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## **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

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# 1. FRAMEWORK, PURPOSE AND CONTEXT OF THE CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

## 1.1 Introduction

The Second Swiss Contribution is a key part of the Swiss Confederation's European policy, helping to foster cohesion and stability in Europe as well as develop and consolidate bilateral relations with partner countries. The overall objective of the Second Swiss-Hungarian Cooperation Programme (hereinafter referred to as "Cooperation Programme") is to contribute to the reduction of the economic and social disparities within the EU and within Hungary, building upon and further strengthening the bilateral relations between the Swiss Confederation and Hungary.

The framework agreement on the implementation of the Cooperation Programme (hereinafter referred to as "Framework Agreement") was promulgated in Hungary by Government Decree 507/2022 (13 December) on the promulgation of the Framework Agreement between the Swiss Federal Council and the Government of Hungary on the Implementation of the Second Swiss Contribution to Selected Member States of the European Union to Reduce Economic and Social Disparities within the European Union (hereinafter referred to as "Government Decree"). The Framework Agreement identified research and innovation cooperation as a thematic area in view of which it established an aid measure called "Research Programme Hungary" (hereinafter referred to as "Research Programme").

The Research Programme aims to contribute to the economic growth and competitiveness of Hungary by strengthening the research excellence and innovation capacities of Hungarian research organizations, universities and enterprises and by facilitating the research and innovation cooperation with international partners. The Programme Components of the Research Programme will enhance the relations of the Hungarian research and innovation communities with leading RDI actors and networks in the European Research Area (ERA) and improve the alignment with ERA policy objectives. The Research Programme identifies four programme components, of which the present call "Support for Cooperation between Research Infrastructures" is aimed at the implementation of sub-programmes "A" and "B" of programme component 3.

The Framework Agreement designated the National Research, Development and Innovation Office ("NRDI Office") to act as the Programme Operator (hereinafter referred to as "PO") of the Research Programme.

## 1.2 Purpose of the Call for Applications

This Call for Applications has been drawn up in accordance with the provisions of Government Decree 563/2022 (23 December) on the implementation of the Second Swiss-Hungarian Cooperation Programme (hereinafter referred to as the “Implementing Decree”), in order to implement programme component 3 of the “Research Programme Hungary” aid measure, as set out in Section 3.3(ii) of Annex 1 to the Framework Agreement promulgated by the Government Decree.

Sub-programmes “A” and “B” of the Call for Applications “Support for Cooperation between Research Infrastructures” (hereinafter referred to as “Call”) aims to strengthen RDI cooperation with international/Swiss researchers by involving research infrastructures (RIs), to increase the Hungarian participation in major international research infrastructure networks to boost the scientific research in Hungary, to provide access to high-quality services and data and thus to improve the integration of Hungarian researchers in international networks and support their multidisciplinary scientific cooperation.

The original Call identifies two sub-programmes, sub-programmes “A” and “B”.

According to the results of the 2025 call (with the submission deadline of 15 October 2025), where no projects could be funded under sub-programme “B”, this call specifically targets the “**Social and Cultural Innovation**” scientific community, with a modified budget allocation.

Therefore, we would like to draw the attention of applicants that in this round of call for applications, applications can be submitted **only in sub-programme “B”, in the field of “Social and Cultural Innovation”**, as detailed below.

**Sub-programme “A”:** aims to support, through the use of the ESFRI research infrastructures of common interest identified in the Call and related developments, the joint research component element to be implemented by the Hungarian and Swiss nodes of the research infrastructure, primarily in the field of “Health and Food Sciences”. - **not applicable for call 2026.**

**Sub-programme “B”:** aims to support the participation in the activities and surveys of certain international social science research infrastructures, the development of national databases necessary for active participation in these research infrastructures and the provision of the necessary infrastructures for database management and archiving.

This Call is designed to support cooperation to be implemented through the use of international research infrastructures involving both Hungary and Switzerland as members or as observers and accordingly, have Hungarian and Swiss partner

organisations and nodes of the given research infrastructures as their beneficiaries. The following research infrastructures of the ESFRI Roadmap 2021 meet this criterion, and therefore the component elements using these international research infrastructures are eligible for aid under this Call:

In the field of “Health and Food Sciences” (ELIXIR, BBMRI-ERIC, ECRIN-ERIC): - **not applicable for call 2026.**

In the field of “Environment” (ICOS ERIC): - **not applicable for call 2026.**

In the field of “Social and Cultural Innovation”:

**SHARE ERIC, ESS ERIC (Social), CESSDA ERIC, CLARIN ERIC**

The general terms and conditions, detailed rules and additional information relating to this Call are included in the reference documents of the Cooperation Programme.<sup>1</sup>

The list of the supported projects of the Call 2025 is available via this link:

<https://nkfih.gov.hu/palyazoknak/egyeb-tamogatas/tamogatott-projektek-sm-02-res-pc3>

## 2. AVAILABLE FUNDING

The source of funding is the Framework Agreement promulgated by the Government Decree, namely Section 3.1(1)(ii) of Annex 1 to the Framework Agreement, as well as the Grant Agreement of the “Research Programme Hungary”.

Aid is provided in the form of a final, non-refundable benefit (grant).

**Total available budget in 2025: HUF 892,000,000 (CHF 2,150,000)**

Objective	Thematic area	Programme	Available budget	Programme Operator
Economic growth, strengthening social partnership, reducing (youth) unemployment	Research and innovation	SM02-RES Research Programme Hungary	HUF 892,000,000 (CHF 2,150,000)	NRDI Office

Indicative allocation between the sub-programmes in 2025:

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<sup>1</sup> For the list of regulatory documents, please see Annex 14.

**Sub-programme "A":** HUF 804 578 047 (CHF 1 942 486,84)

**Sub-programme "B":** HUF 87 421 953 (CHF 207 513,16)

Foreseen number of applications for aid to be awarded: 8.

Under Sub-programme "A": 2 to 4

Under Sub-programme "B": 2 to 4

Total available budget **in 2026:** HUF 160 000 000 (CHF 386 287)

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Economic growth, strengthening social partnership, reducing (youth) unemployment	Research and innovation	SM02-RES Research Programme Hungary	HUF 160 000 000 (CHF 386 287)	NRDI Office

**Indicative allocation between the sub-programmes in 2026 (only sub-programme "B" will be available):**

**Sub-programme "B":** HUF 160 000 000 (CHF 386 287)

Foreseen number of applications for aid to be awarded: 1-2

These figures are indicative and may vary in accordance with applications for aid submitted by and aid awarded to the applicants.

Aid may be granted within the limits of the available budget. Where justified, the amounts allocated to the sub-programmes may be reallocated.

### **3. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

#### **3.1 Determination of those eligible to submit an application**

The general requirements for the determination of applicants are set out in Chapter 3.1 of the General Guidelines for Applicants (hereinafter referred to as "GGA") and the conditions for becoming a partner are set out in GGA Chapter 3.2.

An application for aid must be submitted by an applicant institution, which may involve other actors, known as partner institutions, in the implementation of the component element.

Under this Call, Hungarian institutions that are seeking cooperation closely related to the international research infrastructures listed in point 1 hereof may submit an application for aid.

For the purposes of this Call, an applicant is the Hungarian organisation leading the component element to be implemented in an international cooperation.

This Call is open only to organisations with registered office in Hungary or with registered office in the European Economic Area and a branch office in Hungary **as applicants**, more specifically:

a) **Budgetary organs and budgetary entities** that

- are classified under financial management (GFO) codes 311, 312, 341, 342 or 381 and
- qualify as “research and knowledge-dissemination organisations” within the meaning of Article 2(83) of Commission Regulation 651/2014/EU of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty (hereinafter: Commission Regulation 651/2014/EU)

b) **Non-profit and other not-for-profit organisations** that

- are classified under GFO codes 552, 559, 562, 563, 569 or 599
- state-recognised non-state higher education institutions listed in Annex 1 to Act CCIV of 2011 on national higher education and
- qualify as “research and knowledge-dissemination organisations” under Article 2(83) of Commission Regulation 651/2014/EU

Other (Hungarian and Swiss) **partner institutions** involved in the implementation of the component element should enter into a **partnership agreement** in order to participate in the implementation. Partnership Agreements are to be concluded between the party applying for aid and implementing the component element and the partner institutions. A declaration of intent to become a partner must be submitted as an annex to the application for aid and the partnership agreement must be concluded before the grant agreement is signed.

