

Online Seminar Joint Transnational Call “HealthEquity”

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ERA4Health Call for transnational research proposals on "Increasing health equity through promoting healthy diets and physical activity – HealthEquity"



19 funding organisations

- 16 countries: BE, DE, DK, ES, FR, IE, IT, LT, LV, NL, PL, PT, RO, SK, TR, TW
- 3 EU regions: BE (Wallonia-Brussels, Flanders), ES (Andalusia)

Total funding commitment:
13.5 million €



Agenda

Background and scope of the call

Funding Modalities/ Eligibility criteria

Proposal application form

Submission tool

Background

- Unhealthy diets and inadequate physical activity → risk of poor physical and mental health
 - Particularly affected: Socio-economically disadvantaged groups → health inequalities between social groups
 - Many current intervention strategies
 - do NOT result in sustained improvements in dietary and physical activity behaviours when targeting the individual
 - do NOT sufficiently reach socio-economically disadvantaged groups
- Need of targeted innovative strategies that
- include the surrounding environment of socio-economically disadvantaged groups
 - lead to long-term behavioural changes
 - reduce health inequalities.

Scope of the call

Aim of the call

Develop novel strategies and targeted approaches to **identify, understand, and modify determinants and mechanisms of diet-related behaviour and physical activity** as well as sedentary behaviour, which have the potential to break through the cycles maintaining unhealthy behaviours and lifestyles and **to reduce health inequalities.**

Target group

Socio-economically disadvantaged groups and their setting, including the family, social, cultural, and local background, as well as digital influences

- Clearly define and justify selection of target group(s)
- Outline in detail the innovative strategy how target groups will be reached

Scope of the call

Holistic and multi-disciplinary research, including **several approaches**, such as

- **Mapping** the current situation with respect to food and/or built environment for physical activity;
- Innovative **interventions/ targeted strategies**, that may
 - target the **food environment** and/or the **built environment for physical activity**
 - address **illiteracy** by increasing knowledge with respect to food, lifestyle and adequate use of digital media
 - be focussed on specific **settings** (e.g. day-care, schools, workspace, retirement homes, neighbourhood)
 - use a **life course approach**;
- **Evaluating existing interventions**, e.g. to identify barriers in the implementation;
- **Assessing** the efficiency of **policies and fiscal approaches** (e.g. taxes and subsidies) that were implemented to enhance healthy diets and/or physical activity;
- Expanding the **theoretical basis on the systemic barriers to change**, e.g. political, economic and/or cultural barriers to increase the effect of interventions.

Scope of the call

Research should....

- **involve citizens/ stakeholders**
 - e.g. political representatives, citizen representatives, local communities, schools, municipalities, NGOs
 - involvement of stakeholders in the research process should start **as early as possible**
 - **Type of stakeholders and level of involvement** depends on the design, e.g. for new interventions it should be co-creation
 - Applicants should well **explain their reasons behind (not) involving certain stakeholders**
 - Stakeholders can be directly involved in the project as **funded partner, collaborator, or as part of an advisory board**
 - **Dissemination activities only are NOT sufficient** in terms of co-creation/participation of stakeholders
- have a clear potential to be translated **into policy recommendations or actions.**

Scope of the call

Research/ Proposals should...

- **consider potential moderators of effects** such as age, sex, gender, ethnic or other (socio-demographic) features/differences in the respective research approaches
- **make use of existing cohorts**, if applicable. Otherwise, it should be explained why existing cohorts are not used.
- be in **accordance with a Health in All Policies (HiAP)** perspective
- clearly demonstrate the potential **health impact and/or policy impact**
- demonstrate **added-value of transnational collaboration**
- follow the principles of **Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI)**.

