



## FUNDING SCHEME

«RESTART 2016-2020» Programmes for Research, Technological Development and Innovation

## PROGRAMME

European Initiatives – National Development (PRIMA)

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

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## INTRODUCTION

The Research and Innovation Foundation announces the Call for Proposals for the «**European Initiatives – National Development**» Programme within the framework of the «**RESTART 2016-2020**» Programmes for Research, Technological Development and Innovation and invites potential beneficiaries to submit relevant Project Proposals (Proposals).

The present Call is announced in the framework of the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA) under the Article 185 of the EU Treaty in which the RIF participates together with other Euro-Mediterranean Research Funding Agencies and is co-funded by the European Commission through Horizon 2020.

## GENERAL CALL INFORMATION

<b>Pillar</b>	<b>I.SMART GROWTH</b>
<b>Programme</b>	<b>European Initiatives – National Development</b>
<b>Call Identifier</b>	<b>P2P/PRIMA/0123</b>
<b>Call Budget</b>	<b>400.000 Euro</b>
<b>Maximun Funding Per Project</b>	<b>200.000 Euro</b>
<b>Publication Date</b>	<b>30 January 2023</b>
<b>Deadline for Proposal Submission to PRIMA</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> stage: Preproposals 29 March 2023, 17:00 (CET)  2 <sup>nd</sup> stage: Full proposals 13 September 2023, 17.00 (CET)
<b>Deadline for Proposal Submission to IRIS</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> stage: Preproposals 5 April 2023, 13.00 (local time)  2 <sup>nd</sup> stage: Full proposals 20 September 2023, 13.00 (local time)

*The English version of the Call, even though an official translation endorsed by the Research and Innovation Foundation, is provided for information purposes only. Only the Greek version of the Call is legally binding and shall prevail in case of any divergence in interpretation.*

## OBJECTIVES



The “European Initiatives - National Development” Programme aims at enhancing the extroversion of the national Research, Technological Development and Innovation (RTDI) system which is one of the horizontal priorities of the Smart Specialisation Strategy for Cyprus (S3Cy).

Cyprus, through the RIF, participates in a series of European Initiatives (Joint Programming Initiatives, ERA-NET COFUND and Programmes under the Article 185 of the EU Treaty), which aim at coordinating the funding of research activity and the establishment of research priorities at a pan-European level, through the design and implementation of Joint Research Programmes.

The “European Initiatives - National Development” Programme is the institutional framework for announcing the Transnational Calls for Proposals, in which the RIF participates and their content being relevant to the S3Cy Priority Sectors.

## DESCRIPTION

The PRIMA Joint Programme, by funding Research & Innovation through competitive calls, aims to build research and innovation capacities and to develop knowledge and common innovative solutions for agro-food systems, to make them sustainable, and for integrated water provision and management in the Mediterranean area, to make those systems and that provision and management more climate resilient, efficient, cost-effective and environmentally and socially sustainable, and to contribute to solving water scarcity, food security, nutrition, health, wellbeing and migration problems upstream.

This Call for Proposals concerns proposals submitted to the Call **Section 2** of PRIMA Programme, specifically in the following thematic areas:

### **1 Thematic Area 1-Water management**

Topic 2.1.1-2023 (RIA) New governance models to define best practices for sustainable water management and conflict mitigation.

### **2 Thematic Area 2-Farming systems**

Topic 2.2.1 (RIA) A step toward carbon-neutral farms: coupling renewable energy sources with circular farming systems.

### **3 Thematic Area 3-Agrofood chain**

Topic 2.3.1-2023 (RIA) Assessing novel antimicrobial food packaging and coating materials to reduce food waste to improve safety in the Mediterranean food supply chain.

## BENEFICIARIES

Research Organisations, Enterprises, Other Organisations



## SPECIFIC RESTRICTIONS AND CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION

Participation conditions and requirements for the International Consortium, are described in the **relevant Call for Proposals 2023** of the «Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area» Initiative.

Host Organisation (of the Cypriot Consortium) could be an Enterprise, a Research Organisation or an Other Organisation.

Research Organisations, Enterprises and Other Organisations can participate as Partner Organisations (in the Cypriot Consortium).

Maximum number of organisations in the Cypriot Consortium should be between one to three (1-3).

## PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Projects can include Industrial Research and/or Experimental Development activities.

Projects must fall within Technology Readiness Levels (TRL) 3-8 in compliance with the relevant definitions adopted by the EU.