Under this Call, in addition to the Hungarian institution applying for aid, at least one and a maximum of 4 other partner institutions (2 to 5 partners/component element)

may be involved in the implementation of the component element, of which partner institutions at least one must be an institution with registered office in Switzerland. Upon submitting the application, the Swiss partner institution involved and the Hungarian partner institutions must submit a declaration of intent, which must include the tasks undertaken by the Swiss partner institution and the Hungarian partner institution in the component element and their fulfilment.

The following organisations are eligible to participate in the implementation as **Hungarian partner institutions**:

a) **Budgetary organs and budgetary entities** that

- are classified under financial management (GFO) codes 311, 312, 341, 342 or 381 and
- qualify as “research and knowledge-dissemination organisations” under Article 2(83) of Commission Regulation 651/2014/EU

b) **Non-profit and other not-for-profit organisations** that

- are classified under GFO codes 552, 559, 562, 563, 569 or 599
- state-recognised non-state higher education institutions listed in Annex 1 to Act CCIV of 2011 on national higher education and
- qualify as “research and knowledge-dissemination organisations” under Article 2(83) of Commission Regulation 651/2014/EU

c) **Business with legal personality** that

- are classified under GFO codes 113, 114 or 141
- maintain double-entry accounting and
- have at least one completed, approved business year (365 days) and published accounts

d) **Not-for-profit companies** that

- are classified under GFO codes 572 or 573
- maintain double-entry accounting
- have at least one completed, approved business year (365 days) and published accounts and
- qualify as “research and knowledge-dissemination organisations” under Article 2(83) of Commission Regulation 651/2014/EU

The following **Swiss partner institutions** are eligible to participate in the implementation of the component element: higher education institutions and research institutes established in the territory of the Swiss Confederation as provided for in the Swiss Federal Act on the promotion of research and innovation.

### 3.2 Economic criteria for eligibility

No aid may be awarded to an enterprise if:

- a) its equity has fallen below the statutory minimum amount of initial capital (share capital) as evidenced by its last closed annual accounts for a full (365 days) financial year approved (by the general meeting, members' meeting or the owners) before the submission of an application for aid.
- b) its equity is in the negative as evidenced by its last closed annual accounts for a full (365 days) financial year approved (by the general meeting, members' meeting or the owners) before the submission of an application for aid.

### 3.3 Applications may not be submitted by and aid may not be awarded to organisations<sup>2</sup>:

- a) that fail to meet the requirements set out in GGA point 3.1;
- b) that have a conflict of interest under Section 48/B(1) of the Public Finance Act;
- c) whose activities are restricted by a final and binding court ruling pursuant to Section 5(2)e) of Act CIV of 2001 on measures applicable to legal entities under criminal law, for the term of prohibition;
- d) that are subject to exclusion from the aid system;
- e) that have no validly established registered office in Hungary or a registered office in the European Economic Area or a branch office in Hungary;
- f) that have no Hungarian tax number;
- g) that have tax or public dues to be collected as taxes overdue for more than 60 (sixty) days, unless the tax authority has authorised deferred payment or payment in instalments, or have a debt under the European Union's traditional own resources;

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<sup>2</sup> Criteria applicable only to Hungarian applicants.

- h) that have a conflict of interest pursuant to Section 6(1) of Act CLXXXI of 2007 on Transparency of Subsidies Provided from Public Funds, and have failed to comply with their obligation to disclose the circumstances justifying their involvement pursuant to Section 8 of the same Act within the time limit.

### 3.4 Other general conditions for applying for aid

Other general conditions for applying for aid are included in GGA Chapter 3.3.

## 4. MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF AID PER PROJECT

### 4.1 Maximum aid amount, form of financing

Maximum amount of aid per application:

Sub-programme “A”: min. HUF 100 million, max. HUF 250 million - not applicable for call 2026

Sub-programme “B”: min. HUF 80 million, max. HUF 150 million

Advance:

A 25% advance may be requested for commencing the activities, then the costs incurred will be settled through ex-post financing on the basis of progress reports submitted every 6 months and the related payment requests. The general conditions for applying for aid are set out in GGA Chapter 3.3. Further requirements on how to request an advance are specified in Chapter 12.3 of this Call for Applications.

The minimum conditions for the payment of the advance are included in GGA Chapter 5.4.1 and the additional rules on the accounting for the advance are set out in the grant agreement. Additional rules on the use of and accounting for the advance are specified in the grant agreement to be concluded with the component element implementing organisation.

### 4.2 Title of aid

The title and intensity of aid may vary by component element, depending on the activities to be carried out within a component.

Aid granted under this Call does not constitute a State aid within the meaning of the EU competition law if a not-for-profit company under point 3.1(d) hereof or an applicant under items (a) and (b) of the same qualify as a “research and knowledge-dissemination organisation” under Article 2(83) of Commission Regulation 651/2014/EU, and:

a) does not engage in an economic activity within the meaning of EU competition law, i.e. such organisation does not engage in an economic activity involving the production of goods and/or the provision of services in a given market; or the nature, cost and financing of the non-economic activity pursued within the component element can be clearly distinguished from the economic activity of the organisation; or

b) where it also engages in an economic activity, it is directly related and strictly necessary to its core activity, it uses exactly the same inputs as its non-economic activity, and the capacity allocated annually to such economic activity does not exceed 20 per cent of the total annual effective capacity of the infrastructure concerned.

Funding under this Call, to the extent that it constitutes State aid for EU competition law purposes, may be granted under the following funding categories:

Eligible activity	Aid category
Fundamental research; Applied (industrial) research; Experimental development	aid for research and development projects pursuant to Article 25 of Commission Regulation 651/2014/EU
Activities relating to publicity (communication); Management; Activities related to market entry; Researcher mobility activities in support of the objectives of the programme component.	de minimis aid under Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/2831

**In the case of sub-programmes “A” and “B”:**

For the purposes of applying the rules concerning State aid within the meaning of the EU competition law, the contents of the “Declaration on *de minimis* aid”<sup>3</sup> annexed hereto and submitted together with the application for aid will be considered to be authoritative. If the aid qualifies as *de minimis* aid under this section, the applicant shall state the amount of *de minimis* aid granted in Hungary to the applicant and to linked

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<sup>3</sup>Annex 2 to the Call pursuant to Clause 14. (Annexes to the Call for Applications)

enterprises within the meaning of Article 2(2) of Commission Regulation (EU) No 2023/2831 within three years (three times three hundred and sixty-five days) preceding the award of the aid, subject to Article 7(4) of Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/2831.

## 4.3 Rules for the use of the aid<sup>4</sup>

### 4.3.1 Non-state aid

If aid granted under this Call does not constitute State aid within the meaning of EU competition law, the aid intensity shall be 100%.

### 4.3.2 Aid for research and development projects

#### 4.3.2.1 Aid intensity

It the aid granted under this Call constitutes State aid under EU competition law and, in this context, aid for a research and development project, then such aid may only be granted in conformity with the rules of Chapters I to II and Article 25 of Chapter III of Commission Regulation 651/2014/EU.

In the case of aid for research and development projects, aid intensity for each component element implementing organisation and partner may not exceed the following rates:

1. for fundamental research 100% of eligible costs;
2. for applied (industrial) research 50% of eligible costs;
3. for experimental developments 25% of eligible costs;
4. for feasibility studies 50% of eligible costs.

For industrial research, experimental developments and feasibility studies, the aid intensity may be increased by 10 percentage points for medium-sized enterprises and by 20 percentage points for small enterprises.

