



**1<sup>st</sup> Malta-Poland Call for  
Proposals for Joint Research  
and Innovation Projects (2026)**

**INFORMATION SESSION**

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# Agenda

<b>10:30 – 10:40</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Opening Remarks by Xjenza Malta</b>
<b>10:40-10:55</b>	<b>NCBR Presentation on INNOGLOBO Programme</b>
<b>10:55 – 11:05</b>	<b>1st Malta-Poland Call for Joint R&amp;I Projects (2026): Overview</b>
<b>11:05 – 11:35</b>	<b>Introduction to the Access2GlobalResearch Scheme and the National Rules for Participation (Malta)</b>
<b>11:35-11:55</b>	<b>Q&amp;A Session</b>
<b>11:55-12:00</b>	<b>Closing</b>



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## **CALL TEXT**

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## Bilateral Cooperation

In 2024, an MoU on cooperation in R&I was signed between Malta and Poland. In line with this MoU, Xjenza Malta and the National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR) are launching this Call. The joint Call for R&I projects is co-funded by Xjenza Malta through the A2GR scheme and by NCBR through the INNOGLOBO programme, with the aim of fostering cooperation and supporting joint initiatives that reflect the shared national priorities of both countries.

**1ST MALTA-POLAND  
CALL FOR PROPOSALS**  
FOR JOINT RESEARCH  
AND INNOVATION PROJECTS (2026)

DEADLINE FOR  
NATIONAL SUBMISSIONS  
**30 MARCH 2026**

CALL DEADLINE  
FOR POLISH ENTITIES  
**30 APRIL 2026**

GOVERNMENT OF MALTA  
MINISTERIAL SECRETARIAT  
FOR YOUTH, RESEARCH  
AND INNOVATION

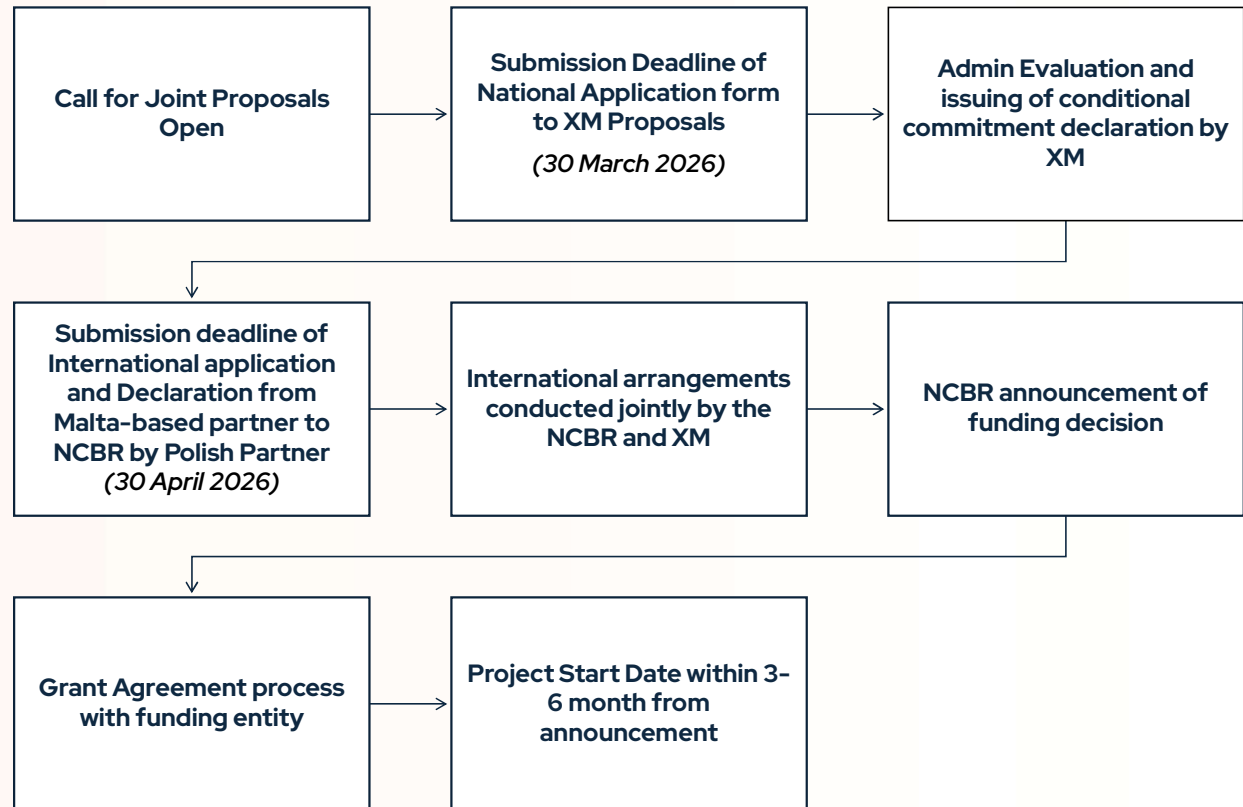
INNOGLOBO

A2GR

NCBR  
National Centre for Research  
and Development

XJENZA  
MALTA

# TIMELINE



# SNAPSHOT

## National Rules for Participation

Each Managing Authority has its own National Rules & Regulations. Thus, apart from adhering to the said requirements in this Call Text, applicants will also need to ensure that they abide by their own respective National Rules & Regulations.

The Rules and Regulations for eligible Malta- based applicants can be found in the [Call page on the Xjenza Malta website](#).

Eligible Polish-based entities may refer to their respective rules on the [NCBR website](#).

## Application Form

The Application form and annexes for Malta-based Participants can be found in the [Call page on the Xjenza Malta](#).