Scope of the call



The adequacy of your proposal with the scope of the call will be assessed by the evaluation committee (evaluation criteria)

→ Neither your national funding organisation nor the call secretariat can give you detailed advice on this question



Funding modalities

Funding mode - virtual common pot
National/regional eligibility rules
General eligibilty rules

Funding Mode - Virtual Common Pot

Country	Funding organisation	Contribution
Belgium	Fund for Scientific Research-FNRS (F.R.S.-FNRS)	300.000 €
Belgium	The Research Foundation - Flanders (FWO)	700.000 €
Denmark	Innovation Fund Denmark (IFD)	1.000.000 €
France	French Research Funding Agency (ANR)	1.000.000 €
Germany	Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF)/DLR Project Management Agency (DLR-PT)	2.000.000 €
Ireland	Health Research Board (HRB)	370.000 €
Italy	Italian Ministry of Universities and Research (MUR)	1.000.000 €
Italy	Italian Ministry of Health (IT-MoH)	700.000 €
Latvia	Latvian Council of Science (LCS)	400.000 €
Lithuania	Research Council of Lithuania (LMT)	200.000 €
Poland	National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR)	1.250.000 €
Portugal	Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT)	250.000 €
Romania	Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding (UEFISCDI)	1.000.000 €
Slovakia	Slovak Academy of Sciences (SAS)	240.000 €
Spain	Institute of Health Carlos III (ISCIII)	400.000 €
Spain	Andalusian Regional Ministry of Health and Consumers Affairs (CSCJA)	250.000 €
Taiwan	National Science and Technology Council (NSTC)	810.000 €
The Netherlands	The Netherlands Organisation for Health Research and Development (ZonMW)	1.250.000 €
Türkiye	The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TUBITAK)	400.000 €

Participating funding organisations will fund their **own national/ regional applicants** (no cross-border funding)

Funding only possible in accordance with national/regional rules and procedures

→ be in close contact to your national/regional funding organisation!

Funding Modalities – National/Regional Rules

- Check national/regional eligibility rules in Annex I of the call text (from p. 15)
- Specific national/regional rules apply for e.g.
 - Maximum/ Minimum amount of funds per eligible partner
 - **Funded entities** : Academia, Clinical/public health sector, Industry and/or Operational stakeholders
 - **Eligible costs**
 - **Types of studies** which can be funded
 - **Participation of PIs** in different consortia
 - **Submission of additional (national) document(s)**



If a partner is found to be non-eligible by one of the funding organisations, the entire proposal could be rejected!

ANNEX I

Country	Belgium
Funding organisation	Fund for Scientific Research – FNRS (F.R.S.-FNRS)
National contact person	Dr. Agnès Roba; +32 2 504 9236 Dr. Florence Quist; +32 2 504 9351 international@frs-fnrs.be
Funding commitment	300.000 €
Anticipated number of fundable proposals	1
Maximum/ Minimum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	300.000 € / project
Eligibility of partners	All eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the PINT-MULTI regulations . Applicants can participate in a maximum of 2 projects either as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a partner in both projects - a partner in one project and a coordinator in the other project
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	All eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the PINT-MULTI regulations . Please note that personnel costs (Article III.6) have an annual average cap of 80,000 euros for this call. “Overhead” is not an eligible cost. If the project is selected for funding, these costs will be subject to a separate agreement between the institution of the beneficiary and the F.R.S.-FNRS.
Submission of the proposal at the national level	Applicants to F.R.S.-FNRS funding must provide basic administrative data by submitting an administrative application on e-space within 5 working days after the general deadline of the ERA4Health JTC1 call to be eligible. Please select the “PINT-MULTI” funding instrument when creating the administrative application.
Submission of other information at the national level	As described in the PINT-MULTI regulations .
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level	As described in the PINT-MULTI regulations .
Further guidance	https://www.frs-fnrs.be/fr/calendrier-des-appels