The aid intensity for industrial research and experimental developments may be increased, in addition to the rate specified in the foregoing paragraph, up to an aid intensity of 80% of the eligible costs for large enterprises in accordance with points a) to b), with the understanding that points a) and b) may not be applied in combination:

- a) By **15 percentage points** if any of the following criteria are met:
  - aa) the project is implemented in an area under Government Decree 37/2011 or
  - ab) the project involves effective cooperation and is implemented with the involvement of at least one small and medium-sized enterprise, or in at least two EU Member States, or between one EU Member State and contracting party under an

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<sup>4</sup>In point 4.3 of this Call, aid titles are indicated as specified by law and in point 4.3 “project” is always understood to refer to the component element.

EEA agreement, and none of the enterprises bear more than 70% of the eligible costs, or the project is implemented with the involvement of at least one research and knowledge-dissemination organisation, which bears at least 10% of the eligible costs, either alone or together with one or more other research and knowledge-dissemination organisation, and is entitled to publish its own research results, or

*ac)* if the results of the project are widely disseminated through conferences, publications, open-access repositories, free or open-source software, or

*ad)* the beneficiary agrees to make available without delay, at market prices, on a non-discriminatory and non-exclusive basis, licences for the utilisation of the results of the research project protected by intellectual property right for use by interested parties within the EEA,

**b) by 25 percentage points if**

*ba)* the project has been selected following an open call for proposals intended to form part of a project planned jointly by at least three Member States or contracting parties to the EEA Agreement, and

*bb)* the project involves effective cooperation between enterprises from at least two, or three in the case of large enterprises, Member States or a contracting party to the EEA Agreement, and

*bc)* the conditions under items *(a)(ac)* and *(ad)* hereof are fulfilled, it being understood that in the case of item *(ac)*, wide dissemination of the results must take place in at least three Member States or in the territory of a contracting party of the EEA Agreement.

For the purposes of items (a) and (b), subcontracting shall not be considered as effective cooperation.

The intensity of the available aid will be determined for each applicant (and partner), including those participating in a cooperation project under items *(ab)* and *(bb)*, on the basis of whether the project activity they undertake constitutes fundamental research, applied research, experimental development or feasibility study.

The maximum aid intensities for aid for research and development projects are summarised in the table below:

	Micro and small enterprise	Medium-sized enterprise	Large enterprise
<b>Fundamental research</b>	100%	100%	100%
<b>Applied (industrial) research</b>	70%	60%	50%

<p><i>aa)</i> the project is implemented in an area under Government Decree 37/2011 or</p> <p><i>ab)</i> the project involves effective cooperation and is implemented with the involvement of at least one small and medium-sized enterprise, or in at least two EU Member States, or between one EU Member State and contracting party under an EEA agreement, and none of the enterprises bear more than 70% of the eligible costs, or the project is implemented with the involvement of at least one research and knowledge-dissemination organisation, which bears at least 10% of the eligible costs, either alone or together with one or more other research and knowledge-dissemination organisation, and is entitled to publish its own research results, or</p> <p><i>ac)</i> if the results of the project are widely disseminated through conferences, publications, open-access repositories, free or open-source software, or</p> <p><i>ad)</i> the beneficiary agrees to make available without delay, at market prices, on a non-discriminatory and non-exclusive basis, licences for the utilisation of the results of the research project protected by intellectual property right for use by interested parties within the EEA,</p>	80%	75%	65%
<p><i>ba)</i> the project has been selected following an open call for proposals intended to form part of a project planned jointly by at least three Member States or contracting parties to the EEA Agreement, and</p> <p><i>bb)</i> the project involves effective cooperation between enterprises from at least two, or three in the case of large enterprises, Member States or a contracting party to the EEA Agreement, and</p> <p><i>bc)</i> the conditions under items <i>(a)(ac)</i> and <i>(ad)</i> hereof are fulfilled, it being understood that in the case of item <i>(ac)</i>, wide</p>	80%	80%	75%

dissemination of the results must take place in at least three Member States or in the territory of a contracting party of the EEA Agreement.			
<b>Experimental development</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>25%</b>
<p><i>aa)</i> the project is implemented in an area under Government Decree 37/2011 or</p> <p><i>ab)</i> the project involves effective cooperation and is implemented with the involvement of at least one small and medium-sized enterprise, or in at least two EU Member States, or between one EU Member State and contracting party under an EEA agreement, and none of the enterprises bear more than 70% of the eligible costs, or the project is implemented with the involvement of at least one research and knowledge-dissemination organisation, which bears at least 10% of the eligible costs, either alone or together with one or more other research and knowledge-dissemination organisation, and is entitled to publish its own research results, or</p> <p><i>ac)</i> if the results of the project are widely disseminated through conferences, publications, open-access repositories, free or open-source software, or</p> <p><i>ad)</i> the beneficiary agrees to make available without delay, at market prices, on a non-discriminatory and non-exclusive basis, licences for the utilisation of the results of the research project protected by intellectual property right for use by interested parties within the EEA,</p>	<b>60%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>40%</b>
<p><i>ba)</i> the project has been selected following an open call for proposals intended to form part of a project planned jointly by at least three Member States or contracting parties to the EEA Agreement, and</p> <p><i>bb)</i> the project involves effective cooperation between enterprises from at</p>	<b>70%</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>50%</b>

<p>least two, or three in the case of large enterprises, Member States or a contracting party to the EEA Agreement, and</p> <p><i>bc</i>) the conditions under items <i>(a)(ac)</i> and <i>(ad)</i> hereof are fulfilled, it being understood that in the case of item <i>(ac)</i>, wide dissemination of the results must take place in at least three Member States or in the territory of a contracting party of the EEA Agreement.</p>			
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#### 4.3.2.2 Eligible activities and eligible costs

Aid for research and development projects may be awarded to any research and development project falling into any of the following categories:

- a) fundamental research;
- b) applied (industrial) research;
- c) experimental development.

If a project involves several activities, each activity must be classified under one of these research and development categories and the eligible costs must be allocated to a specific research and development category.

Eligible costs in fundamental research, applied (industrial) research and experimental development are:

- a) the personnel costs of researchers, technicians and other support staff to the amount of their actual engagement in the project;
- b) the costs of devices and equipment up to the extent and for the duration of their use for the purposes of the project, provided that, where such devices and equipment are not used for the project during their entire life cycle, only the depreciation costs as specified in Act C of 2000 on Accounting (hereinafter referred to as "Accounting Act") or the depreciation costs calculated, for the duration of the project, on the basis of the depreciation rates approved pursuant to Annex 2 of Act LXXXI of 1996 on Corporate Tax and Dividend Tax (hereinafter referred to as "Corporate Tax Rates") are eligible;
- c) the costs of contract research, technical knowledge and patents purchased or licensed from third parties at arm's length, and the costs of consultancy and similar services if used exclusively for the project;
- d) additional overheads and other operating costs, including the costs of materials, consumables and similar products directly incurred in the course of the project.

#### 4.3.2.3 Specific grounds for exclusion applicable to aid for research and development

## projects

No aid for R&D projects may be awarded (in addition to the grounds for exclusion specified in point 3.3):

- a) to any organisation that, at the time the aid was granted, has not yet fulfilled all its repayment obligations under the European Commission's decision addressed to Hungary requiring it to recover State aid within the meaning of EU competition law,
- b) to organisations in difficulty,
- c) to an enterprise active in the processing and marketing of agricultural products if:
  - ca) the amount of the aid is set by reference to the price or quantity of such products purchased from primary producers or marketed by any enterprise concerned, or
  - cb) if the aid is conditional on the total or partial transfer to primary producers,
- d) for export-related activities, if directly linked to the quantities exported, to the establishment and operation of a distribution network or to other current expenditure linked to the export activity,
- e) if it is made conditional on the use of domestic rather than imported goods,
- f) to facilitate the closure of uncompetitive coal mines subject to Council Decision 2010/787/EU.

