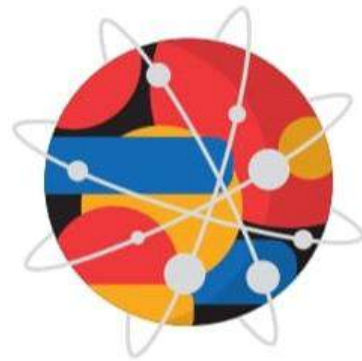


# PRIMA 2026

## Xjenza Malta's Info Session

27 March 2026 @11:00 hrs



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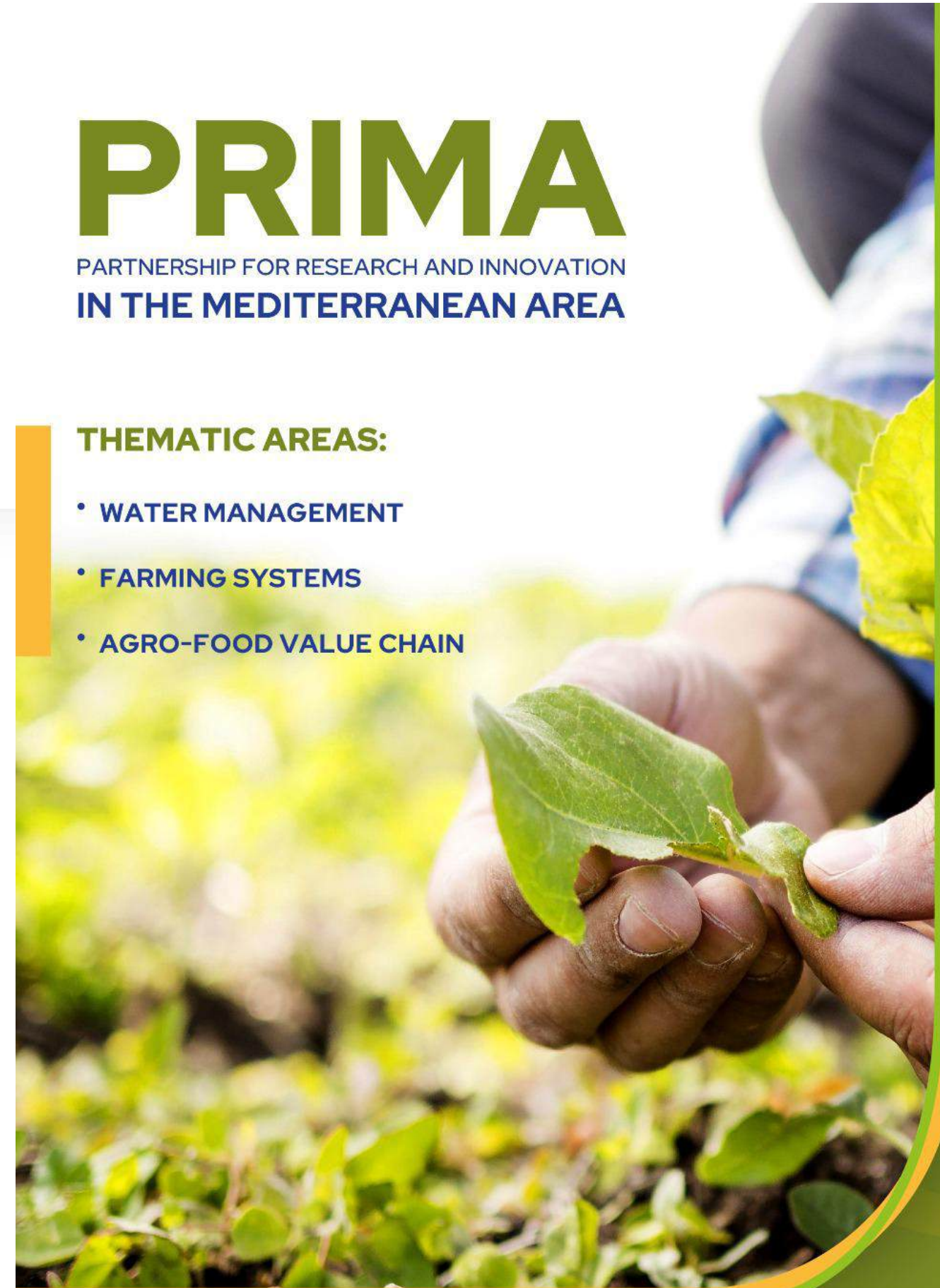
Kaylen Borg – *Executive*

# PRIMA

PARTNERSHIP FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION  
IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA

### THEMATIC AREAS:

- WATER MANAGEMENT
- FARMING SYSTEMS
- AGRO-FOOD VALUE CHAIN



# Before We Begin

- **This session will be recorded.** Both the presentation and the recording will be made available on the XM website.
- A **dedicated Q&A segment** will follow the presentation.
- During the presentation, we kindly ask that you submit any questions via the chat function.
- To minimize background noise, please keep your microphone muted unless you are invited to speak.