Other Annexes to be submitted with the Application form, for Malta-based participants can be found on the [Xjenza Malta resources page](#).

Poland- based entities should refer to NCBR documentation for information on the application forms.

# Reference Documents



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## Open Funding Schemes



# SNAPSHOT

<b>Project Consortia</b>	<b>At least one eligible legal entity operating in Malta and at least one legal entity operating in Poland.</b>
<b>Research Areas</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Marine and Maritime Technologies</li><li>- Digital Technologies</li><li>- Health and Well-being</li><li>- Sustainable Use of Resources</li><li>- Smart Manufacturing</li><li>- Aerospace, Aviation, and Space</li><li>- Cultural Heritage</li></ul>
<b>Supported TRLs</b>	1-7 for Malta-based entities.  Polish-based entities should refer to the INNOGLOBO 5th Call documentation for the specific TRL levels supported under National Rules.

# SNAPSHOT

Project Duration	24 – 36 months
Max. funds that can jointly be requested by Malta-based partner/s per project	€150,000
Max. funds that can be requested by Polish-based entities per project	Refer to NCBR documentation for details on funding.
Submission Deadline of Proposal	<p><b>Malta-based entities</b> - Submission Deadline of National Application form to Xjenza Malta: <b>30 March 2026</b> - <i>This deadline ensures that Xjenza Malta can conduct the required administrative review and based on the outcome, issue a declaration of co-financing as a conditional commitment to funding, subject to the final funding decisions.</i></p> <p><b>Polish- based entities</b> - Submission of required documentation, including the international application and declaration from Malta-based partner, to NCBR: <b>30 April 2026</b></p>

# SNAPSHOT

Xjenza Malta Submission Email	<a href="mailto:international.xjenzamalta@gov.mt">international.xjenzamalta@gov.mt</a>
NCBR Submission Portal	<a href="https://lsi.ncbr.gov.pl">https://lsi.ncbr.gov.pl</a>

Proposals must follow the procedures established by NCBR and Xjenza Malta, as detailed in the Rules for the participation of Polish applicants in the 5th Call of the INNOGLOBO Programme (Poland), the Xjenza Malta A2GR National Rules, and the Call text (Malta).