### 4.3.3 De Minimis Aid

#### 4.3.3.1 Intensity and amount

If the aid granted in respect of a decision taken under the Call constitutes State aid within the meaning of EU competition law and therefore de minimis aid, it may only be granted in accordance with the rules of Commission Regulation (EU) No 2023/2831 of 13 December 2023 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to de minimis aid (hereinafter referred to as the General De minimis Regulation for the purposes of this point).

The aid intensity for de minimis aid is 100% subject to the following provisions.

The gross grant equivalent of any general de minimis aid (hereinafter referred to as "aid") granted in Hungary over any period of three years (three times three hundred and sixty-five days) to a beneficiary and to enterprises considered a single undertaking with it under the general de minimis Regulation must not exceed the amount of HUF 300,000, taking into account Article 3(8) and (9) of the general de minimis Regulation, which contain additional provisions in case of mergers, acquisitions and divisions.

The granting organisation is required to provide the beneficiary with a certificate stating the amount of aid expressed in gross grant equivalent and its de minimis

character, with a direct reference to the general de minimis Regulation, in accordance with Article 7(4) of the general de minimis Regulation.

Aid granted under the general de minimis Regulation may be cumulated with aid granted under other de minimis regulations up to an amount of HUF 300,000, with the exception of de minimis aid for public services granted under Commission Regulation (EU) No. 2832/2023. The aid may be cumulated with State aid in respect of the same eligible costs or the same risk finance measure, provided that the cumulation does not result in aid granted in excess of the maximum intensities or amounts set in the block exemption regulations or in a Commission decision approving the aid.

The documents relating to the aid must be kept for 10 years after granting and must be produced by the beneficiary if the granting organisation so requests. Information on aid granted as de minimis aid must be provided within 20 working days of request from the European Commission.

#### 4.3.3.2 Specific grounds for exclusion applicable to de minimis aid

No de minimis aid may be awarded (in addition to the grounds for exclusion specified in point 3.3):

- a) for the production of fishery and aquaculture products as specified in Article 5(a) and (b) of Regulation (EU) No 1379/2013,
- b) for the processing and marketing of fishery and aquaculture products, where the amount of aid is set on the basis of the price or quantity of products purchased or marketed as specified in Article 5(a) and (b) of Regulation (EU) No 1379/2013,
- c) to enterprises engaged in the primary production of agricultural products,
- d) for the processing and marketing of agricultural products if
  - the amount of the aid is set by reference to the price or quantity of such products purchased from primary producers or marketed by any enterprise concerned, or
  - the aid is conditional on the total or partial transfer to primary producers,
- e) for export-related activities, if directly linked to the quantities exported, to the establishment and operation of a distribution network or to other current expenditure linked to the export activity,
- f) if it is made conditional on the use of domestic rather than imported goods.

Where the applicant is engaged in activities in any of the sectors excluded in items (a) to (d) and in one or more sectors other than those excluded in items (a) to (d), de minimis aid may be granted for the latter activity if the applicant ensures through appropriate means, such as separation of activities or accounting separation, that the activities carried out in the excluded sectors referred to in items (a) to (d) do not qualify for de minimis aid.

#### 4.3.4 Cumulation

In the case of identical or partly identical identifiable eligible costs, State aid may be cumulated with other State aid from local, regional, national or EU sources, provided that it does not lead to the maximum aid intensity or aid amount specified in the block exemption regulations or in the Commission's approval decision being exceeded.

State aid may be cumulated with other State aid from local, regional, national or EU sources for various identifiable eligible costs.

The total amount of State aid received for a component element from several sources, whether EU, national, regional or local, must not exceed the aid intensity or aid amount laid down in the applicable EU State aid rules.

Where aid as described in Article 8(4) of Commission Regulation 651/2014/EU, de minimis aid, de minimis aid in agriculture and de minimis aid for public services has no identifiable eligible costs, the aid may be cumulated with any other State aid with identifiable eligible costs. Aid without identifiable eligible costs may be cumulated with any other State aid without identifiable eligible costs up to the highest relevant total financing threshold fixed in the block exemption regulations and the European Commission's approval decision.

Matters not covered by this Call shall be governed by the Implementing Decree, the general de minimis Regulation and Chapters I to II and Article 25 of Commission Regulation 651/2014/EU.

## 5. ELIGIBLE PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

The following activities are eligible for aid under the application for aid:

**Sub-programme "A":** Implementation of a research component element jointly, in cooperation between Hungarian and Swiss institutions participating in the international research infrastructures listed in point 1.2, and the necessary research infrastructure developments. – not applicable in call 2026.

**Sub-programme "B":** participation in the activities and surveys of the international research infrastructures listed under "Social and cultural innovation" in point 1.2, and the development of the national database and the infrastructure for database management and archiving necessary for active participation in these research infrastructures.

Within the foregoing, the following activities are eligible:

### Activities eligible for aid independently

#### I. Fundamental research<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> Pursuant to Article 2(84) of Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014

Applications for aid for fundamental research activities may be submitted by research and knowledge-dissemination organisations and enterprises with at least 3 full-time employees with a PhD degree relevant to the application for aid at the time of the submission of the application for aid, which criteria must remain fulfilled throughout the entire period of implementation of the activity. Fundamental research may only be carried out by applicants, it must not be outsourced to third parties.

## **II. Applied (industrial) research<sup>6</sup>**

For applied (industrial) research activities, applications for aid may be submitted by research and knowledge-dissemination organisations and by enterprises with at least one full-time employee with at least an MA/MSc degree in a field related to the component element at the time of submission of the application for aid. Beneficiaries are required to comply with this condition throughout the duration of the industrial research activity.

In the case of contracted services, the provider of the applied (industrial) research service must meet the above condition. Proof of compliance with this condition must be attached to the quotation given by the service provider (for the purposes of the application for aid or during the implementation of the component element).

## **III. Experimental development<sup>7</sup>**

### **Activities not eligible independently but only in combination with the above independently eligible activities**

**IV. Activities relating to publicity** (e.g. communication, publication costs, conference participation costs) (under point 4.1.1 of the GGA and point 13 of this Call) - mandatory

**V. Management** (under point 4.1.2 of the GGA) - optional

**VI. Activities related to market entry** – optional  
market presence (participation in fairs, expositions); preparation and procurement of marketing tools; industrial design; employment of marketing or business development staff.

**VII. Researcher mobility activities in support of the objectives of the programme component** - optional

Mission-related activities (e.g. conference attendance, registration)

## **6. TIMEFRAME FOR PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION**

Timeframe for the implementation of the component element **in 2025**: minimum 24 months, maximum 36 months

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<sup>6</sup> Pursuant to Article 2(85) of Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014

<sup>7</sup> Pursuant to Article 2(86) of Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014

Timeframe for the implementation of the component element **in 2026**: minimum 12 months, **the last day of the period for implementing the component element shall not be later than 31 December 2028.**

Expenses for the component element may be claimed starting from the start date of the component as specified in the grant agreement.

For the call for proposals reopened in 2026, the earliest start date that can be specified for the component element is August 1, 2026.

The costs of the component element are eligible from the start date of the component element as set out in the grant agreement.

## **7. ELIGIBLE AND INELIGIBLE COSTS**

Provisions on the eligibility criteria for the implementation of component elements are included in:

- GGA Chapter 4.2,
- the Implementation Guide and the Financial Reporting Guide annexed thereto,
- the grant agreement.

Only costs that were incurred during the period between the start date and the end date specified in the grant agreement and that are closely linked to the implementation of the component element and are in line with the principles of the cooperation programme and the objectives of this Call are eligible. Costs incurred after the submission of the completion report and the request for final payment are not eligible.

Preparatory activities pursued before or outside the period of use specified in the grant agreement shall not be regarded as the start of the component element and therefore their costs shall not be eligible.

Costs foreseen in the budget shall be allocated to the costs categories assigned to the activities listed in Chapter 5 of the Call and submitted on the application form available in the CHRIS system. The costs incurred can be allocated to the following cost headings within the cost category relating to a given activity:

**In the case of sub-programmes “A” and “B”:**

**For fundamental research activities:**

- a) Personnel costs,
- b) Office and administrative costs,
- c) Devices and IT system.

