



Modifications in the Call for Proposals “Support for Cooperation between Research Infrastructures” sub-programme “B”

We would like to inform applicants that, compared to the call for proposals titled “Support for Cooperation between Research Infrastructures” (SM02-RES-PC3-AB) issued in 2025, this call for proposals includes the following changes (the specific changes are highlighted in red).

1.2. Purpose of the Call for Applications:

Original text:

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

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”.

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

In the field of “Environment”:
ICOS ERIC

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.¹

Changes:

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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

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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

Original text:

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: 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:

Sub-programme “A”: HUF 498,000,000 (CHF 1,200,000)

Sub-programme “B”: HUF 394,000,000 (CHF 950,000)

Foreseen number of applications for aid to be awarded: 8

Under Sub-programme “A”: 2 to 4

Under Sub-programme "B": 2 to 4

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.

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

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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:

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 for 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.

4.1 Maximum aid amount, form of financing

Original text:

Maximum amount of aid per application:

Sub-programme "A": min. HUF 100 million, max. HUF 250 million

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

Changes:

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

6. TIMEFRAME FOR PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

Original text:

Timeframe for the implementation of the component element: minimum 24 months, maximum 36 months.

The last day of the period for implementing the component element shall not be later than 31 December 2028.

No aid may be requested for a component element that has started before the submission of the application for aid.

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

Changes:

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

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.

9.3 Deadline for submission of applications

Original text:

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

Changes:

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