

Country	Belgium
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Anticipated budget	€ 2M
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	NA
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	There is no maximum funding per grant; the amount depends on the scientific and medical needs and should be justified in the requested budget.
Eligibility of projects	<p>Please refer to the call text.</p> <p>To apply for funding as main applicant from Belgium, a research consortium must be established with at least one partner (non-profit R&D actor) from the Flemish Community and one partner from the (Belgian) French-speaking community. This condition does not apply if the main applicant is from one of the other participating countries.</p>
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Non-profit R&D actors in Belgium: universities, hospitals and research institutions. Research institutions are eligible for funding provided that the research is to be conducted in Belgium without direct commercial purposes.
Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	The project manager/PI should hold a doctoral degree or have corresponding qualifications and is experienced in the field related to the project. The PI must be employed in an eligible institution.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	<p>- Staffing costs: the salary of both scientific and technical staff, proportional to the extent to which they are employed on the project, can be included. The salary of staff members (ZAP) is excluded.</p> <p>The following salary scales apply: PhD student: max. €54,000/year (1 FTE) Technical /administrative staff (ATP), data nurse: max. €68,000/year (1 FTE) Scientific staff / researcher: max €85,000/year (1 FTE) Postdoctoral researcher: max. €110,000/year (1 FTE, max. 0.5 FTE/ project year)</p>

Divergence from these scales is possible, where this is sufficiently substantiated and where it can clearly be shown that this is necessary for the project.

- **Operating costs:** the operating costs eligible are those directly attributable to the project. It must be possible to trace back these costs in the accounting records and via invoices. In all cases, only the costs proportional to the use in the project can be included.

- **Publication costs** can be included up to a maximum of €2,000 per project year. Publication costs can only be contributed for publication of scientific articles that have undergone peer review and are (also) available in an open access.

- Under no circumstances may **overhead costs (indirect costs) and avoidable VAT** be included.

- The **cost of purchase of medication is not eligible for inclusion as an operating cost**. As an exception, approval may be given to include the cost of off-patent medication, if the scientific expert committee concludes that the availability of the medication cannot be guaranteed in any other way and that the cost is essential for the execution of the research project.

- **Travel costs:** only for project management meetings. The total amount of travel expenses should not exceed 10.000 euro per project. **Conference costs** are excluded.

- In exceptional cases, **equipment costs** may be included in the project budget. The conditions for this are:

- The equipment/items in question must be clearly attributable to the execution of the project. It must be possible to demonstrate a clear relationship between the equipment and the project goal.
- The subsidised cost is the depreciation over the course of the project, commensurate with the use of the equipment/items for the project. The depreciation rules applied must correspond with the accounting practice within the relevant research institution.
- Equipment rental costs are also eligible for inclusion. For rental costs, the same conditions apply as described above.

- **In case of a participating inclusion center: Try to express the budget used as much as possible in a fee for start-up of the trial, as well as a fee-per-patient (including staffing and operating costs).**

- **The aim of this call is to accelerate drug development towards clinical implementation and is therefore not meant for translational research. For this reason, no budget for translational research activities can be requested.**

Further guidance

Please contact one of the National contact persons listed if you have questions regarding the above