**For applied industrial research and experimental development activities:**

- a) Personnel costs,
- b) Office and administrative costs,
- c) Costs of external experts and service providers,
- d) Devices and IT system.

**For researcher mobility activities in support of the objectives of the programme component:**

- a) Personnel costs,
- b) Office and administrative costs,
- c) Travel and accommodation costs.

**For publicity activities:**

- a) Information and communication (information and publicity costs, such as publication fees and conference costs, can be reported under this heading)

**For market entry activities:**

- a) Personnel costs,
- b) Office and administrative costs,
- c) Costs of external experts and service providers,
- d) Travel and accommodation costs.

**For management activities:**

- a) Personnel costs,
- b) Office and administrative costs,
- c) Costs of external experts and service providers,
- d) Travel and accommodation costs.

The costs of preparatory work are not eligible for component elements, i.e. preparatory activities carried out before the submission of the application, such as drawing up public procurement plans or communication plans for the submission of the application are not eligible.

**Limits applicable to activities:**

Of the total costs of a component element

- no more than 15% can be used for general (overhead) costs,
- no more than 5% may be used to cover management activities,
- no more than 1 % may be used for ensuring publicity for the component element,

- no more than 8% may be used to cover the costs of researcher mobility activities in support of the objectives of the programme component,
- no more than 5% may be used to cover market entry-related activities.

#### **Limits applicable to costs:**

Of the total costs of a component element

- no more than 25% may be spent on procuring devices and IT systems,

for sub-programme “A”, no more than 20% may be spent on external expertise and related services, provided that it may not exceed the personnel costs financed under experimental development and applied (industrial) research; **this condition is not relevant for sub-programme "B"**. The remaining amount must be used to cover the costs of implementing the proposed professional activity (activities).

The conformity of the cost items presented in the budget of the application with the market price must be evidenced by the submission of at least one quotation or a publicly available price list.

Please note point 6.6 of the Financial Reporting Guide annexed to the Implementation Guide that reads “For programme components and component elements under the “Research Programme Hungary”, Section 53 of the Implementing Decree is applicable, pursuant to which the costs of assets and devices are eligible to the extent and duration of their use for the purposes of the programme component and component element with the understanding that where such devices and equipment are not used throughout their useful life for the implementation of the programme component and the component element, only the depreciation costs over the period of implementation of the programme component and the component element, as accepted under the general accounting principles, may be recognised.”

## **8. MANDATORY COMMITMENTS, INDICATORS**

In addition to the mandatory communication obligation, applicants must make and fulfil the commitments detailed below for the component element as a whole:

At least three of the following conditions, associated with and covering the professional commitments, must be met in cooperation with international partners:

- a) giving a lecture or presenting a poster at an international conference or participation at an international exhibition
- b) publication in international cooperation

- c) participation in research and development and/or service development related to the international research infrastructure
- d) development of a prototype
- e) development of a unique equipment or instrument
- f) participation in a social science survey
- g) setting up a research database of measurement results
- h) developing know-how (including methodology, monitoring / evaluation model)
- i) pursuing activities related to industrial property rights (application submitted for national or international patent, PCT application submitted, utility model protection, design model protection, trademark protection, plant variety protection, trademark)

Beneficiaries are required to provide data on the implementation of the component element, taking into account the mandatory commitments, as shown in the table below.

Type of indicator	Description of indicator	Unit	Source of indicator	Type of reporting
Output Indicators / Kimeneti mutatók	<b>R&amp;I_CI_2</b> Number of researchers having gained experience abroad in the framework of scientific research or innovation initiatives - all / R&I_CI_2 Tudományos kutatási vagy innovációs kezdeményezések keretében külföldön tapasztalatot szerzett kutatók száma - összesen	person(s)	Progress report Reporting by beneficiary.	Number of researchers (principal investigator, post-doctoral researchers, PhD students and other staff) having gained experience abroad in the context of the research activities under the component element. To be taken into account, experience abroad must be <b>at least 6 months</b> (uninterrupted or cumulative). All persons with such experience should be included in the indicator. Mandatory reporting, committing to a target is optional.
Output Indicators / Kimeneti mutatók	<b>R&amp;I_CI_2</b> Number of researchers having gained experience abroad in the framework of scientific research or innovation initiatives - <b>female</b> / R&I_CI_2 Tudományos kutatási vagy innovációs kezdeményezések keretében külföldön tapasztalatot szerzett kutatók száma - <b>nők</b>	person(s)	Progress report Reporting by beneficiary.	The number of female researchers within the <b>R&amp;I_CI_2</b> indicator. Of the total number of researchers reported under the R&I_CI_2 indicator, only the total number of female researchers must be indicated here. Mandatory reporting, committing to a target is optional.

Output Indicators / Kimeneti mutatók	<b>R&amp;I_CI_2</b> Number of researchers having gained experience abroad in the framework of scientific research or innovation initiatives - <b>age 18-25 years old</b> / R&I_CI_2 Tudományos kutatási vagy innovációs kezdeményezések keretében külföldön tapasztalatot szerzett kutatók száma - <b>18-25 év közötti fiatal kutatók</b>	person(s)	Progress report Reporting by beneficiary.	The number of young researchers within the <b>R&amp;I_CI_2</b> indicator. Young researchers as defined by the Swiss party for the purposes of this indicator are young researchers aged 18-25 years. Of the total number of researchers under the R&I_CI_2 indicator, only the number of those falling in that age group must be indicated here. Mandatory reporting, committing to a target is optional.
Output Indicators / Kimeneti mutatók	Number of people participating in researcher mobility by the project - <b>all people travelling abroad, particularly to Switzerland / A komponens elem keretében</b> kutatói mobilitásban részt vevők száma - <b>kiutazók összesen</b>	person(s)	Progress report Reporting by beneficiary.	Total number of participants in research mobility from Hungary to the Swiss partner. <b>No time limitation.</b> The number of persons giving a lecture or presenting a poster at an international conference or participating in an international exhibition, a symposium / workshop / study tour / training course, if the duration of their participation is less than 6 months, must also be indicated here. Mandatory reporting, committing to a target is optional.
Output Indicators / Kimeneti mutatók	Number of people participating in researcher mobility by the project - female travelling abroad, particularly to Switzerland / A komponens elem keretében kutatói mobilitásban részt vevők száma - <b>kiutazók nők</b>	person(s)	Progress report Reporting by beneficiary.	Number of female researchers participating in research mobility from Hungary to the Swiss partner. <b>No time limitation.</b> The number of persons giving a lecture or presenting a poster at an international conference or participating in an international exhibition, a symposium /

				workshop / study tour / training course, if the duration of their participation is less than 6 months, must also be indicated here. Mandatory reporting, committing to a target is optional.
Output Indicators / Kimeneti mutatók	Number of people participating in researcher mobility by the project - all people travelling to Hungary / A komponens elem keretében kutatói mobilitásban részt vevők száma - <b>beutazók összesen</b>	person(s)	Progress report Reporting by beneficiary.	Total number of Swiss participants in research mobility in Hungary. No time limitation. Mandatory reporting, committing to a target is optional.
Output Indicators / Kimeneti mutatók	Number of people participating in researcher mobility by the project - female travelling to Hungary / A komponens elem keretében kutatói mobilitásban részt vevők száma - <b>beutazók nők</b>	person(s)	Progress report Reporting by beneficiary.	Number of Swiss female researchers participating in research mobility in Hungary. No time limitation. Mandatory reporting, committing to a target is optional.
Output Indicators / Kimeneti mutatók	Number of researchers involved in database management and surveys / Adatbázisok és nagymintás adatfelvételek használatába bevont kutatók száma	person(s)	Progress report Reporting by beneficiary.	Mandatory reporting, committing to a target is optional.
Output Indicators / Kimeneti mutatók	Number of domestic databases developed, infrastructure necessary for database management and archiving provided / Fejlesztett hazai adatbázisok száma	number	Progress report Reporting by beneficiary.	Mandatory reporting, committing to a target is optional.
Output Indicators /	Number of joint projects / Nemzetközi együttműködésben	number	Progress report Reporting by beneficiary.	Mandatory reporting, minimum target: one.

