it be successful. The **Host Institution for the award** is normally that of the nominated Principal Investigator but it may be another organisation/institution designated by the research team, where it is clearly justified. A template requesting the information required from applicants from Ireland will be provided by the HRB.

**Funding:** Total funding available 370.000 €, to fund up to two research groups. Successful research groups will be expected to nominate one lead PI to manage the award on behalf of the successful Irish applicants.

**Network Meeting:** participation is highly recommended and costs for two attendees will be reimbursed by the HRB. Should more than two successful applicants wish to attend the meeting they will have to source additional funding from elsewhere.

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

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**Eligibility:***1) Eligible entities*

According to art. 60 of the Decree-Law n. 83/2012 and art. 5 of its implementing Ministerial decree 593/2016, the following entities are eligible for funding, providing that they have stable organization in Italy: 1. Enterprises (including private IRCCS, “Istituti di Ricovero e Cura a carattere scientifico”); 2. Private research bodies; 3. Consortia; 4. Universities; 5. Public research institutions (including public IRCCS); 6. Research organizations (public and private) in accordance with EU Reg. n. 651/2014 of the European Commission - June 17, 2014.

*2) Financial conditions*

All activities classifiable as Basic research, Industrial research and Experimental development are eligible for funding. Furthermore, Basic research and Industrial research activities must be predominant with respect to Experimental development activities.

I. For universities, public research institutions, and research organizations (public and private) in accordance with EU Reg. n. 651/2014 of the European Commission - June 17, 2014:

- Basic research:  
Grants: 70% of eligible costs;
- Industrial research:  
Grants: 50% of eligible costs;
- Experimental development:  
Grants: 25% of eligible costs.

II. For enterprises, consortia, private research bodies (which do not meet the research organization requirements) and all other private entities:

- Basic research:  
Grants: 20% of eligible costs;
- Industrial research:  
Grants: 20% of eligible costs;
- Experimental development:  
Grants: 10% of eligible costs.

For transnational projects submitted by small and medium enterprises, the intensity of the grant contribution is increased by 10% for medium enterprises and by 20% for small enterprises.

On request of applicants a pre-payment may be done, equal to:

- 80% of the total contribution for public entities;
- 50% of the total contribution for private entities.

The remaining part of contribute will be paid in instalments after each financial and progress reporting period

For any private entity, the following financial criteria, calculated using the data reported in the last approved balance sheet, must be fulfilled:

### **I. $CN > (CP - I)/2$**

Where:

CN = net assets (Capitale netto)

CP = sum of the costs of all the projects for which public funding has been requested by the participant during the year

I = sum of the contributions received, approved or requested for the same projects

### **II. $OF/F < 8\%$**

Where:

OF = financial charges (Oneri finanziari)

F = turnover (Fatturato)

### **3) *Legal and administrative conditions***

The participant must not be defaulting with regard to other funding received by MIUR.

The participant must not have requested/got any other funding for the same research activities.

The participant must respect the Italian law „D.L.vo n 159 del 6/05/2011 e successive modificazioni ed integrazioni”

### ***National Forms and deadlines:***

Italian participants are required to provide a set of additional national documents as defined in MIUR's website ([http://www.ricercainternazionale.miur.it/era/eranet-cofund-\(h2020\)/era-hdhl.aspx](http://www.ricercainternazionale.miur.it/era/eranet-cofund-(h2020)/era-hdhl.aspx)). These additional national documents must be sent to MIUR by the same deadline of the Eol phase submission established in the international joint call.

Participants who does not send their national documents by the deadline of the call, will be considered not eligible for funding.

The admission for funding is subject to the adoption of the necessary accounting and administrative measures for the allocation of the resources.

Funded participants will be requested to submit financial and scientific reports to MIUR.

**Funding:** 300.000 €, max. 3 research groups

**Network Meeting:** Participation at the Network Meeting is mandatory, travel costs cannot be reimbursed.



**Eligible costs:**

All costs incurred during the lifetime of the project under the following categories are eligible: Personnel, Equipment, Subcontracting, Consumables and Overheads.