# Technical Units



Space  
Unit

Policy and Strategy  
Unit

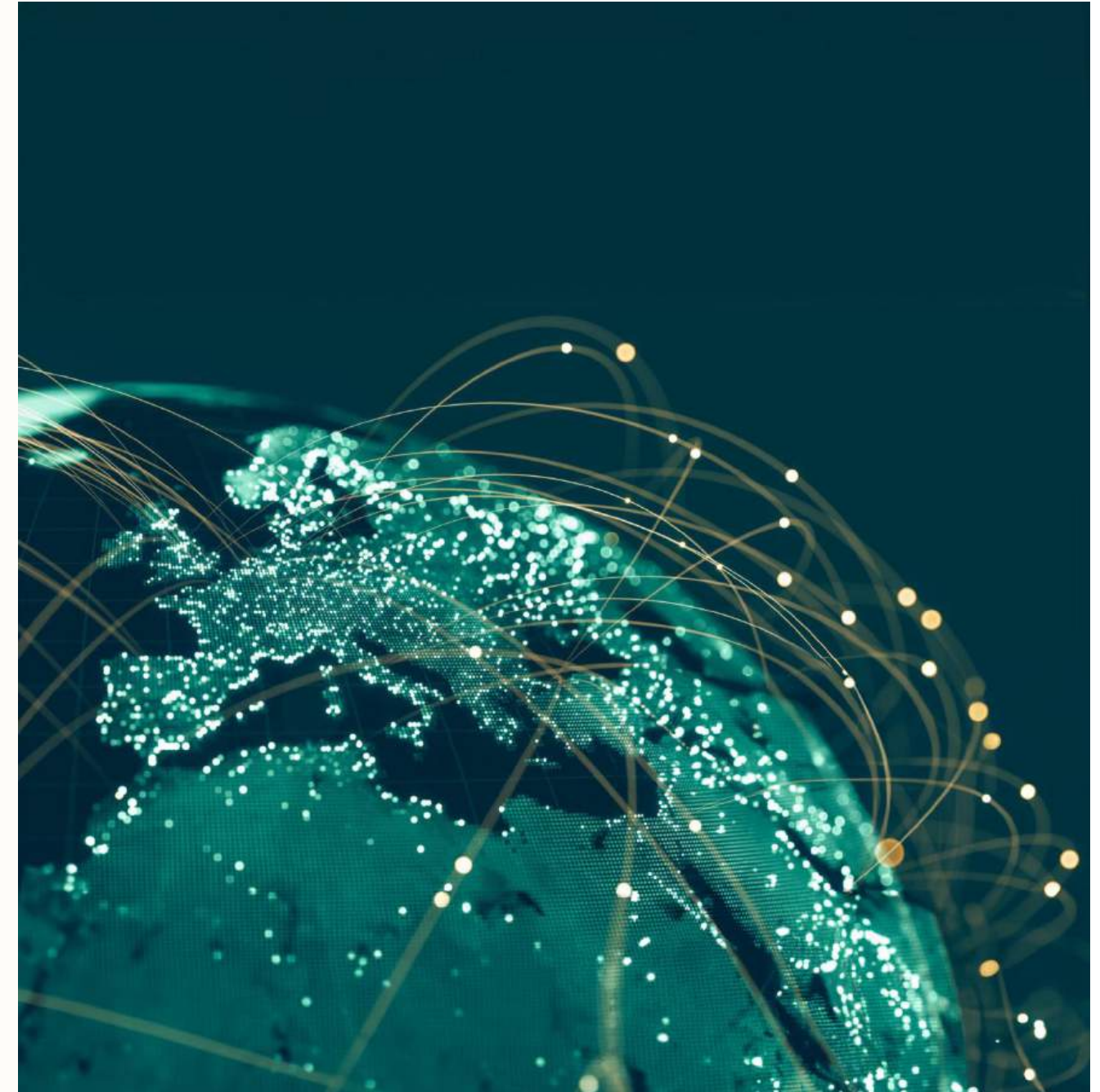
Framework  
Programme Unit

Internationalisation  
Unit

R&I  
Unit

# The Internationalisation Unit

- **Follow international trends** in Research, Development and Innovation through its representation in international and regional science diplomacy forums
- **Strengthen international R&I collaboration** amongst local and foreign researchers and stakeholders
- Implements regional and international funding programmes, **using national funds**, aimed at the local R&I stakeholder community



# Internationalisation Funding Portfolio





# PRIMA

Partnership for Research and  
Innovation in the  
Mediterranean Area

# European Partnerships



Part of Horizon Europe  
(2021-2027)



European Commission  
+  
National & Private partners



Addressing pressing EU challenges  
*Climate Energy Health Innovation*



Implementing Joint Transnational Calls  
for R&I Project Proposals

## PILLAR II - Global challenges & European industrial competitiveness

## PILLAR III - Innovative Europe



■ Institutionalised partnerships (Art 185/7)

■ EIT KICs

■ Co-programmed

■ Co-funded

\* Under preparation



### CROSS-PILLARS I AND II

European Open Science Cloud

# PRIMA - Overview

- **Partner Countries - equal footing basis** (co-ownership, co-management and co-funding) with the Participation of the European Commission (framework of Art.185 TFEU).
- Enhance R&I for **sustainable agri-food systems and integrated water management** in the Mediterranean region, addressing climate resilience, efficiency, and societal well-being.
- Started in 2018 - Horizon 2020, with an **implementation structure** in Barcelona.
- **Extension of PRIMA's active operation until 2027** under Horizon Europe.



# PRIMA Participating States



## 20 PRIMA Participating States

- ✓ 12 EU MS
- ✓ 3 Associated Countries to HE
- ✓ 5 Third Countries non-associated to HE



**700 million EUR**  
**programme**  
325 million from EU funds  
384 million Participating States funds

# PRIMA Thematic Areas

## FARMING SYSTEMS

- **Smart and Sustainable Farming:** Develop smart, sustainable farming to protect resources and boost efficiency.
- **Pests and Pathogens:** Promote sustainable pest and pathogen control, including health impacts.

## MANAGEMENT OF WATER

- **Water-Saving Solutions:** Promote tailored water-saving solutions, especially in agriculture.
- **Land and Water Sustainability:** Improve sustainability in arid and semi-arid watersheds.
- **Water Governance System:** Develop and promote innovative water management policies and governance.




















## AGRO-FOOD VALUE CHAIN

- **Nutrition and Health:** Innovate Mediterranean foods and strengthen links between diet, activity, and health.
- **Reduce Losses and Wastes:** Increase food and water chain efficiency and reduce losses and waste.
- **New Agro-Food Business Models:** Develop innovative agro-food business models to support jobs and growth.