# FINANCING AND EVALUATION

Eligible participants from Poland and Malta must finance their project costs through their respective national funding schemes - NCBR's INNOGLOBO programme for Poland-based participants and Xjenza Malta's A2GR scheme for Malta-based participants or, where applicable, through complementary self-financing.

- **Evaluation:** Approval or eligibility granted by one funding agency does not imply or guarantee approval by the other. Each funding body conducts its own independent administrative evaluation process and may conduct its own scientific evaluation.
- **Dual Confirmation Required:** A project is considered eligible for funding only after formal confirmation is obtained from both funding agencies.

# EVALUATION CRITERIA

Proposals will be scientifically evaluated based on:

- **Scientific and technical excellence and originality of the project**
- **Feasibility, quality and effectiveness of the project plan**
- **Project impact, including anticipated economic effects**
- **Cooperation between consortium partners and added value of the project in the context of international cooperation**



**Introduction to the A2GR Scheme**  
**NATIONAL RULES AND**  
**DOCUMENTATION**  
**(MALTA)**

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# INTRODUCTION

- Access2GlobalResearch (A2GR) is a new **flexible national funding scheme** administered by Xjenza Malta to support Malta-based researchers and organisations in **participating in international R&I initiatives** through strategic cross-border collaboration.
- The scheme operates through **targeted calls** aligned with national R&I priorities, enabling Malta to position itself effectively within the global research ecosystem while ensuring efficient use of public funds.
- **Each A2GR Call may include specific objectives and requirements**, and applicants must comply with both the relevant Call Text eligibility criteria and the overarching A2GR national rules.

# OBJECTIVES

1. Enhance international collaboration
2. Increase Malta's global research integration and visibility
3. Provide a flexible and responsive funding instrument
4. Align international participation with national priorities
5. Promote balanced and mutually beneficial cooperation

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**Limited Liability Company**

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**Partnerships**

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**NGOS and Non-profit making entity**

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**Professional Bodies**

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**Cooperatives**

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**Public entities**

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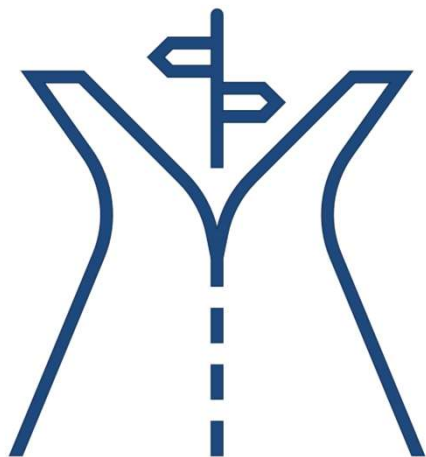
**Public Research & Knowledge - Dissemination  
Organisations**

