

# CORE Organic Cofund National Regulations and Priorities

Call for pre-proposals for transnational research in organic food and farming systems launched by CORE Organic Cofund with co-funding from the European Union

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## NATIONAL RULES AND PRIORITIES, CORE Organic Cofund

Country	Research Topics and Priorities	National rules from all countries are accessible under section Call at <a href="http://www.coreorganic.org">www.coreorganic.org</a>
<b>Austria</b>	BMLFUW will fund research under TOPIC 2 (Eco-efficient production and use of animal feed at local level) and TOPIC 3 (Appropriate and robust livestock systems: cattle, pigs, poultry).	<p>Is funding of private companies possible? Yes</p> <p>Are additional national documents required? After the final selection for funding the Austrian partner, if any, has to submit the project via <a href="http://www.dafne.at">www.dafne.at</a>.</p> <p>Are there any extraordinary rules? For one eligible project there will be only one contract between BMLFUW and the respective Austrian partner, whereas additional Austrian partners shall be subcontracted.</p> <p>Which topics are not funded? BMLFUW will not fund research under TOPIC 1 or TOPIC 4.</p>
<b>Belgium (Flanders)</b>	DLV will fund TOPIC 1 (Ecological support in specialized and intensive plant production systems) and TOPIC 3 (Appropriate and robust livestock systems: cattle, pigs, poultry). Within TOPIC 3 only subtopic A (Forage-based dairy systems) and subtopic C (Pig husbandry) are eligible for submitting projects with financing from the Flanders Region.	<p>Is funding of private companies possible? Yes, Flanders can provide funds for private companies that co-participate in the call: within the research projects the participation of partners from private companies is allowed to a certain extend in the cost “extern performances”.</p> <p>Are additional national documents required? No</p> <p>Are there any extraordinary rules? There are some financial conditions/rules: see the national document Belgium Flanders. Further conditions will be submitted in the ministerial decisions for the selected proposals with funds from Flanders (will be in the beginning of 2018).</p> <p>Which topics are not funded? DLV will not fund research under TOPIC 2 or TOPIC 4.</p>
<b>Belgium (Wallonia)</b>	CRAW will fund TOPIC 2 (Eco-efficient production and use of animal feed at local level) and TOPIC 3 (Appropriate and robust livestock systems: cattle, pigs, poultry). For TOPIC 3 only subtopic A (Forage-based dairy systems) and subtopic D (Mixed livestock systems for improved farming and food system resilience) are eligible for submitting projects with financing from Wallonia region.	<p>Is funding of private companies possible? Yes, to a certain extend.</p> <p>Are additional national documents required? Yes, more details later</p> <p>Are there any extraordinary rules? Yes, see the national rules</p> <p>Which topics are not funded? CRAW will not fund research under TOPIC 1 or TOPIC 4.</p>

<p><b>Bulgaria</b></p>	<p>BNSF will fund TOPIC 1 (Ecological support in specialized and intensive plant production systems) and TOPIC 2 (Eco-efficient production and use of animal feed at local level).</p> <p><i>* BNSF, Bulgaria, officially became a partner in the CORE Organic Cofund on 17 February 2017.</i></p>	<p>Is funding of private companies possible? No</p> <p>Are additional national documents required? Yes. An administrative description of the project for the Bulgarian Participants in Transnational Joint Calls is required.</p> <p>The applicants can obtain the form by the contact person via email and submit it to BNSF Registry Office at 293B. Al. Stambolijski Blvd. Sofia 1309.</p> <p>Are there any extraordinary rules? No</p> <p>Which topics are not funded? TOPIC 3 and TOPIC 4</p>
<p><b>Denmark</b></p>	<p>Denmark will fund all TOPICS. The following limitations apply for Danish applicants: Within the Topic 1 A DAFA does not fund research focusing on Olive and wine production.</p>	<p>Is funding of private companies possible? Yes. See National Rules and Priorities for details.</p> <p>Are additional national documents required? Yes. It is a requirement that Danish participants submit a separate business plan_in order to be eligible for funding.</p> <p>Are there any extraordinary rules? No.</p> <p>Which topics are not funded? Funds are allocated for all topics but only projects of relevance for the organic food production in Denmark will be funded.</p>