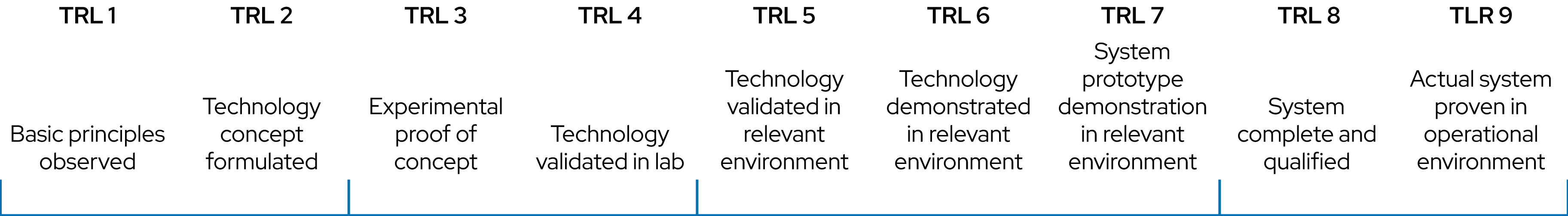


# What are the funding opportunities?

PRIMA's funding structure is organized into **three complementary sections**, each designed to support different types of **collaborative research initiatives** across the Mediterranean region.

	<b>Section 1 Transnational call for proposals</b>	<b>Section 2 Transnational call for proposals</b>	<b>Section 3 Participating States activities</b>
 <b>Call publication</b>	 PRIMA Secretariat	 PRIMA Secretariat	 Participating States
 <b>Proposals evaluation</b>	 PRIMA Secretariat	 PRIMA Secretariat	 Participating States
 <b>Projects funded by</b>	EU funds	 Participating States	 Participating States
 <b>Project monitored by</b>	 PRIMA Secretariat	 PRIMA Secretariat  Participating States	 Participating States
 <b>Rules for participation</b>	EU Horizon Europe	 Participating States	 Participating States

# Technology Readiness Level (TRL)





# PRIMA

## Section 1 & Section 2 Calls 2026

# PRIMA - Section 1 Call 2026

Several Calls for proposals (3 IA – Innovation Actions)

## Water management in the Nexus:

Decentralised Brackish Water Desalination for Climate-Resilient and Resource-Efficient Mediterranean Agriculture



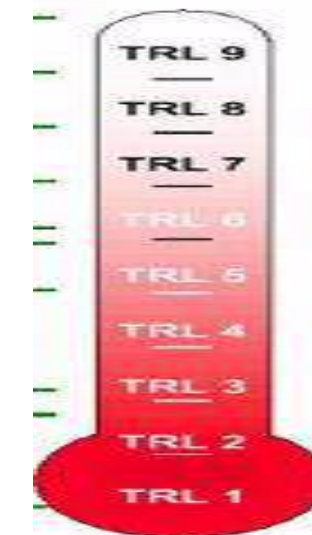
## Farming systems in the Nexus:

Next Generation of Sustainable and Alternative Animal Feeds for Circular and Resilient Mediterranean Farming Systems



## Food value chain in the Nexus:

Sustainable On-Site Transformation of Perishable Mediterranean Agri-food Products



TRL  
6-8

Pre Proposal  
deadline **15 May**  
**2026, 13:00**  
**CET**

⚡ **Two stage**  
**Call!**

# PRIMA - Section 1 Call 2026

## Consortium Composition

- At least **4 independent legal entities**, from at least **3 different countries** all established in PRIMA Participating States, with:
  - **At least 1** established in an **EU Member State** or **EU Associated Country**
  - **At least 2** established in **Mediterranean Partner Country (MPC)**
  - **At least 1** is a **Small or Medium-Sized Enterprise (SME)**
- **Project coordinator** to submit proposal online
- Check **topic-specific eligibility conditions** in the AWP 2026

**Mediterranean Partner Countries (MPCs)**  
Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Israel, Lebanon, Morocco,  
Tunisia, Turkey

# PRIMA – Section 1 Call 2026

## One CSA – Coordination and Support Action

### CALL Nexus Theme (cross-cutting)

Institutionalising and Scaling the Mediterranean WEFE Nexus Community of Practice for Cross-Sectoral Governance and Policy Uptake



Full Proposal  
deadline **15 May**  
**2026, 13:00**  
**CET**

- Do not target specific TRLs.
- Establish a WEFE Nexus Community of Practice (NCoP) in the Mediterranean.
- **Main types of activities:** networking and stakeholder engagement, knowledge dissemination and policy dialogue, data exchange and coordination of enabling frameworks, capacity building and best practice transfer...
- **Eligibility:** at least one legal entity established in a PRIMA Participating State at the time of grant agreement signature; proposals from a single legal entity are allowed

**⚡ One stage  
Call!**

# PRIMA - Section 2 Call 2026

Single multi-topic Call (RIA – Research and Innovation Actions)

## Water Management in the Nexus

Leveraging Ecosystem Functions and Enhancing Water Allocation for the Protection and Restoration of Non-Perennial Watercourses in the Mediterranean

 RIA  
1.5 M€

## Farming Systems in the Nexus

Novel remote and non-invasive ICT monitoring and control systems against disease and pest infestation

 RIA  
1.5 M€

## Agri-Food Value Chain in the Nexus

Empowering Mediterranean Food Value Chains through Context-Aware Digital Traceability

 RIA  
1.5 M€



TRL  
3-7

Pre proposal  
deadline **15 May**  
**2026, 13:00**  
**CET**

 **Two stage**  
**Call!**

Estimated total call budget 36 M €

# PRIMA - Section 2 Call 2026

## Eligibility Conditions

Funding managed at the national level, **following each country's regulations.**

Malta-based entities are eligible to apply for up to  
**€500,000 per project (36 months)**

## Consortium Composition

- At least **4 independent legal entities**, from at least **3 different countries** all established in PRIMA Participating States, with:
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# Pre Proposal Submission Overview

## Part I: Administrative & Financial Data

- Fill out directly on the ESS
- To be uploaded by using the Part I template

*(Ensure each partner fills in all required information)*

## Part II: Technical Description

- Full scientific document which is the description of the planned project
- **Page limit:** 10 pages