Kimeneti mutatók	megvalósuló közös projektek száma			
Output Indicators / Kimeneti mutatók	Number of Research Infrastructures used in joint projects / Nemzetközi együttműködés által megvalósuló projektekben alkalmazott kutatási infrastruktúrák száma	number	Progress report Reporting by beneficiary.	Mandatory reporting, minimum target: one. The users of one or more research infrastructure selected for this indicator serve as basis for the result indicator "number of HU users of selected research infrastructures". Enter the number of research infrastructures used by the partners involved in the "component element".
Output Indicators / Kimeneti mutatók	<b>R&amp;I_CI_1</b> Number of scientific publications / Tudományos publikációk száma (kötelező vállaláshoz kapcsolódik)	number	Progress report Reporting by beneficiary: Descriptive data of publications. Only publications produced with support from the project and registered in the Hungarian Science Bibliography may be specified here.	Mandatory reporting. The number of joint scientific publications of Swiss and Hungarian researchers are to be entered under this indicator. Committing to a target is optional.
Output Indicators / Kimeneti mutatók	Number of research articles published in Q1 rank journals by the project / A komponens elem eredményeképpen létrejött Q1-es kategóriájú cikkek száma	number	Progress report Reporting by beneficiary: Descriptive data of publications. Only publications produced with support from the project and registered in the Hungarian Science Bibliography may be specified here.	Of all joint scientific publications of Swiss and Hungarian researchers, articles ranked as Q1 by Scimago Journal Rank (SJR) or Hungarian Journal of Scientific Works (MTMT). Committing to a target is optional.
Output Indicators / Kimeneti mutatók	New product developed (is linked to a binding commitment) / Kifejlesztett új termék	number	Progress report Reporting by beneficiary. Name and description of the product to be attached.	If you have chosen to develop a new product as one of the mandatory activities, the target value is at least one.
Output Indicators / Kimeneti mutatók	New service developed (is linked to a binding commitment) / Kifejlesztett új szolgáltatás	number	Progress report Reporting by beneficiary. Name and description of the service to be attached.	If you have chosen to develop a new service as one of the mandatory activities, the target value is at least one.
Output Indicators /	New technology developed (is linked to a binding commitment) / Kifejlesztett új technológia	number	Progress report Reporting by beneficiary.	If you have chosen to develop a technology as one of the mandatory

Kimenereti mutatók			Name and description of the technology to be attached.	activities, the target value is at least one.
Output Indicators / Kimenereti mutatók	New prototype developed (is linked to a binding commitment) / Kifejlesztett prototípus (kötelező vállaláshoz kapcsolódik)	number	Progress report Reporting by beneficiary. Name and description of the prototype to be attached.	If you have chosen to develop a prototype as one of the mandatory activities, the target value is at least one.
Output Indicators / Kimenereti mutatók	Developed know-how (including methodologies, monitoring or evaluations models) (is linked to a binding commitment) / Elkészült know-how (beleértve módszertant, monitoring / értékelési modellt) (kötelező vállaláshoz kapcsolódik)	number	Progress report Reporting by beneficiary. Name and description of know-how to be attached.	If you have chosen to develop know-how as one of the mandatory activities, the target value is at least one.
Output Indicators / Kimenereti mutatók	Developed device or equipment (including in-kind contribution) (is linked to a binding commitment) / Kifejlesztett egyedi eszköz, berendezés (beleértve az in-kind fejlesztést is) (kötelező vállaláshoz kapcsolódik)	number	Progress report Reporting by beneficiary. Name and description of device or equipment to be attached.	If you have chosen to develop a device as one of the mandatory activities, the target value is at least one.
Output Indicators / Kimenereti mutatók	Database of developed and uploaded measurement results (is linked to a binding commitment) / Fejlesztett és feltöltött mérési eredményeket tartalmazó kutatási adatbázis (kötelező vállaláshoz kapcsolódik)	number	Progress report Reporting by beneficiary. Name and description of the database to be attached.	If you have chosen to a database or to participate in data recording in a survey as one of the mandatory activities, the target value is at least one.

Type of indicator	Description of indicator	Unit	Source of indicator	Type of reporting
Eredmény / Outcome	Number of HU entities using the selected Research Infrastructures / A kiválasztott kutatási infrastruktúrákat használó magyar intézmények száma	number	Progress report Reporting by beneficiary.	Mandatory reporting. Enter the number of institutions/organisations that have used the selected research infrastructure or infrastructures in Hungary.

				Committing to a target is optional.
Eredmény / Outcome	Number of Hungarian users (persons) of selected Research Infrastructures / A kiválasztott kutatási infrastruktúrák magyarországi felhasználóinak száma	person(s)	Progress report Reporting by beneficiary.	Mandatory reporting. Enter the number of persons that have used the selected research infrastructure or infrastructures in Hungary. Committing to a target is optional.
Eredmény / Outcome	Increase in the number of internationally co-authored papers (%) / A nemzetközi kooperációban megvalósult társszerzős közlemények számának növekedése	%	Progress report Reporting by beneficiary.	The indicator must include the increase in the number of joint publications in the Hungarian-Swiss cooperation. Commitment to an increase at component element level is an expectation.
Eredmény / Outcome	Increase in the use of Research Infrastructures' services and databases (%). / A kutatási infrastruktúrák szolgáltatásai és adatbázisai használatának növekedése (%)	%	Progress report Reporting by beneficiary.	Increase in the use of research infrastructures selected under output indicators. Commitment to an increase at component element level is an expectation.
Eredmény / Outcome	Number of patent applications (is linked to a mandatory commitment) / Benyújtott szabadalmi bejelentések száma (kötelező vállaláshoz kapcsolódik)	number	Progress report Reporting by beneficiary.	If you have committed to pursue activities related to industrial property rights, it is mandatory to commit to a target of minimum one for the relevant protection form. Patent: includes both national and international patent applications.
Eredmény / Outcome	Number of PCT patent applications (is linked to a mandatory commitment) / Benyújtott PCT (Patent Cooperation Treaty - Szabadalmi Együtműködési Szerződés alapján tett) szabadalmi bejelentések száma	number	Progress report Reporting by beneficiary.	If you have committed to pursue activities related to industrial property rights, it is mandatory to commit to a target of minimum one for the relevant protection form. Include PCT applications only.
Eredmény / Outcome	Number of utility model protection applications (is linked to a mandatory commitment) / Benyújtott	number	Progress report Reporting by beneficiary.	If you have committed to pursue activities related to industrial property rights, it is mandatory to commit to a

	használati minta oltalom bejelentések száma összesen			target of minimum one for the relevant protection form.
Eredmény / Outcome	Number of design applications (is linked to a mandatory commitment) / Benyújtott formatervezési minta-oltalom bejelentések száma összesen (kötelező vállaláshoz kapcsolódik)	number	Progress report Reporting by beneficiary.	If you have committed to pursue activities related to industrial property rights, it is mandatory to commit to a target of minimum one for the relevant protection form.
Eredmény / Outcome	Number of trademark applications (is linked to a mandatory commitment) / Benyújtott védjegyoltalom kérelmek száma összesen (kötelező vállaláshoz kapcsolódik)	number	Progress report Reporting by beneficiary.	If you have committed to pursue activities related to industrial property rights, it is mandatory to commit to a target of minimum one for the relevant protection form.
Eredmény / Outcome	Number of plant variety protection applications (is linked to a mandatory commitment) / Benyújtott növényfajta-oltalom kérelmek száma összesen (kötelező vállaláshoz kapcsolódik)	number	Progress report Reporting by beneficiary.	If you have committed to pursue activities related to industrial property rights, it is mandatory to commit to a target of minimum one for the relevant protection form.