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<b>Estonia</b>	MEM will fund TOPIC 3 (Appropriate and robust livestock systems: cattle, pigs, poultry) and TOPIC 4 (Organic food processing concepts and technologies for ensuring food quality, sustainability and consumer confidence).	<p>Is funding of private companies possible? Participants can be universities and research organisations.</p> <p>Are there additional national documents required? Yes, a more detailed budget regarding the national programme.</p> <p>Are there any extraordinary rules? The applicants should also take into account the requirements of the national programme “Applied Research and Development in Agriculture 2015-2021” (<a href="http://www.agri.ee/et/pollumajanduslikud-rakendusuringud-ja-arendustegevus-aastatel-2015-2021">http://www.agri.ee/et/pollumajanduslikud-rakendusuringud-ja-arendustegevus-aastatel-2015-2021</a>). Scientific results of the projects must be made publicly available. It is not necessary to submit any additional national application forms to the Ministry; a transnational application to the central call office is sufficient. The national assessment of pre-proposals will correspond to the rules provided in the call.</p> <p>Which topics are not funded? MEM will not fund research under TOPIC 1 or TOPIC 2.</p>
<b>Finland</b>	MMM will fund TOPIC 1 (Ecological support in specialized and intensive plant production systems) and TOPIC 3 (Appropriate and robust livestock systems: cattle, pigs, poultry).	<p>Is funding of private companies possible? Yes, to a certain extend. Please, contact MMM.</p> <p>Are there additional national documents required? After the final selection for funding the Finnish partner, if any, has to submit the MMM application form</p> <p>Are there any extraordinary rules? The applicants should also take into account the requirements of the national rules for Makera projects (<a href="http://mmm.fi/tutkimus-ja-kehittaminen/lomakkeet-ja-ohjeet">http://mmm.fi/tutkimus-ja-kehittaminen/lomakkeet-ja-ohjeet</a>)</p> <p>Which topics are not funded? MMM will not fund research under TOPIC 2 or TOPIC 4.</p>

<p><b>France</b></p>	<p>MAAF/INRA will fund all TOPICS and respective subtopics of the call will be supported either by the Ministry or by INRA.</p>	<p>Is funding of private companies possible? Yes</p> <p>Are additional national documents required? Every French applicant has to provide a detailed communication plan for the dissemination of the results to end-users</p> <p>Are there any extraordinary rules? No</p> <p>Which topics are not funded? N/A</p>
<p><b>Germany</b></p>	<p>BML will fund TOPIC 1 (Ecological support in specialized and intensive plant production systems), TOPIC 3 (Appropriate and robust livestock systems: cattle, pigs, poultry) and TOPIC 4 (Organic food processing concepts and technologies for ensuring food quality, sustainability and consumer confidence).</p>	<p>Is funding of private companies possible? Yes, German SMEs can be funded with a given percentage of the budget, depending on the size of the SME and the type of research (e.g. basic / applied).</p> <p>Are additional national documents required? In the pre-proposal stage private enterprises have to submit relevant documents to proof their financial reliability.</p> <p>After the final selection for funding, all German applicants will get an invitation letter asking to submit an additional application at national level regarding their tasks and financial needs.</p> <p>Are there any extraordinary rules? Permanent staff and overhead costs are in many cases not eligible for funding (e.g. in publicly financed universities).</p> <p>Which topics are not funded? -BML will not fund research under TOPIC 2. -Overlap with completed or ongoing projects must be avoided</p>

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Italy	MIUR will fund proposals under TOPIC 1 (Ecological support in specialized and intensive plant production systems) and TOPIC 3 (Appropriate and robust livestock systems: cattle, pigs, poultry).	<p>Is funding of private companies possible? Yes, (both large enterprises and SMEs).</p> <p>Are additional national documents required? Yes, they will be published on MIUR website (<a href="http://www.ricercainternazionale.miur.it/era/eranet-cofund-h2020.aspx">http://www.ricercainternazionale.miur.it/era/eranet-cofund-h2020.aspx</a>), in a page dedicated to CORE Organic Cofund.</p> <p>Are there any extraordinary rules? Yes. The complete list of legally valid criteria and provisions, which must be respected by all the Italian participants requesting funds to MIUR, will be included in the “Avviso integrativo nazionale” (National supplementary announcement), to be published on MIUR website.</p> <p>Which topics are not funded? MIUR will not fund research under TOPIC 2 and 4.</p>
Italy	MiPAAF will fund TOPIC 2 (Eco-efficient production and use of animal feed at local level) and TOPIC 4 (Organic food processing concepts and technologies for ensuring food quality, sustainability and consumer confidence).	<p>Is funding of private companies possible? No, only with the only exception of no-profit private bodies, with among their institutional and statutory scopes “performing research activities” and not only “promoting or supporting research activities”, that can apply for funding and be funded</p> <p>Are additional national documents required? Yes, - the no-profit private research bodies participating in the project consortium must send to Mipaaf scanned copy of the official documents stating that among their missions they also “perform research activities” by the pre-proposal submission deadline; - further indications will be published on Mipaaf website as national regulations <a href="https://www.politicheagricole.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDPagina/10714">https://www.politicheagricole.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDPagina/10714</a> and <a href="http://www.sinab.it">www.sinab.it</a> in a page dedicated to CORE Organic Cofund.</p> <p>Are there any extraordinary rules? Yes. Mipaaf rules for eligibility and allocation of the financial contribution will be published in a Ministerial Decree to be issued by April 2017.</p> <p>Which topics are not funded? MiPAAF will not fund research under TOPIC 1 and 3.</p>