Important terms

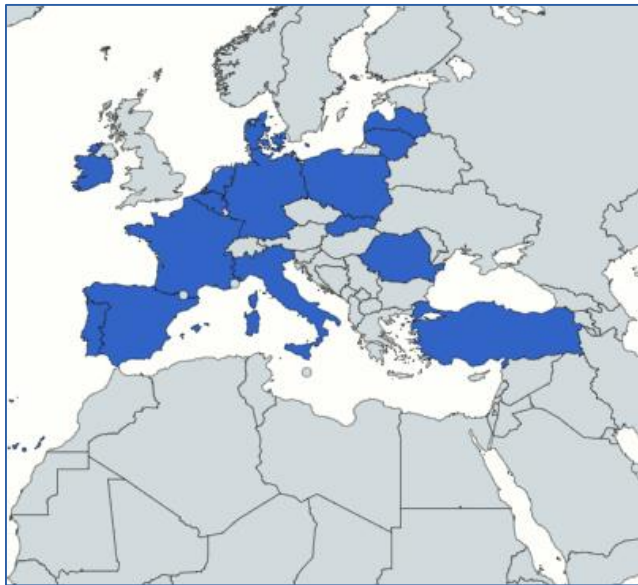
- **Eligible partner:** project partner **requesting funds** from one of the participating funding organisations
- **Collaborator:** self-funded project partner **not requesting funds**

General Rules – Composition of a consortium

Minimum of 3 eligible partners
Maximum of 5 eligible partners

From 3 different countries participating in the call

No more than 2 eligible partners from the same country (exceptions according to national rules possible!)



Belgium	Poland
Denmark	Portugal
France	Romania
Germany	Slovakia
Ireland	Spain
Italy	Taiwan
Latvia	The Netherlands
Lithuania	Türkiye

General Rules – Composition of a consortium

Eligible partners **from under-representated countries?** → maximum amount of eligible partners increases:

- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Slovakia
- Türkiye

1 partner from an under-representated country

2 partners from an under-representated country

Up to 6 eligible partners in the consortium

Up to 7 eligible partners in the consortium

General Rules – Composition of a consortium

Collaborator: self-funded partner **not requesting funds**

- Maximum of **2 collaborators** per consortium
- A collaborator can be from e.g.
 - a country not participating in the call
 - a country participating in the call
 - an entity not eligible for funding according to national/ regional rules
- Conditions for collaborators
 - clear added value for the research project
 - Secure own funding for participation
 - A letter of commitment of the collaborator(s) (signed by director of institution)
 - A collaborator cannot be work package leader

General Rules – Composition of the consortium

The smallest consortium

3 eligible partners
from **3 different countries**

The biggest consortium

- **7 eligible partners** from at least 3 different participating countries
- Including 2 partners from under-represented countries
- **2 collaborators**

General Rules - continued

Each **principal investigator** can submit:

- only one proposal as project coordinator OR
- up to two proposals as mere partner,

i.e. the coordinator of a proposal cannot be partner in another proposal.

→ exceptions according to national rules possible!



Proposal application form

Download here:

<https://era4health.eu/healthequity-2023/>

Proposal application form

- **One joint proposal (in English)**, submitted only by the coordinator by uploading a PDF on the electronic submission system PT Outline: <https://ptoutline.eu/app/healthequity>
- Submission only allowed through the electronic submission system
- **Only proposals using the official templates will be accepted**
Complete all fields and respect the format of each section
"Arial font, size 11" characters. Paper format: A4 with all margins minimum 1.27 cm
- **Same indications in PT-Outline and proposal templates.** In case of inconsistency, the information registered in the electronic submission tool shall prevail.