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**ELIGIBLE  
ENTITIES**

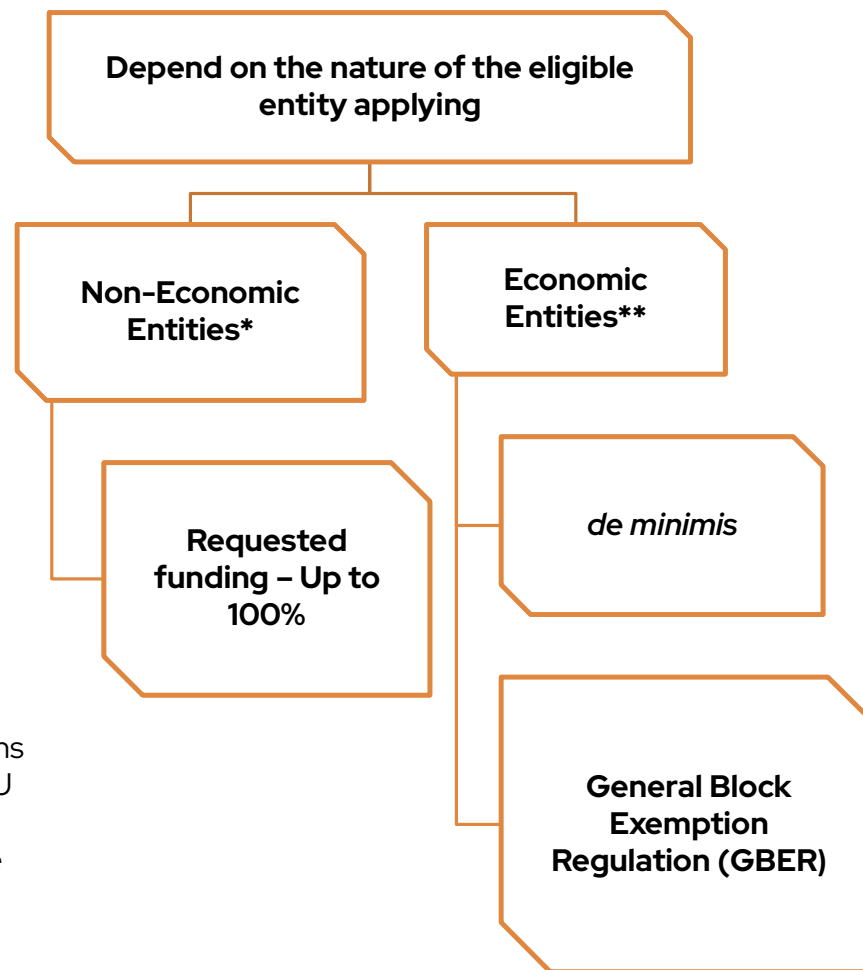


# FUNDING MODALITIES



\* Public Entities and Public Research and Knowledge-Dissemination Organisations that do not carry out an economic activity within the meaning of Article 107 TFEU

\*\* Undertakings that carry out an economic activity within the meaning of Article 107 TFEU.



# AID INTENSITY

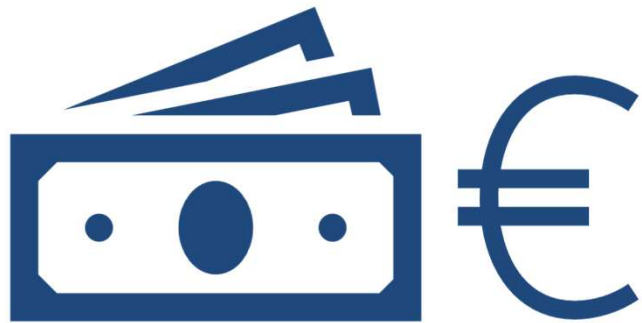
Economic entity	de minimis*	GBER
Requested funding	Up to 75%	Up to 70%
Own contribution	Remainder % (not in-kind)	Remainder % (not in-kind)

\*Capping of € 300,000 over 3 years

Table below showing the Aid Intensity permutations under General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER)

Aid Intensity	Undertaking Size		Extra funding for projects prioritising Effective Collaboration & Wide Dissemination
	Small	Medium	
25%	Small	+ 20%	+ 15% or 25%
	Medium	+ 10%	
	Large	+ 0%	

# ELIGIBLE COSTS



**Personnel**

**Specialised  
Equipment &  
Consumables**

**Subcontracting**

**Costs of IP and  
Knowledge  
Transfer  
activities**

**Travel &  
Subsistence**

**Overheads and  
Other Operating  
Expenses**

# PERSONNEL

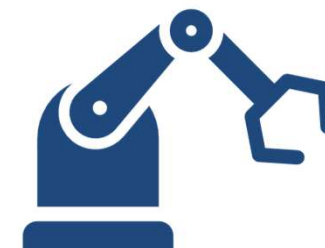
## Non-economic/*de minimis*/GBER

- Project Management – up to 10% of the total project value.
- Students – EUR 6,000–8,000 p.a.
- Maximum of 1720 hours p.a.

€z = (basic salary + allowances) / yearly workable hours of the employee.