	<b>Excellence</b> (The following aspects will be considered to the extent that the proposed work corresponds to the description in the AWP 2026)	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Quality and efficiency of the implementation</b>
Analogous to Research & Innovation Action (RIA) <sup>96</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Clarity and pertinence of the project's objectives and the extent to which the proposed work is ambitious and goes beyond the state of the art.</b></li> <li>- <b>Soundness of the proposed [for the first stage: overall (*)] methodology</b> including the underlying concepts models assumptions inter-disciplinary approaches appropriate consideration of the gender dimension in research and innovation content and the quality of open science practices including sharing and management of research outputs and engagement of citizens civil society and end-users where appropriate.</li> </ul> <p><i>(*) Including all aspects mentioned in the first stage proposal template which also include the integration of the gender dimension in research and innovation content as well as open science practices.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Credibility of the pathways to achieve the expected outcomes and impacts specified in the AWP</b></li> <li>- Suitability and quality of the measures to maximise expected outcomes and impacts as set out in the dissemination and exploitation plan including communication activities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Quality and effectiveness of the work plan, assessment of risks and appropriateness of the effort assigned to work packages and the resources overall.</li> <li>- Capacity and role of each participant and the extent to which the consortium as a whole brings together the necessary expertise.</li> </ul>

For two-stage submission procedures, only the aspects in bold are considered for the evaluation of first stage.

# PRIMA Sections 1 and 2 – Evaluation Criteria

- **Stage 1:**
  - Only *Excellence* and *Impact* are evaluated (only bolded aspects in forms).
  - Threshold: **minimum score 4 for each criterion.**
  - Overall threshold on the sum of both scores **usually 8 or 8.5**
  - **Only proposals meeting both the individual and overall thresholds are invited to Stage 2.**
- **Stage 2:**
  - All three criteria evaluated: Excellence, Impact, Quality and efficiency of the implementation.
  - **Standard thresholds apply: minimum 3 per criterion and 10 overall.**

# Key Points for Applicants



## Management & Open Science

Open access to publications  
Mandatory Data Management Plans (DMPs)  
Open science practices



## Ethics and Security

Dual-use research  
AI and human rights  
Research Security



## Gender Equality

GEP mandatory for EU/AC institutions



## PIC number

Measurable KPIs, quantify activities, deliverables etc (Check AWP 2026 for minimum requirement!)



Applies to Public Bodies, Higher Education institutions  
At proposal stage – self declaration  
At Grant Agreement – valid GEP



# PRIMA

## Section 2 Call 2026: National Rules

# Eligible Entities

Eligible Entities must be registered in Malta or must have an operating base in Malta

Limited Liability  
Company

Partnerships

Non-profit  
making  
Organisations

Voluntary  
Organisations

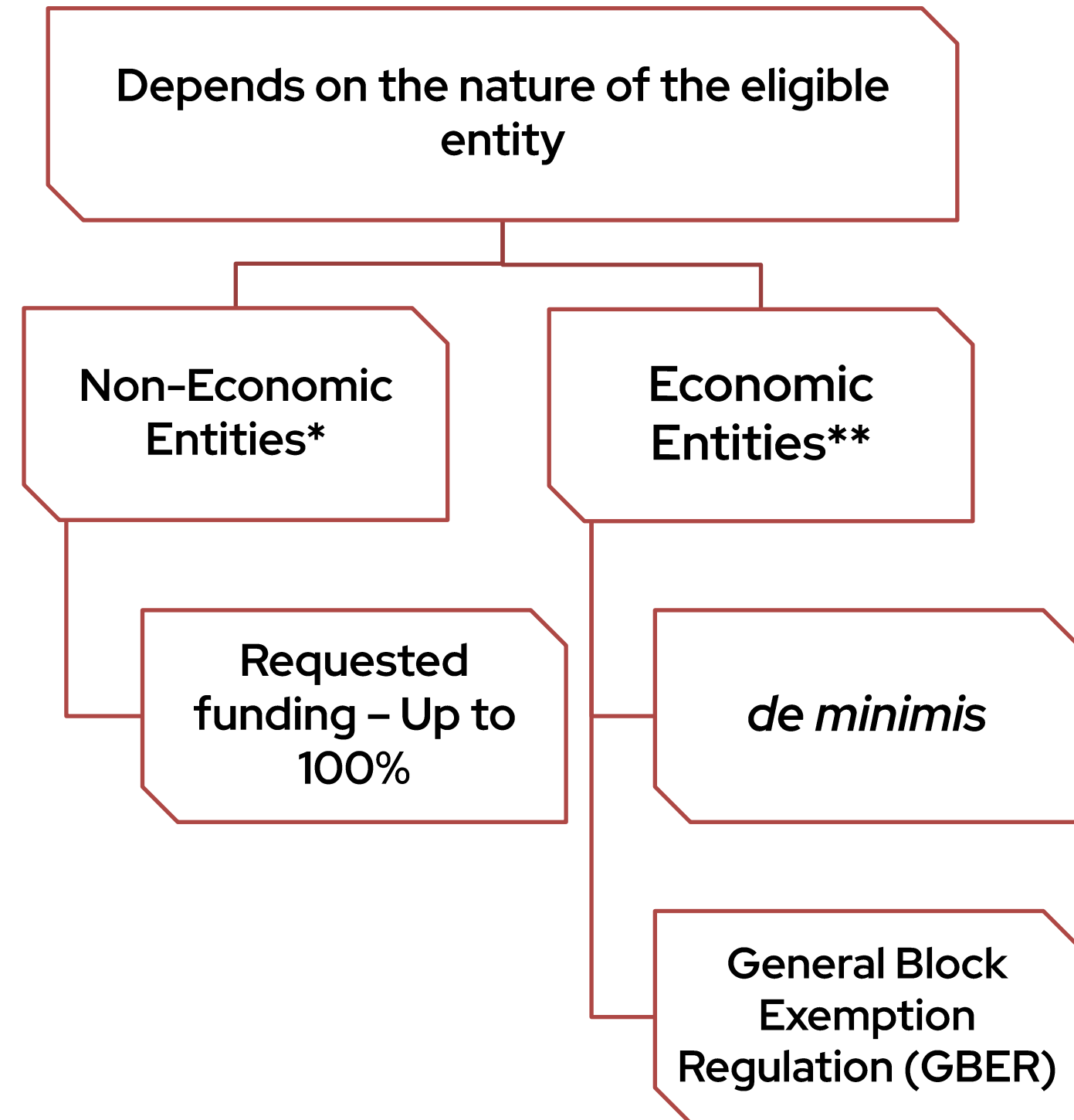
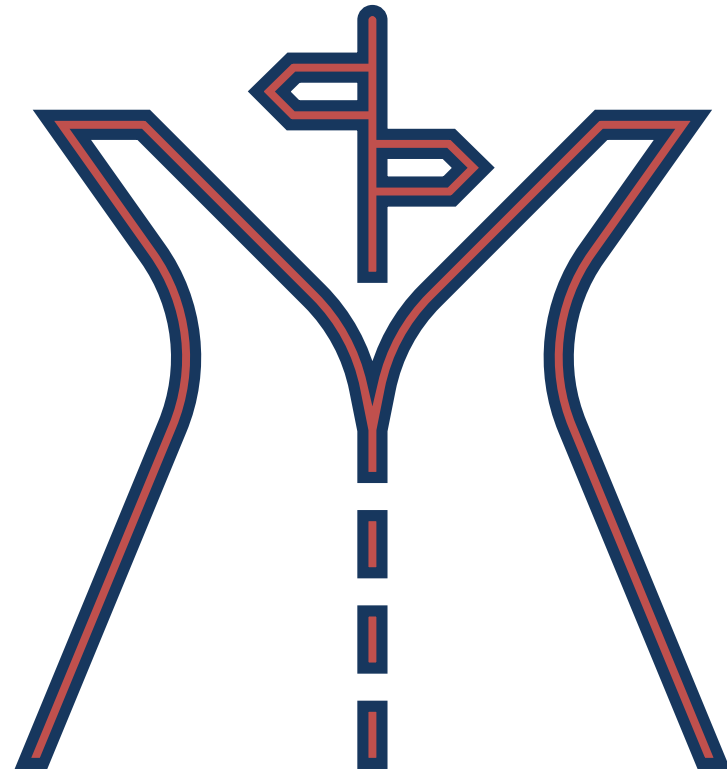
Professional  
Bodies