Checklist for the eligibility criteria

General condition:

- The project proposal addresses the aims of the call

Composition of the consortium:

- At least 3 eligible partners from at least 3 different countries from which funding agencies are participating in the call.
- Maximum number of 5 eligible partners.
Exception: The maximum number of eligible partners can be increased to up to 6 or 7, if the consortium includes 1 or 2 eligible partners, respectively, from the following participating, potentially underrepresented countries: Latvia; Lithuania; Slovakia; Türkiye.
- Each eligible partner is represented by a single principle investigator.
- Maximum amount of 2 eligible partners from the same country. Please note that for some countries, only 1 eligible partner from this country is allowed (see annex I of the call text).
- Maximum amount of 2 collaborators; letter of intent included in the proposal PDF for each collaborator.
- The coordinator and the majority of partners in the consortium are eligible partners (not collaborators).

Eligibility of project partners:

- Each project partner involved in the proposal has checked its eligibility to receive funding from its funding organisation (see annex I of the call text).
- Each project partner involved has read carefully and followed the instructions and rules given by the national/regional funding organisation in annex I of the call text, e.g. to submit additional documents to the respective funding organisation if required (e.g. necessary for F.R.S.-FNRS, FWO, IFD, HRB, It-MoH, MUR, FCT, CSCJA, or TUBITAK.)
- All partners have to sign the proposal application form and declare they did not receive other public funding to perform the described tasks.

Budget table

	Partner 1/ Coordinator		
Position	Requested Amount (€)	Own contribution – in cash / in kind (€) (if applicable)	Mandatory: Details and justification
Personnel			<i>Person Months, position of employment, and role/tasks</i>
Consumables			<i>e.g., questionnaires, material</i>
Equipment			<i>e.g., laboratory devices, IT infrastructure</i>
Travel			<i>Please provide information on expected travel expenses, e.g. travel budget for participation to the early career network of ERA4Health</i>
Other direct costs			<i>e.g., subcontracting, licensing fees</i>
Total direct costs			
Indirect costs (Overhead) ²			<i>Brief information on the calculation of overheads</i>
<u>Total requested budget (€)</u> ³			
<u>Total costs (€)</u> ⁴			

²: Overhead costs: funded according to national regulations

³ This is the funding you will request from your national funding organisation

⁴ This is the funding requested, plus the in cash/in kind funding

Interventional Studies

Description of Interventional Studies

To be completed for studies that will test or evaluate an intervention, max. 3 pages.

Study type	Indicate the type of study (feasibility, pilot study)	(Arial font, size 10" for the table)
	Indicate the study design (e.g. randomised or non-randomised, cluster, factorial)	
Recruitment & monitoring	Detail target recruitment (include controls)	
	Detail number of centres involved	
	Indicate duration of intervention period	
	Indicate duration of follow up	
	List Primary and secondary outcome	

Interventional Studies

Checklist for intervention studies

Please note: this list is only meant to double-check if you have included all relevant information on your study in the work plan (chapter C.4.) and the form for the intervention study.

Please delete this checklist before finalising your proposal. Any information provided in this section will be deleted before evaluation.

The need for the study

What is the problem to be addressed?

What is/are the principal research question(s) to be addressed?

Is there a robust evidence-based rationale/coherent hypothesis for the study

What outcome are you aiming for and how might this bring about change?

Describe any risks to the safety of participants involved in the intervention

The Proposed Study

Describe the planned intervention. Fully describe the intervention in PICO terms (Population/Patient group

Signatures

F. Date and signature of all partners and collaborators

General Data Protection Regulation

By submitting and signing this application, the applicants consent to the use, processing and retention of their personal data¹, in accordance with article 6.1 (e) and (c) of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (2016/679) and for the purposes of:

- processing and evaluating the application where processing shall be lawful only if and to the extent that processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller;
- administering any subsequent funding award.

Signatures

Full name of partner 1, place, date, signature

- I declare my willingness to participate in the research consortium
- I declare not to receive other public funds to perform the described tasks in this application

Full name of collaborator 1, place, date, signature

- I declare my willingness to participate in the research consortium as collaborator

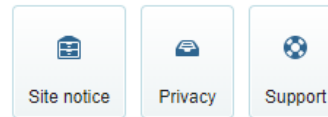
Please adapt according to the composition of your consortium. Each partner (eligible partner and collaborator) has to sign. Electronic or scanned signature is possible.