Role in Project	Hourly rates in 2026	Hourly rates in 2027	Hourly rates in 2028	Limits per project
Management or equivalent	Up to €60.78/hour	Up to €63.82/hour	Up to €67.01/hour	Max 2 per project
Senior Researcher <sup>1</sup> or equivalent	Up to €42.84/hour	Up to €44.98/hour	Up to €47.23/hour	Max 2 per project
Researcher <sup>2</sup> or equivalent	Up to €30.69/hour	Up to €32.22/hour	Up to €33.83/hour	No limits
Operational, technician, research support assistant or equivalent	Up to €16.83/hour	Up to €17.67/hour	Up to €18.55/hour	No limits

# EQUIPMENT AND CONSUMABLES



	<b>Non-State aid</b>	<i>de minimis</i>	<b>GBER</b>
<b>Research Consumables</b>	Cost not to exceed 30% of the project value.	Cost to purchase/lease not to exceed 30% of the project value.	Cost to purchase/lease not to exceed 30% of the project value.
<b>Specialised Equipment &amp; Instruments</b>	Cost to purchase/lease specialised equipment.	Cost to purchase/lease specialised equipment.	Depreciation costs - Cost of specialised equipment is only eligible to the extent and for the period used in the project.  To be verified by a certified public accountant.

# TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE



## Non-economic/*de minimis*

- Economy flights, most economic solutions (public transport) and per diems for up to 14 days in a row.

## GBER

- Travel costs are not eligible

Type of Meeting	Number of persons funded	Comments
Consortium meeting	Max. of 2 persons per meeting	Within the project period
International Conference	Max. of 2 persons per event	Max. of one conference every 6 months
'Other' project-related meetings	Max. of 2 persons per occasion	Need to be discussed and approved by the Managing Authority

## SUBCONTRACTING

### **Non-economic/*de minimis*/GBER**

- Allowed up to 25% of the project value
- Must follow necessary procurement procedures



## IP & KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER ACTIVITIES

### **Non-economic/*de minimis*/GBER**

- Costs of knowledge transfer activities and patents bought or licensed from outside sources at arm's length conditions.





# OVERHEADS AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES

## **Non-economic/*de minimis*/GBER**

- **Indirect costs that are incurred directly as a result of the project.**
- **These will be covered at 20% of total direct eligible costs claimed.**
- **Should not be listed as separate line items in the budget.**

*To be discussed with the Call Manager at the application stage if needed*





# PROJECT TIMELINES & **DISBURSEMENT**

- All partners shall decide on a **common Start Date** for the project.
- **Meetings and Reports:**

Meetings	Project Timeline*	Reports
Kick-Off Meeting	Month 1	
Progress Meeting	Month 6	
Progress Meeting	Month 12	Interim Technical Report
	Month 16	Interim Financial Report
Progress Meeting	Month 18	
Progress Meeting	Month 24	End of Project Technical Report
	Month 36	End of Project Financial Report

*\*The project timeline may vary according to the project duration.*

- **Disbursement:**

Pre-Financing	50%
Interim Financing	30%
Retention Fund	20%

# SUBMISSION DOCUMENTS



Application Form



Relevant Annexes

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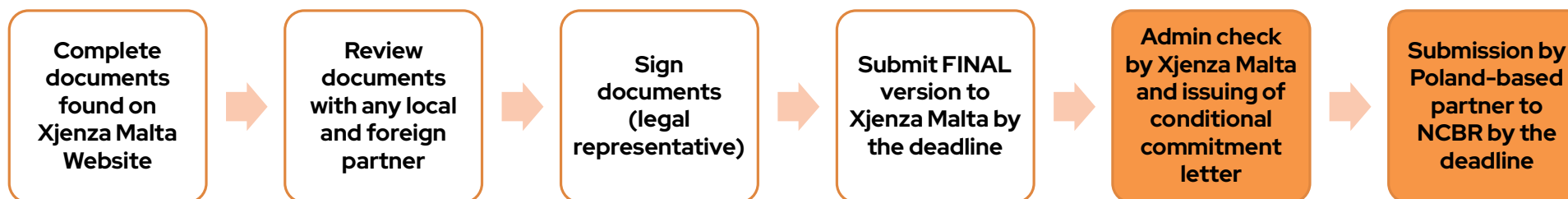
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# SUBMISSION PROCESS