Cooperatives

Public entities

Research &  
Knowledge-  
Dissemination  
Organisations

# Funding Modalities



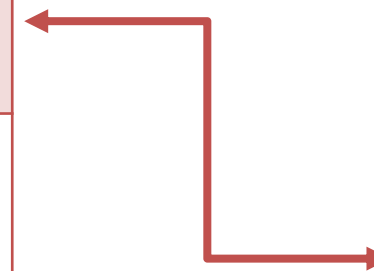
\* Public Entities and Public Research and Knowledge-Dissemination Organisations that do not carry out an economic activity within the meaning of Article 107 TFEU

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

# Aid Intensities

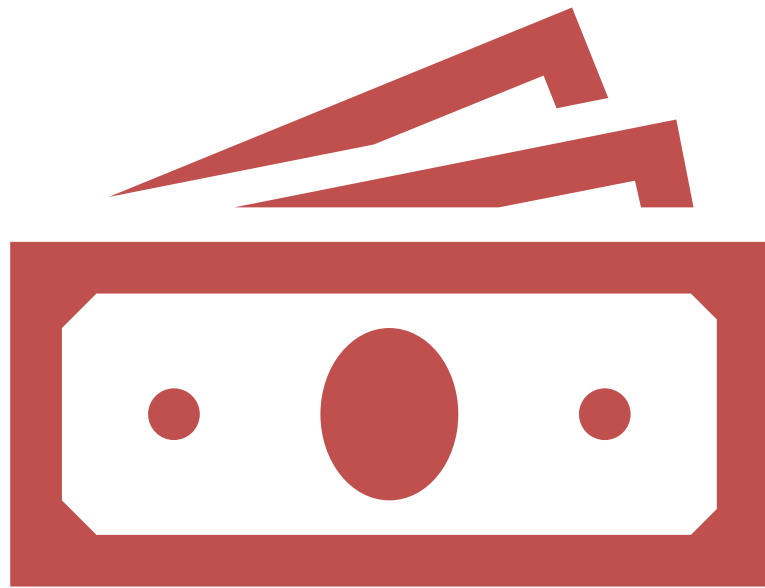
Economic entity	de minimis*	GBER
Requested funding	Up to 75%	Up to 70%
Own contribution	Remainder % (not in-kind)	Remainder % (not in-kind)

\*Capping of € 300,000 over 3 years



Aid Intensity	Undertaking Size		Extra funding for projects prioritizing Effective Collaboration & Wide Dissemination
25%	Small	+ 20%	+ 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 Costs

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

## Non-economic/de minimis/GBER

- **Project Management – up to 10% of total project value** (*should be allocated to and described within research tasks*)
- **Students – EUR 6,000–8,000 p.a.**
- **Maximum of 1720 hours p.a.**
- **Hourly rates specified in national rules**

Role in Project	Hourly rates in 2027	Hourly rates in 2028	Hourly rates in 2029	Limits per project
Management or equivalent	Up to €63.82/hour	Up to €67.01/hour	Up to €70.36/hour	Max 2 per project
Senior Researcher <sup>2</sup> or equivalent	Up to €44.98/hour	Up to €47.23/hour	Up to €49.59/hour	Max 2 per project
Researcher <sup>3</sup> or equivalent	Up to €32.22/hour	Up to €33.83/hour	Up to €35.52/hour	No limits
Operational, technician, research support assistant or equivalent	Up to €17.67/hour	Up to €18.55/hour	Up to €19.48/hour	No limits

Table 1 Eligible Hourly Rates

The rates stated in the table above are for the years 2027-2029. For subsequent years a 5% increase per year is allowed.