<p><b>Latvia</b></p>	<p>AREI will fund TOPIC 1 (Ecological support in specialized and intensive plant production systems) and TOPIC 2 (Eco-efficient production and use of animal feed at local level).</p>	<p>Is funding of private companies possible?</p> <p>No, but Latvian enterprises/farms, groups of enterprises (e.g., cooperatives) and NGOs are welcomed to join the projects as partners with own financing.</p> <p>Are additional national documents required?</p> <p>Yes, the national level conditions for applicants will be given later.</p> <p>Are there any extraordinary rules?</p> <p>There are Regulations of Cabinet of Ministers of Republic of Latvia regarding to the financial and administrative procedures.</p> <p>Which topics are not funded?</p> <p>AREI will not fund research under TOPIC 3 and TOPIC 4.</p>
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<b>Netherlands</b>	MinEZ/ NWO will fund TOPIC 1 (Ecological support in specialized and intensive plant production systems), TOPIC 3 (Appropriate and robust livestock systems: cattle, pigs, poultry) and TOPIC 4 (Organic food processing concepts and technologies for ensuring food quality, sustainability and consumer confidence). Within the TOPIC 1 the Netherlands will not fund research related to olive production. Within TOPIC 3 the Netherlands will not fund research related to turkey and duck.	<p>Is funding of private companies possible? Funding of private companies is allowed, but actual funding may depend on the outcome of a check on state aid.</p> <p>Are additional national documents required? No</p> <p>Are there any extraordinary rules? Yes, see the national rules.</p> <p>Which topics are not funded? MinEZ and NWO will not fund research under TOPIC 2.</p>
<b>Norway</b>	RCN will fund TOPIC 1 (Ecological support in specialized and intensive plant production systems), TOPIC 2 (Eco-efficient production and use of animal feed at local level) and TOPIC 4 (Organic food processing concepts and technologies for ensuring food quality, sustainability and consumer confidence).	<p>Is funding of private companies possible? Norwegian enterprises or e.g.: Norwegian companies, groups of companies or trade and industry organizations are welcome to apply as partners or subcontractors. However, the responsible Norwegian partner in the project has to be a Norwegian research institution. Funding of private companies needs to undergo a check for state aid.</p> <p>Are additional national documents required? No additional national documents are required for the application process. Project partners of financed projects will have to submit national application forms to The Research Council of Norway after notification.</p> <p>Are there any extraordinary rules? No.</p> <p>Which topics are not funded? RCN will not fund research under TOPIC 3.</p>

<p><b>Poland</b></p>	<p>NCBR will fund TOPIC 1 (Ecological support in specialized and intensive plant production systems), TOPIC 3 (Appropriate and robust livestock systems: cattle, pigs, poultry) and TOPIC 4 (Organic food processing concepts and technologies for ensuring food quality, sustainability and consumer confidence).</p>	<p>Is funding of private companies possible? Yes, according to the state aid rules.</p> <p>Are additional national documents required? Yes, more details on the budget during the contract negotiation.</p> <p>Are there any extraordinary rules? Yes. Overheads costs cannot account for more than 25% of eligible project costs, and are counted as a multiplication by percentage given above and the rest of direct costs, excluding subcontracting.</p> <p>Which topics are not funded? NCBR will not fund research under TOPIC 2.</p>
<p><b>Romania</b></p>	<p>UEFISCDI will fund TOPIC 1 (Ecological support in specialized and intensive plant production systems) and TOPIC 4 (Organic food processing concepts and technologies for ensuring food quality, sustainability and consumer confidence).</p>	<p>Is funding of private companies possible? Yes, according to the state aid rules.</p> <p>Are additional national documents required? No</p> <p>Are there any extraordinary rules? No</p> <p>Which topics are not funded? UEFISCDI will not fund research under TOPIC 2 and TOPIC 3.</p>
<p><b>Slovenia</b></p>	<p>MKGP will fund TOPIC 1 (Ecological support in specialised and intensive plant production systems).</p>	<p>Is funding of private companies possible? Yes, to a certain extend and under certain conditions.</p> <p>Are additional national documents required? In the pre-proposal stage Slovenian applicants have to submit relevant documents to proof their national eligibility criteria.</p> <p>After the final selection for funding the Slovenian partner, if any, has to submit an additional application at national level, regarding their tasks and financial needs.</p> <p>Are there any extraordinary rules? Yes, see the national rules.</p> <p>Which topics are not funded? MKGP will not fund research under TOPIC 2, TOPIC3 and TOPIC 4.</p>