**Submission deadline: 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026, 23.59 CET**

**Submission Email: [international.xjenzamalta@gov.mt](mailto:international.xjenzamalta@gov.mt)**

**Submission/Query Email Subject: MALTA-POLAND 2026 Call-ACRONYM-SUBMISSION/QUERY**

# EVALUATION PROCESS

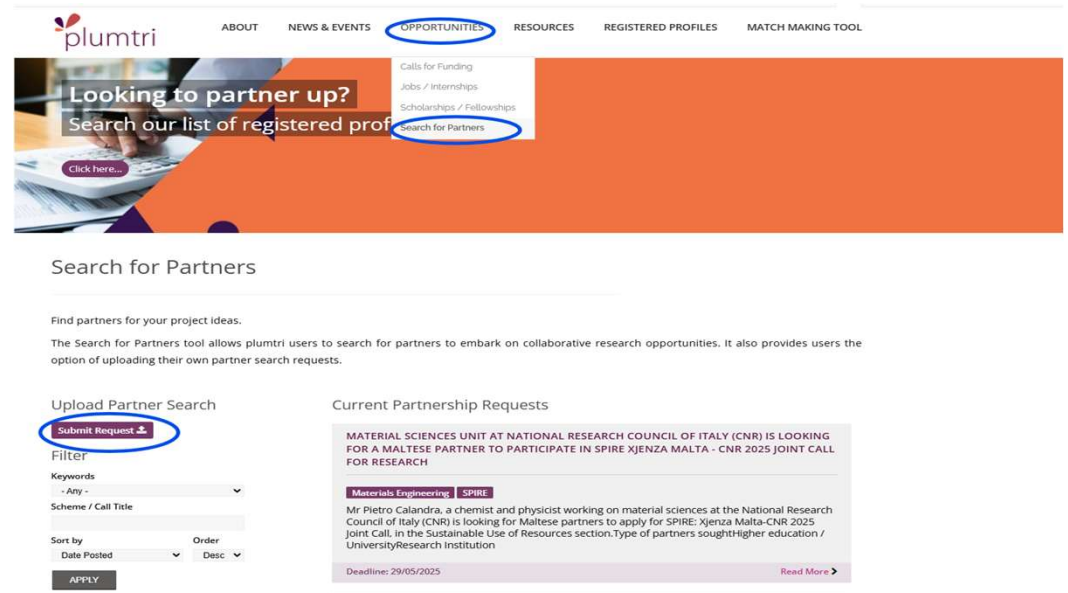
- **Initial Check:** All applications undergo an **administrative eligibility check** by the Managing Authority.
- **Scientific Review:** Eligible projects are evaluated by one or more of the funding agencies, through **external/independent evaluators**, based on criteria specific to the Call Text.
  - **Evaluation methods** and criteria **may change** depending on the specific objectives of different Calls.
- The Managing Authority may conduct **due diligence** through its contractors and request additional assurances or documentation at its discretion.

*Minor Deviation = Corrected by Xjenza Malta; applicant can accept or decline the amendment*

*Major Deviation = Identified by Xjenza Malta; applicant may be invited to fix it, or the application is immediately rejected.*

# FINDING PARTNERS

# PART FINDER



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APPLY

#### Current Partnership Requests

MATERIAL SCIENCES UNIT AT NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL OF ITALY (CNR) IS LOOKING FOR A MALTESE PARTNER TO PARTICIPATE IN SPIRE XJENZA MALTA - CNR 2025 JOINT CALL FOR RESEARCH

Materials Engineering SPIRE

Mr Pietro Calandra, a chemist and physicist working on material sciences at the National Research Council of Italy (CNR) is looking for Maltese partners to apply for SPIRE: Xjenza Malta-CNR 2025 joint Call, in the Sustainable Use of Resources section. Type of partners sought: Higher education / University/Research Institution

Deadline: 29/05/2025 [Read More](#)



**Any Questions?**



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