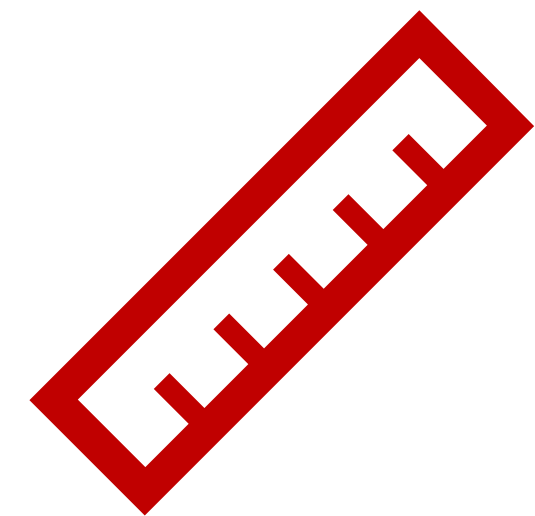
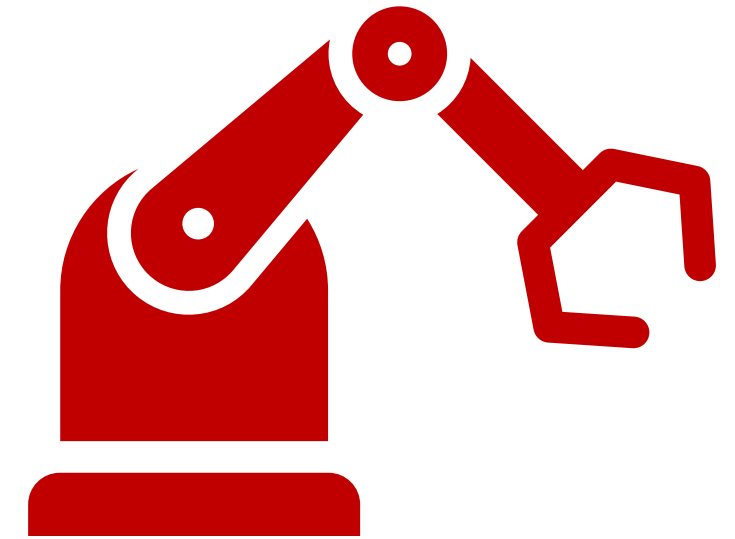
# Equipment and Consumables

## Non-economic /de minimis

- Cost to **purchase/lease** specialised equipment
- Cost of **research consumables** should **not exceed 30%** of the project value

## GBER

- The costs of **specialised equipment** is only **eligible** if the **lifetime of the equipment is equal to the lifetime of the project**.
- **Depreciation costs** of specialised equipment for the extent and period used for the project. To be verified by a **certified public accountant**
- Cost of **research consumables** should **not exceed 30%** of the project value



# Subcontracting

## Non-economic/de minimis/GBER

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

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

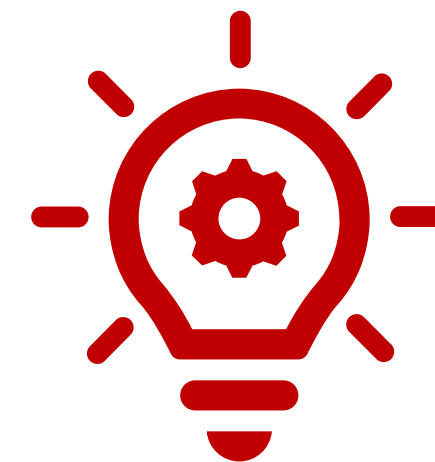


# IP and Knowledge Transfer Activities

## Non-economic/de minimis/GBER

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

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



# Travel and Subsistence

## Non-economic /de minimis

- Economy flights, and public transport (most economic solutions) and per diems for up to 14 days in a row.
- For the attendance of consortium meetings, up to two persons will be eligible to attend the meeting.
- For the attendance of international conferences, up to two persons will be eligible to attend every six months.



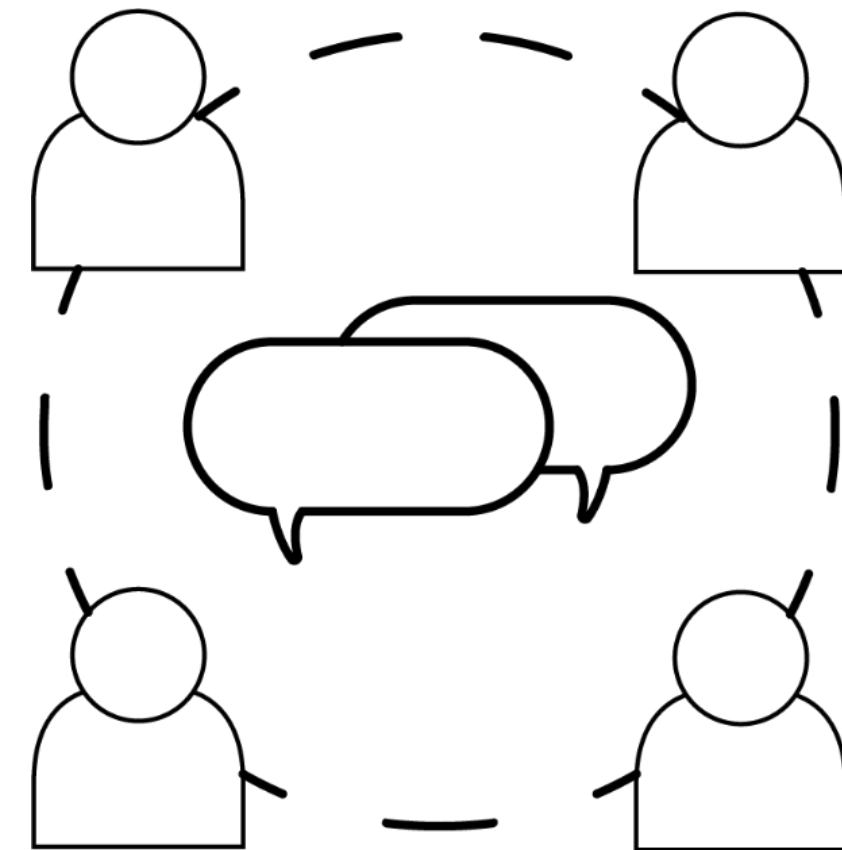
## GBER

- Travel costs are not eligible.