The component element implementing organisation undertakes to respect human dignity and equality, including gender equality, in the implementation of the aid measures, in order to ensure equal enjoyment of rights by participants in the component element without discrimination on grounds of sex, and to report on the achievement of this in the progress report.

## 9. TIME LIMIT AND MANNER FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS

The general conditions for submitting applications are set out in GGA Chapter 6.1.

### 9.1 Application submission process

Application forms and the required annexes thereto may be submitted electronically via the cooperation programme's application interface, the CHRIS system, by the

deadline specified in point 9.3 of this Call for Applications, as specified by the following requirements:

- a) The electronic application form is completed with the relevant data in full and in English.
- b) The electronic copies of the annexes required under this Call for Applications are submitted in full as required and within the time limits set.
- c) The applicant's statement uploaded in CHRIS bears the qualified electronic signature or advanced security e-signature based on qualified certificate of a person duly authorised to make a statement or an authorised signatory.<sup>8</sup>
- d) The planned implementation period of the component element matches the timeframe for implementation as determined in the Call for Applications (to be completed within the timeframe specified in the Call for Applications).

Deficiencies may be remedied once and only in respect of the formal requirements using the CHRIS application site. In the event that the application submitted does not meet the formal requirements, the Intermediate Body will request the applicant to remedy the deficiencies. The time limit for remedying deficiencies is 5 working days. Further conditions for remedying deficiencies are set out in point 6.2.2 of the GGA.

## 9.2 Document elements to be submitted as part of the application

The requirements for the submission of the application, regarding the contents of the application form and the mandatory annexes are set out in GGA Chapter 6.1 and the instructions on the CHRIS site. The table below summarises the mandatory annexes to be submitted under this Call for Applications where appropriate.

	<b>Type of annex</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Partner</b>
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<sup>8</sup>The statement must be signed (certified) as follows:

- a) the statement must be provided with qualified electronic signature or at least, advanced electronic signature based on a qualified certificate, or
- b) the statement must be authenticated by using the e-Paper service.

The ePaper service is available free of charge, but requires electronic identification (e.g. ClientGate+ registration or DÁP (Digital Citizenship) ID). The ePaper service is available at <https://epapir.gov.hu/>.

After using the e-signature or ePaper service:

- a) attach to the finalised application the statement bearing a qualified electronic signature or certified by using the ePaper service, and then
- b) submit your application following the instructions of the online application form.

1	<p><b>Applicant's statement</b> on committing to the conditions of the Call (automatically generated in the CHRIS system upon submitting the application form)</p> <p>The statement must be signed electronically by the person authorised to represent the applicant.</p>	x	
2	<p>If implemented in a partnership, a <b>declaration of intent</b> signed by all participants in the partnership to participate in the partnership</p>	x	x
3	<p>With the exception of budgetary organs and organisations listed in the company register:</p> <p>the applicant's valid <b>instrument of incorporation, deed of foundation</b> or other statutory registration certificate or a certified copy of the original, not older than 90 days,</p>	x	x
4	<p>Except for organisations listed in the companies register:</p> <p><b>specimen signature</b> of the applicant's authorised representative countersigned by an attorney-at-law or a registered in-house legal counsel or certified by a notary public, dated not more than 90 days (before submission)</p>	x	x
5	<p>Declaration on eligibility and other conditions, signed by the authorised signatories.</p>	x	x
6	<p>Statement by the Swiss partner institution on the eligibility of the Swiss partner institution involved in</p>		x

	the implementation of the component element. <sup>9</sup>		
7	Quotations, publicly available price lists, in the original language, justifying the conformity of the cost items presented in the budget with the market price.	x	x
8	De minimis statement	x	x
9	CVs of the leader of and the researchers involved in the component element, limited to a description of their professional activities related to the topic (a maximum of 1 page per person), and a list of publications of the researchers named (a maximum of 5 of the most relevant publications of the last five years for each researcher).	x	x
10	CVs of staff having at least a MA/MSc degree with specialisation related to the component element at the time of submitting an application for aid, where the applicant is an enterprise and pursues applied research in the component element.	x	x
11	CVs of staff having at least a PhD degree with specialisation related to the component element at the time of submitting an application for aid, where the applicant is an enterprise and pursues fundamental research in the component element.	x	x
12	SME statement	x	x
13	Statement of no arrears in public dues (tax clearance certificate from the National Tax and Customs Administration of Hungary)	x	x
14	Description of the component element (applicant's work plan)	x	

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<sup>9</sup>The Swiss partner institution is required to submit a statement certifying that it fulfils the eligibility criteria for Swiss partner institutions specified in point 3.1. of this Call. The statement in English also includes the name of the partner institution, the duration of the component element, the name and a 500-character description of the joint component element, as well as the authorised signature of the partner institution.

### 9.3 Deadline for submission of applications:

Deadline for electronic submission of applications to this Call in **2025**: 17:00 CET 15 October 2025

Deadline for electronic submission of applications to this Call in **2026**: 17:00 CET 18 August 2026

### 9.4 Requesting additional information

Should you have any questions or need more information, please send an e-mail in Hungarian to [svajcialapres@szechenyiprogramiroda.hu](mailto:svajcialapres@szechenyiprogramiroda.hu). Please refer to Call code "SM02-RES-PC3-AB" in the subject line of your e-mail. The Intermediate Body will answer the questions by e-mail within 3 working days of receipt as additional information.

Caution:

Any additional information requested will only be guaranteed by the Intermediate Body if such request is made no later than on the fifth working day before the deadline for submission of applications. The applicant is solely responsible for ensuring that their request for information reaches the address specified above on time.

The questions received in the requests for additional information and the respective answers will be published by the Intermediate Body on [www.svajcialap.hu](http://www.svajcialap.hu).

The Programme Operator points out that the information provided in the manner as described above is only additional information and does not constitute a modification of this Call for Applications and that neither the Programme Operator nor the Intermediate Body assumes any responsibility in relation to the answers.

## 10. SELECTION CRITERIA, DECISION MAKING AND COMPLAINTS

The provisions on the selection process (verification of the admission criteria, formal assessment and evaluation of the professional content), decision making and complaint management are set out in GGA Chapter 6.2.

**Admission criteria:**

Admission criterion	Yes	No
The applicant is eligible for aid under point 3.1. of this Call		
The partners involved are eligible for aid under point 3.1. of this Call		

Admission criterion	Yes	No
A Swiss partner was involved as per point 3.1. of this Call		
Following the submission of the application and/or the electronic application form, the statement on committing to the conditions of the call has been uploaded to the CHRIS system		

Please be advised that no deficiencies may be remedied if the admission criteria are not met.

If for any of the above admission criteria, the evaluation is NO, the application will be rejected

**Formal criteria:**

Formal requirements	Yes	No
The application form submitted is complete and duly completed as to form		
The set of annexes attached electronically is complete and is duly completed as to form		
The applicant's statement uploaded in the CHRIS system bears the electronic signature of the authorised representative(s)		
The mandatory activities have been undertaken		
The aid intensities shown in the budget of the component element correspond to those specified in point 4.3.2.1 of this Call for Applications and under "Aid Intensity Increasing Items - Project Level" in the CHRIS system.		
The amounts budgeted for each action under the component element are consistent with the % limits set out in point 7 of the Call for Applications.		
In addition to the Hungarian institution applying for aid, a maximum of 4 other partner institutions (2 to 5 partners/component element) are involved in the implementation of the component element, of which partner institutions at least one is an institution with registered office in Switzerland.		
The amount of aid requested is consistent with the maximum amount of aid that may be awarded under this Call for Applications		

The amount of aid requested is consistent with the minimum amount of aid that may be awarded under this Call for Applications		
The implementation period and the completion date are consistent with the deadline set in the Call for Applications		
The application form is completed in the language specified in the Call for Applications (English)		
In addition to the mandatory information requirements, at least three other commitments were made.		
The targets set under point 8 ' <i>Type of reporting</i> ' of the Call have been committed for the relevant indicators.		