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## THE NETHERLANDS

### The Netherlands Organisation for Health Research and Development (ZonMW)



#### Eligibility:

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

#### *Eligible cost:*

Relevant project expenses, such as:

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

Funding will be provided according to eligible costs and ZonMw Grant Terms and Conditions (see <https://www.zonmw.nl/nl/subsidies/voorwaarden-en-financien/>)

**Funding:** Total funding available € 750.000, to fund up to approximately 3-4 research groups. Successful research groups will be expected to nominate one lead Principal Investigator to manage the award on behalf of the successful Dutch applicants.

**Network Meeting:** Participation of a representative of each selected research group in the network meeting is mandatory. The travel costs of 1 representative per Dutch research group will be covered from the available funding.

#### Additional requirements

- Selected Dutch research groups will be invited at ZonMw to discuss the participation of the research groups in the network and the preparatory networking meeting.
- In case the joint proposal is recommended for funding, ZonMw will ask the applicants to submit general information and upload the consortium proposal and the ZonMw budgetary tables of the Dutch partners in ZonMw ProjectNet.

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**NORWAY****The Research Council of Norway (RCN)**

[http://www.forskningssradet.no/en/Home\\_page/1177315753906](http://www.forskningssradet.no/en/Home_page/1177315753906)

**Eligibility:**

- Applications will be accepted from:  
Norwegian research institutions (university, university college, research institute or other institution at which research constitutes an important activity).
- It is an advantage that the applicants from Norway have participated in international research project collaboration.
- The National Programme Better health and Quality of Life (BEDREHELSE) [http://www.forskningssradet.no/prognett-bedrehelse/Home\\_page/1254013199352](http://www.forskningssradet.no/prognett-bedrehelse/Home_page/1254013199352) is funding the Norwegian participation. Norwegian applicants should be eligible to apply to this national programme.
- The contribution from Norway is € 500 000 in total.
- Applicants participating in the network proposal planning to be coordinators may apply for up to € 500 000 in total, applicants planning to be partners may apply for up to € 250 000 in total.
- The Norwegian contribution may finance participants from Norway either as coordinator or partner in the project.
- Eligible costs are personnel costs, running costs, dissemination costs.
- Norwegian research institution/s that will be participants in the final project will have to submit an application to the Research Council of Norway

**Funding:** 500.000 €, approx. 1-2 research groups

**Network Meeting:** Participation is highly recommended, travel costs cannot be reimbursed.

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## POLAND

### The National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR)



#### Eligibility:

##### Eligible Institutions

Following entities are eligible to apply:

- Research organizations;
- Micro, Small, Medium and Large Enterprise.

Organization must be registered in Poland.

##### Additional requirements

All proposals must be aligned with National regulations, inter alia:

- The Act of 30 April 2010 on the Principles of Financing Science, published in Journal of Laws item 1620, 2014 as amended;
- The Act of 30 April 2010 on the National Centre for Research and Development, published in Journal of Laws item 900, 2016;
- The Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 25 February 2015 on criteria and rules on granting state aid and “de minimis” aid by the National Centre for Research and Development, published in Journal of Laws item 299, 2015.

##### Eligible costs

The eligible costs shall be the following:

1. **Personnel costs** (researchers, technicians and other supporting staff to the extent employed on the research project);
2. **Costs of instruments and equipment, technical knowledge and patents** to the extent and for the period used for the research project; if such instruments and equipment are not used for their full life for the research project, only the depreciation costs corresponding to the life of the research project, as calculated on the basis of good accounting practice, shall be considered eligible;
3. **Costs for buildings and land**, to the extent and for the duration used for the research project; with regard to buildings, only the depreciation costs corresponding to the life of the research project, as calculated on the basis of good accounting practice shall be considered eligible; for land, costs of commercial transfer or actually incurred capital costs shall be eligible;
4. **Cost of contractual research, costs of consultancy and equivalent services** used exclusively for the research activity; this cost type cannot account for more than 70% of all eligible costs of a project; the subcontracting can be obtained from consortium partner only in justified case, this need will be verified by a national experts panel;
5. **Other operating costs** including costs of materials, supplies and similar products incurred directly as a result of the research activity;
6. **Additional overheads** incurred indirectly as a result of the research project; that costs cannot account for more than 25% of all eligible project costs; That costs (6) are counted as a multiplication by percentage given above (called x%) and the rest of direct costs, excluding subcontracting (4); It means  $6 = (1 + 2 + 3 + 5) * x\%$ .