# Overheads and Other Operating Expenses

## Non-economic/de minimis/GBER

- Are costs that are incurred **directly** as a result of the project.
- These will be covered at **20% of direct eligible costs claimed.**



# Ineligible Costs

- Expenses related to **loans, interests** etc.
- Expenses which are **recoverable through other funding mechanisms**
- **Re-purchase of the same equipment** originally procured through other funding mechanisms
- **Purchase and/or leasing of equipment** and services from partners or their subsidiaries
- **Standard office equipment**
- **Personnel hours for travelling**
- Any other costs that are **not listed as eligible costs** in the National Rules





# Application Process



# Application Process: Pre-proposal Stage

1

Submit the National Application Form and relevant annexes *via* email to [prima.xjenzamalta@gov.mt](mailto:prima.xjenzamalta@gov.mt) by 15 May 2026 23:59 CET.

2

The **Project Coordinator** submits the **Pre-Proposal** to the Partnership (jointly with the other partners) via the **PRIMA online submission tool** by **15 May 2026 13:00 CET**.

3

**Xjenza Malta** will perform an **administrative check** on the documents provided from your end. If **all partners** are found **eligible** by their **respective funding agency**, the proposal will be **evaluated and ranked**.

# Timeline of Call



# Submission Procedure – Stage 1

## Stage 1: Pre-Proposal Submission

- The coordinator **creates an account on** the Online Submission Tool.
- The coordinator **adds partners** to the consortium. Partners can input their own data and need to **validate** their participation.
- Required indicative budget for each partner. Category budgets can be indicative, but the **total cannot increase**.
- National documentation and annexes as per National Rules.

Documents	Public entities	Public RKDOs	<i>de minimis</i>	GBER
<i>Pre-Proposal Stage (Stage 1)</i>				
<i>National Application Form</i>	X	X	X	X
<i>Public entities - Annex</i>	X			
<i>Public RKDOs - Annex</i>		X		
<i>CVs</i>	X	X	X	X
<i>Memorandum &amp; Articles of Association (Or any respective constitutive documents)</i>			X	X

# Submission Procedure – Stage 2

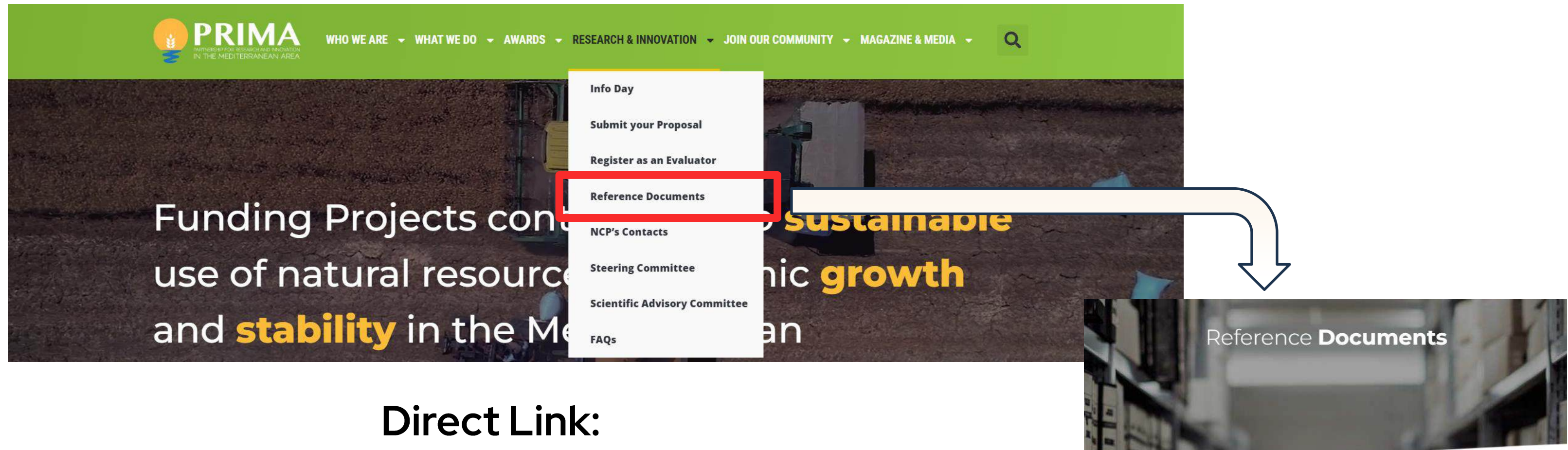
## Stage 2: Full Proposal Submission (Upon Invitation)

- The Secretariat will send the full-proposal application template to coordinators of those proposals invited to stage 2.
- Required **detailed budget** for each partner.
- Coordinator submits the full-proposal on behalf of the partners
- Further national documentation and annexes as per national Rules.

Documents	Public entities	Public RKDOs	<i>de minimis</i>	GBER
<i>Full Proposal Stage (Stage 2)</i>				
<i>Budget Breakdown Form</i>	X	X	X	X
<i>de minimis Form</i>			X	
<i>Enterprise Size Declaration Form &amp; Undertaking in Difficulty</i>				X
<i>Declarations for Augmented Aid Intensity</i>				X
<i>Audited financial statements (last 3 years)*</i>			X	X

*\*start-ups that do not have the above documents available, please provide financial projections for three (3) years signed by an auditor*

# PRIMA – Reference Documents



The image shows a screenshot of the PRIMA website. The top navigation bar includes the PRIMA logo and menu items: WHO WE ARE, WHAT WE DO, AWARDS, RESEARCH & INNOVATION, JOIN OUR COMMUNITY, and MAGAZINE & MEDIA. A dropdown menu is open under 'RESEARCH & INNOVATION', listing: Info Day, Submit your Proposal, Register as an Evaluator, Reference Documents (highlighted with a red box), NCP's Contacts, Steering Committee, Scientific Advisory Committee, and FAQs. A white arrow points from the 'Reference Documents' menu item to a thumbnail of the 'Reference Documents' page. The thumbnail shows the page title 'Reference Documents' and a brief description: 'This page includes PRIMA reference documents grouped by categories and will be updated when needed. Just click on a document to download it.' Below the description is a button labeled 'ACCESS THE ARCHIVE'. The page content is organized into two columns. The left column lists: Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA), Annual Work Plans, and PRIMA Model Grant Agreement (MGA). The right column lists: Guidance (Section 1) and Guidance (Section 2).