If an application does not comply with the formal requirements set out in the Call for Applications, the Intermediate Body will request the applicant to remedy the deficiencies within 5 working days as per the GGA.

#### **Evaluation of the professional content:**

From among the applications for aid that meet the admission criteria and the formal requirements, component elements will be selected for aid through an evaluation of their professional content against the following key criteria:

#### **Criteria for the evaluation of the professional content:**

##### **I. Potential for scientific and social impact (0-5 points)**

##### **II. Excellence, uniqueness, novelty of the proposed solution and methodology (0-20 points)**

In particular

- the impact of the component element on the evolution of bilateral relations (0-4 points)
- the role of the international research infrastructure in achieving the desired research objectives (0-6 points)
- the expected strengthening of connections with international research infrastructures and better use of their potential (0-6 points)
- preparing the ground for new international cooperation and for joint participation in Horizon Europe or other international RDI programmes (0-4 points)

##### **III. Excellence of Hungarian and international implementing partner (0-15 points)**

- scientific excellence of the Hungarian principal investigator (0-3 points)
- international excellence of the international partner and, in the case of a higher education institution, its position in international university rankings (0-3 points)
- quality and added value of international cooperation (0-2 points)

- history of cooperation between the Hungarian and international partners (number and results of previous joint projects funded from an international fund or the RDI Fund) (0-3 points)
- involvement of Hungarian PhD students and postdoctoral researchers (0-4 points)

#### **IV. Sound, carefully planned and effective implementation plan (0-10 points)**

- clear description of the research activities, logical sequencing of the work stages (0-4 points)
- reasonableness and proportionality of the budgeted costs within the component element (with regard to the % limits) (0-3 points)
- reasonableness of the planned professional trips (0-3 points)

#### **Decision shaping process:**

Applications satisfying the formal, admission and eligibility criteria will be evaluated as to their professional content against the above set of criteria. Professional content will be evaluated by two independent international judges per component element, then the applications will be ranked according to their average score. The applications so ranked will be reviewed by the National Research Infrastructure Committee (NRIC) (<https://nkfi.gov.hu/english-2017/boards-and-committees/national-research-infrastructure-committee>) as an evaluation committee in which SERI will participate as an observer. NRCI is a professional body run by the National Research, Development and Innovation Office (NRDI Office (NRDI Office) The decision will be taken by the President of the NRDI Office, on the basis of the consensual proposal of the NRIC, with the following content:

- aid awarded on unchanged conditions,
- aid awarded with reduced total eligible costs, reduced aid amount or lesser conditions,
- application rejected due to lack of funding,
- application rejected.

If an application is rejected, the notification thereof must contain the grounds for rejection.

The component elements receiving aid will be published in English and Hungarian on the official website of the cooperation programme.

## **11. GRANT AGREEMENT**

The grant agreement is concluded between the National Research, Development and Innovation Office as Programme Operator and the component element implementing organisation under this Call for Applications. The grant agreement will be countersigned by Széchenyi Programme Office LLC. as Intermediate Body.

The submission of the signed partnership agreement(s) is a prerequisite for the conclusion of the grant agreement.

The requirements for the conclusion of the grant agreement are included in GGA Chapter 7.2.

The granting organisation is required to provide the Aid Monitoring Office with information for the purposes of publication under Article 9 of Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 on aid in HUF exceeding EUR 10 000 in the case of aid to primary agricultural production covered by Article 25 of Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 and EUR 100 000 in other cases.

## 12. FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

Financial conditions for the conclusion of the grant agreement.

### 12.1 Composition and verification of own contribution

The general requirements for the composition and verification of own contribution are included in GGA Chapter 5.2.

No in-kind contribution will be accepted as own contribution from the applicant under this Call for Applications.

The applicant and its partners are required to offer own contribution for the given activities, taking into account the State aid rules.

A balance statement on the availability of the own contribution in full as of the same calendar day, bearing a date that is not older than 30 days from the date of submission, is a condition for the conclusion of the grant agreement.

The irrevocable loan commitment or bank loan agreement, as required by the GGA, must be delivered by the applicant to the Intermediate Body no later than before the conclusion of the grant agreement. If the terms and conditions of the loan commitment or loan agreement affect the amount of aid determined in the award decision, the Intermediate Body will initiate an amendment of the award decision with the Programme Operator.

### 12.2 Obligations relating to securities

The general conditions for securities that can be requested by the Programme Operator are included in GGA Chapter 5.3.

As a security for the total amount of aid awarded under this aid scheme, the Beneficiary is obliged to authorise the National Coordination Unit by a letter to submit a direct debit order (collection) giving access to all its legally debitable payment accounts and to otherwise proceed in accordance with the relevant provisions of the GGA.

### 12.3 Advance

Pursuant to the grant agreement, beneficiaries may request an advance payment of up to 25% of the aid awarded under this Call for Applications.

The minimum conditions for the payment of the advance are included in GGA Chapter 5.4.1. Additional rules on the use of and accounting for the advance are specified in the grant agreement to be concluded with the beneficiary.

### 12.4 Applying for and payment of aid

The rules for applying for aid and the payment of aid are included in GGA Chapter 5.4.2.

Aid awarded under this Call for Applications may only be disbursed through ex-post financing on submission of a payment request and a progress report as per the reporting schedule included in the grant agreement. Supplier financing is not possible.

Payment requests and progress reports are to be submitted electronically via CHRIS, in principle, as set out in the grand agreement.

### 12.5 Monitoring and control of the implementation of the component element

The general rules for the monitoring and control of the implementation of the component element are included in GGA Chapter 8. Under this Call, progress reports are required to be submitted every six months.

### 12.6 Maintenance period

The general rules for the maintenance period of the component element are included in GGA Chapters 4.3.3 and 8.4.

The Beneficiary is obliged to ensure the maintenance of the investments of the component element implemented from the aid for at least 5 years at the address specified in the application, as stipulated in the grant agreement.

The grant agreement may provide for additional maintenance obligations for all activities carried out from the aid. The fulfilment of the maintenance obligation is monitored by the PO with the involvement of the IB until the end of the maintenance period specified in the grant agreement. Inadequate fulfilment of the maintenance criteria may give rise to the opening of an irregularity procedure and/or the obligation to repay the aid.

## 13. PUBLICITY

The general requirements concerning the Beneficiary's duties in relation to ensuring publicity are included in GGA Chapter 4.1.1.

Under this Call, given the opening and closing events organised by the PO at programme level, no opening and closing events are required at component level.

After the first accounts have been accepted, an information board displaying the visual elements described in the Communication and Information Manual is to be placed at the site where the component element was implemented. The location may have bearing on the material of such board and the type of fixing or supporting structure required for its installation. The main consideration when installing the information board are to ensure durability and cost-effectiveness.

## 14. ANNEXES TO THE CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

1. Declaration on eligibility and other conditions - template
2. De minimis statement
3. Proof of gross grant equivalent
4. Description of the component element (applicant's work plan)
5. Data Protection and Privacy Policy
6. Declaration of intent to become a partner - template
7. Model partnership agreement
8. Manual for applicants on registering applications in the CHRIS system
9. SME statement
10. A. Model grant agreement
11. Grant agreement – General terms and conditions

Documents containing further information relating to the submission of applications available at <https://svajcialap.hu/dokumentumok/altalanos>:

11. General Guidelines for Applicants for the selection of programme components and component elements under the Second Swiss-Hungarian Cooperation Programme
12. Implementation Guide and annexes

- a. Financial Reporting Guide
- b. Guide to Procurement
- c. Guide to Public Procurement
- d. Communication Guide
- e. On-site Inspection Guide
- f. Notification of Change form

13. Communication and Information Manual (translation) and annexes

14. Complaint and Objection Handling Procedure

Other document containing further information required for the submission of applications:

15. CHRIS System User Manual<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>10</sup> Available in the CHRIS system after login.