Funding rates

Funding quota of Polish participants can be up to 100% for universities or research organisations. In the case of enterprises, funding quota will be decided on a case-by-case basis depending on the size of the company, type of research/development, risk associated with the research activities and commercial perspective of exploitation. Organization must be registered in Poland.

	Large Enterprise	Medium Enterprise	Micro/ Small Enterprise	Research organizations
Fundamental/ Basic Research	n/a	n/a	n/a	Up to 100 %
Experimental Development	Up to 25+15 (max 40%)	Up to 25+10+15 (max 50%)	Up to 25+20+15 (max 60%)	Up to 100 %

In case of enterprises only Experimental Development will be funded.

Other type of activities (e.g. coordination, dissemination, management) cannot be included into separated task.

All eligible entities, invited to submit Polish proposal are obliged to use the rate of exchange of The European Central Bank dated on the day of opening the EoI submission.

More information about eligible costs is available on NCBR website under the following link: <http://www.ncbr.gov.pl/programy-miedzynarodowe/jpi/jfa-policy-evaluation-network/materialy-do-pobrania>

**Funding:** 500 000 €; approx. 3-5 research groups, max. 150 000 € per research group

**Network Meeting:** Participation is highly recommended, travel costs cannot be reimbursed.

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## ANNEX B: Expression of Interest (Eoi) template

Name and address of  
organization leader

### Letter of Expression of Interest

for participation in the JPI HDHL

**“Effectiveness of existing policies for lifestyle interventions –  
Policy Evaluation Network (PEN)”**

We hereby confirm that *(institution/organisation)* intends to participate as a *(full Partner/collaborator)* in the establishment and implementation of the above-mentioned JPI HDHL Joint Funding Action “Effectiveness of existing policies for lifestyle interventions – Policy Evaluation Network (PEN)”.

This network aims to establish a multi-disciplinary network for the monitoring, evaluation and benchmarking of policies that affect dietary, physical activity and sedentary behavior with a standardized approach across Europe. Further details are provided in the call text.

*(Prof./Dr./other) (function)* will represent the *(institution/organisation)* within the Policy Evaluation Network.

#### DATE

Signature of the applicants’  
institution/organization:

*(Name)*

Signature of the applicant:

*(Name)*

## Part 1

### JPI HDHL “Effectiveness of existing policies for lifestyle interventions Network– Policy Evaluation Network (PEN)”

The template for this questionnaire will be provided in the electronic submission system ([PT-Outline](#)) and needs to be filled out and uploaded again. Please see [Guideline for applicants](#) for further information.

- 1) What is your or your research group’s main area of expertise? Name the main discipline and up to three additional keywords! (100 characters)

*Please describe*

- 2) Please describe your or your research group’s expertise and scientific excellence in the field of **Policy Evaluation** (max. 3,000 characters):

*Please describe*

- 3) Please list your or your research group’s 10 most recent and relevant publications (within the last 5 years) to support your application (max. 3,000 characters):

*Please list*

- 4) Please describe your or your research group’s capacities (infrastructures, databases, etc.) relevant to the Policy Evaluation Network (max. 3,000 characters):

*Please describe*

- 5) Provide details of the activities and ongoing projects that you or your research group can contribute to the Policy Evaluation Network (max 3,000 characters).

*Please describe*

- 6) Please provide a statement about your motivation to participate in the network and how you expect to benefit from participation in the Policy Evaluation Network (max 3,000 characters):

*Please describe*



- 7) Please explain how you or your research group can contribute to the Policy Evaluation Network, the added value of the proposed contribution and the willingness to share data according to Open Access Policies and Strategies. Please give also a brief overview on your intended activities within the network (max 3,000 characters):

*Please describe*

## **Part 2 – Curriculum vitae**

*The upload of a CV (max. 2 pages per person) will be required in the electronic submission system.*