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Spain	MINECO will fund TOPIC 1 (Ecological support in specialised and intensive plant production systems).	<p>Is funding of private companies possible?  The eligible entities for the Ministry of Economy, Industry and Competitiveness funding are non-profit research organizations according to the APCIN call 2017 or equivalent (<i>Acciones de Programación Conjunta Internacional 2017 o equivalente</i>).</p> <p>Spanish investigators are encouraged to include the Spanish industrial sector in the transnational consortia. For profit may apply for funding to national (CDTI) or regional innovation agencies.</p> <p>Are there additional national documents required?  Additional documents in the pre-proposal and full-proposal stages are not requested for the Ministry of Economy, Industry and Competitiveness. Spanish Principal Investigators involved in those projects selected to be funded will have to apply for funding to the Spanish Call on International Joint Programming Actions 2017 or equivalent (<i>Acciones de Programación Conjunta Internacional 2017 o equivalente</i>).</p> <p>Are there any extraordinary rules?  The Spanish legal entities granted are obliged by the regulations established in this international call and in the APCIN 2017 call (or equivalent).  Please Spanish Investigators are encouraged to contact their Spanish National Contact Point and to check the Spanish eligibility rules before submission. It is important to read carefully the National Eligibility requirements established in the Spanish National Annex (see <a href="http://www.idi.mineco.gob.es/portal/site/MICINN/menuitem.7eeac5cd345b4f34f09dfd1001432ea0/?vgnnexto id=f1c6579ecc1c1410VgnVCM1000001d04140aRCRD">http://www.idi.mineco.gob.es/portal/site/MICINN/menuitem.7eeac5cd345b4f34f09dfd1001432ea0/?vgnnexto id=f1c6579ecc1c1410VgnVCM1000001d04140aRCRD</a> )</p>

<p><b>Sweden</b></p>	<p>FORMAS will fund all TOPICS.</p>	<p>Is funding of private companies possible?          To a certain extent. Grants can only be administered by Swedish universities, university colleges, research institutes or authorities with research undertakings. Private companies cannot be main applicants, but may be sub-contracted if their services are of relevance to the research project. Please, contact the NCP for further information.</p> <p>Are additional national documents required?          No additional national documents are required at pre-proposal stage. However, Swedish applicants will at full proposal stage need to submit national application forms to Formas in the application system Prisma. The applicants will receive further information at this point.</p> <p>Are there any extraordinary rules?          Please see the national regulations!</p> <p>Which topics are not funded?          N/A</p>
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Switzerland	FOAG will fund all TOPICS.	<p>Is funding of private companies possible? Yes. Eligible are public and private research institutions as well as small and medium enterprises (SMEs), if they are legally established in Switzerland.</p> <p>Are additional national documents required? No</p> <p>Are there any extraordinary rules? Yes. <b>Terms and conditions</b> Funding for Swiss partners in an ERA-Net Core Organic consortia is granted according to national regulations, which are stated in the "Verordnung über die landwirtschaftliche Forschung (VLF) vom 23. Mai 2012". The planned research activities must be consistent with the Swiss legal regulations for animal research and for genetically modified organisms (GMO).</p> <p><b>Funding</b> The overall funding amount for Swiss partners is CHF 1.600.000. The requested amount for Swiss partners in each application shall not exceed CHF 300.000. An additional maximum of CHF 50.000 may be requested from the Swiss partner if he intends to coordinate the project. The funding will be granted as a global contribution, usually one third as an advance payment, one third as an intermediate payment after the midterm reporting and one third as a final payment after the final reporting. The formalities of each contribution will be regulated in a contract between the FOAG and the corresponding research partner(s). Additional funding will not be provided afterwards.</p> <p><b>Admitted costs</b> Funding is limited to 75% of the total reported costs. The remaining costs must be covered by own resources of the applicant or by other funding bodies. The exchange rate is 1 CHF = 1 EUR. Funding does not cover expenditures for activities carried out before the project has been granted.</p> <p>Which topics are not funded? N/A</p>

<p><b>Turkey</b></p>	<p>GDAR will fund all TOPICS.</p>	<p>Is funding of private companies possible?  No</p> <p>Are additional national documents required?  No</p> <p>Are there any extraordinary rules?  At least one of the GDAR institutes have to be included among Turkish partners in a consortium.</p> <p>Which topics are not funded?  N/A</p>
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