## DURATION OF PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

24-48 months

## BUDGET

€ 400.000

## MAXIMUM FUNDING PER PROJECT

€200,000 (for the Cypriot consortium)

## ELIGIBLE COSTS

Personnel costs, Instruments and Equipment Costs, Costs for External Services, Costs for Travelling Abroad, Consumables, Other Specific Costs, Overheads.

- The Costs for external services must not exceed 10% of the total project budget pursuant to the Project Contract and 40% of the budget of the organisation implementing the cost.



- Overhead costs are defined at a rate of up to 20% of the direct costs, with the exception of costs for the external services.

It is noted that, all beneficiaries that have not previously participated in the RESTART 2016-2020 Programmes, should make use of the simplified cost Method «Standard Scales of Unit Costs» for the calculation of personnel costs.

## RESTART 2016-2020 WORK PROGRAMME

All general rules and procedures for the participation of organisations and individuals, the eligible activities and costs, as well as the specific information regarding the RESTART 2016-2020 Programmes, are included in the **RESTART 2016-2020 Work Programme**, which is the main reference document and an important information source for interested parties and can be found on the Research Promotion Foundation's **IRIS (Innovation Research Information System)** Portal (<https://iris.research.org.cy/#/documentlibrary>).

## SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

In the frame of the present Call, the following specific conditions apply:

- Legal entities of the private sector participating in the proposal (Host Organisation and Partner Organisations), should submit to the RIF an official proof for the registration of the updated data regarding their ultimate beneficial owners in the Competent National Registry / Archive (including the registration number), as per «The prevention and suppression of money laundering and terrorist financing Law of 2007 (188(I)/2007)» described in Chapter 4.4 – Contract Preparation, of Section III, of the relevant Work Programme.
- Organisations of the private sector requesting funding more than 150.000 Euros, should also submit the data (Name and Surname, ID / Passport Number and Date of Birth) of their ultimate beneficial owners, during contract preparation.
- Funded Projects should comply with the «Do No Significant Harm» principle, according to which they must not include or support activities that could cause significant harm to any of the six environmental objectives, as per Article 17 of Regulation (EU) No 2020/852, on the establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investment.

## SUBMISSION

The Proposal is submitted electronically (on-line application form) by the Transnational Project Coordinator, through the [PRIMA electronic submission system](#).



Furthermore, the Coordinator of the Cypriot Consortium should also submit a Proposal on the RIF's **IRIS Portal** (<https://iris.research.org.cy>), not later than the deadline specified in the Table «General Call Information» above.

It is noted that, the Project Coordinator and all local participating organizations of the Cypriot Consortium, should register in advance on the IRIS Portal.

Potential applicants are advised to read the «Guide for Applicants», which contains guidelines and clarifications regarding the Submission procedure and the «IRIS Portal User Manual» which can be found on the **IRIS Portal** (<https://iris.research.org.cy/#/documentlibrary>).

The Research and Innovation Foundation encourages in all its Calls for Proposals:

- ◊ the participation of women as Project Coordinators, and
- ◊ a gender-balanced participation in Projects.

The Proposal submitted to the RIF includes only general information regarding the Transnational Proposal (Title, Acronym etc), the Coordinator of the Cypriot Consortium and the partner organisations of the Transnational Consortium (including the Cypriot organisations) as well as detailed budget for each partner participating in the Cypriot Consortium. The budget of each organization should be the same with the budget to be included in the Proposal submitted to the EU.

It is noted that, for Proposals with Cypriot partners which will be selected for funding, the Coordinator of the Cypriot Consortium will be asked to submit supplementary information and supporting documentation regarding the role and activities of the Cypriot Consortium, in the IRIS Portal, during the contract preparation phase.

## PROJECT SELECTION

### Evaluation Procedure

Proposals with Cypriot participation submitted to RIF's IRIS Portal will undergo Eligibility Check, as described in the RESTART 2016-2020 Work Programme. It is noted that any proposal with Cypriot participation that is not submitted to IRIS will not proceed with scientific evaluation.

Respectively, the rest of the Funding Agencies participating in the Transnational Call may apply preliminary check and evaluation of Proposals according to their national/regional procedures.

### Evaluation Criteria

The scientific evaluation of the Transnational Proposals is carried out, centrally, by the PRIMA according to the procedures and the evaluation criteria described in the **PRIMA- Guidelines for Applicants – Section 2**.



## Selection

The selection of Proposals to be funded is carried out jointly by the national/regional funding organisations participating in the Transnational Call, taking into consideration the Scientific Evaluation results and the available budget of each country/region.

## INFORMATION – CONTACT DETAILS

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