→ Signatures of principal investigators

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Electronic Submission Platform “PT-Outline”

Submission platform



<https://ptoutline.eu/app/healthequity>

HEALTH EQUITY

Increasing health equity through promoting healthy diets and physical activity

Login Sign up Recover password

Email:

Password

Login

[Forgot your password?](#)

Submission platform

The screenshot displays the submission platform interface. On the left is a sidebar with a blue header 'Overview' and a list of menu items: Privacy, General Information, Project Coordinator, Project partners, Project description, and Final Check and Submission. Below this is a 'proposals' section showing 'submitted (1)' with a highlighted 'HEALTHY-007' and 'in process (0)'. A 'create new' button is present. The 'Call details' section shows 'Call acronym HEALTHY' and 'Call deadline 14-03-2023 15:00 CFT'. The main content area has an orange header 'Overview' and text explaining the submission process: 'The menu items on the left (Privacy, General Information) to fill in the different forms, please click on each of the menu items. Once the proposal is bindingly submitted by clicking on the submit button. Proposals must be submitted exclusively using this online platform. Only the coordinator of a project consortium should register the project consortium. The other consortium partners should be added as partners. The proposal is stored password-protected. Connection to the database is established through a secure connection.' Below this is the 'Application Procedure' section with three numbered steps: 1. Please complete the electronic forms (General Information, Project description, Project partners, Project coordinator, Project description, Final Check and Submission); 2. Please use the proposal template to prepare your proposal; 3. Please check all entries and complete the binding submission.

<https://ptoutline.eu/app/healthequity>

Submission platform



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- Overview
- Privacy
- General Information
- Project Coordinator
- Project partners**
- Project description
- Final Check and Submission

proposals

submitted (1)

HEALTHEQUITY-007

 Proposal can not be modified anymore

Project partners

DLR Partner 1, Bonn

DLR, Bonn

←

Project partners 2

All fields marked with * are mandatory for completing this form.

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Project description

All fields marked with * are mandatory for completing this form.

Please upload the proposal prepared using the [proposal template](#). Please read carefully the instructions about the format and pages limit described in it. Please convert your complete proposal into one PDF-file. The file size should not exceed 15 MB.

Project description *

You can only upload one file. By uploading a file you will overwrite earlier versions. The file will be automatically renamed during the upload.

- [healthequity-007_project_description_fp.pdf](#) 

Keine Datei ausgewählt

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Call acronym

Final Check and Submission

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In case of inconsistency between the information registered in the electronic submission and the information on the project description form, the information on the project description form will prevail.

The project proposal can only be submitted after all mandatory fields have been completed.

Please check the information you entered and click "Verify Submission"

To finalise your submission click "submit now".

After finally submitting your proposal you cannot make any further changes.

Submission deadline is 14.03.2023, 15:00 CET.

Verify Submission

NOT final submission, just verification

Submission platform

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✓ All required fields are filled in.
You may now submit your proposal by clicking the "submit now" button at the end of this form.

Final Check and Submission

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Submit now

Final submission. You will receive a confirmation e-mail. There are no changes possible after this final submission.

Submission platform

- Information entered in the submission system will be saved
 - Uploaded proposals can be replaced as long as you did not finally submit
- You can start early in filling in the submission platform
- No changes possible after final submission



No proposal will be accepted after the deadline – March 14th, 2023 15:00 CET

Timeline

14 March 2023, 15:00 CET	Deadline for proposal submission
16 - 25 August 2023, 15:00 CEST	Rebuttal stage Coordinator is provided with the reviewers' written assessments and can comment on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Factual errors or misunderstandings• Reviewers' questions
End of October	Communication of the funding decisions to the applicants
December 2023 - May 2024	Expected project start (subject to national procedures)

Thank you!

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