**Direct Link:**  
<https://prima-med.org/documents-reports/>

**National rules and forms:**  
<https://xjenzamalta.mt/2026/03/20/prima-section-2-call-2026/>

Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA)	Guidance (Section 1)
Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda	Guidelines for Applicants Section 1
	SI-CSA-Guidelines for Applicants 2026
	Budget Template- Section 1
	Call text Topic 1.11-2026 Water management in the Nexus
	Call text Topic 1.21-2026 Farming systems in the Nexus
	Call text Topic 1.31-2026 Food Value Chain in The Nexus
	Call text Topic 1.41 2026 CSA

Annual Work Plans	Guidance (Section 2)
Annual Work Programme 2026	

PRIMA Model Grant Agreement (MGA)
PRIMA Model Grant Agreement (MGA)

# Submission Documents - Attachments

The image shows a screenshot of the Xjenza Malta website. The navigation menu includes 'About Us', 'What We Do', 'Funding Schemes', 'Media', 'Esplora', 'Villa Bighi', and 'Contact Us'. The 'Funding Schemes' menu is open, showing 'Open Funding Schemes', 'Closed Funding Schemes', and 'Resources Page'. A green arrow points from 'Resources Page' to a grey box labeled 'Resources Page'. A yellow arrow points from the 'Funding Schemes' menu to a PRIMA call announcement card. The PRIMA card features the text 'PRIMA PARTNERSHIP FOR COOPERATION AND INNOVATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA', 'THEMATIC AREAS: WATER MANAGEMENT, FARMING SYSTEMS, AGRO-FOOD VALUE CHAIN', 'Published On: March 20th, 2026', and 'PRIMA Section 2 Call 2026'. A central banner reads 'Creating the best possible environment for R&I to flourish.' with the Xjenza Malta logo below it.

Resources Page

- National Rules for Participation
- National Application Form

Resources Page

- Relevant Annexes can be found here

# Get Connected with Partners



**PRIMA PARTNERSHIP**  
Post a partnership request  
Use the search engine to view requests posted by others

<https://prima-med.org/find-partners/>

**HE Funding & Tenders Portal**  
partners for your proposal ideas among the participants in past EU projects  
You can filter by:  
Keyword | Organization type | Country



<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/how-to-participate/partner-search?isExactMatch=true&type=ORGANISATION,PERSON&order=DESC&pageNumber=1&pageSize=50&sortBy=lastModified>

**Enterprise Europe Network**  
Supports SMEs in leveraging EU business opp.



<https://een.ec.europa.eu/>



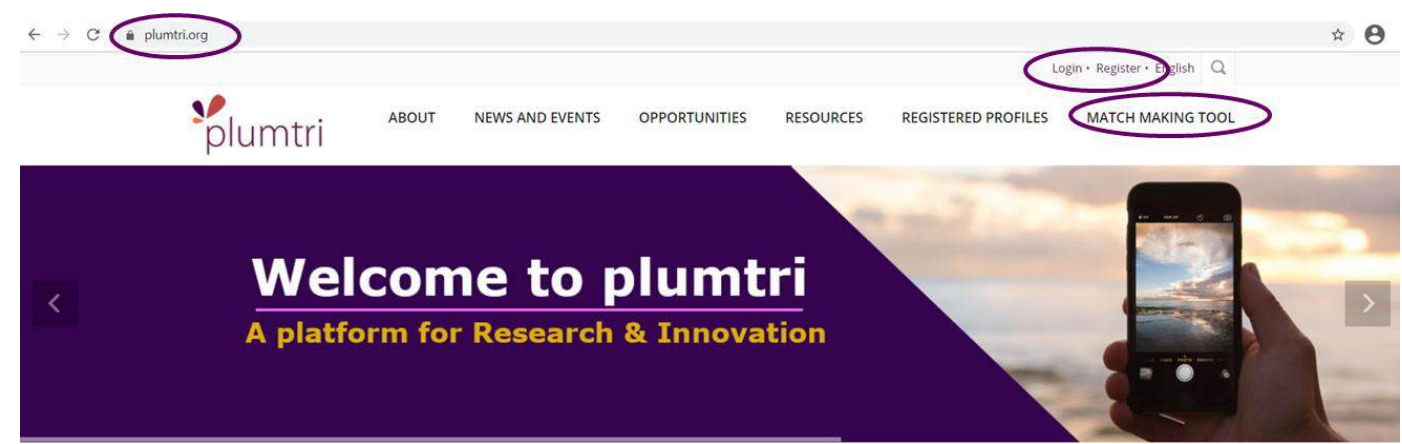
**CORDIS**  
Provide access to EU projects, factsheets, results and publications

<https://cordis.europa.eu/>

**ERA LEARN**  
Partnering Tool," which is designed to help researchers and innovation practitioners find potential partners



<https://www.era-learn.eu/>





# PRIMA

# Section 3

# Xjenza Malta-TÜBİTAK General Overview

- In 2020, Xjenza Malta and TÜBİTAK signed a collaborative agreement to bilaterally support cooperation in Science, Technology and Innovation between Malta and Türkiye.
- 6 Joint Calls for R&I Proposals have been launched.
- 10 successful bilateral projects within the PRIMA thematic areas awarded for (overall budget of circa EUR 800k).
- 3 Projects successfully executed to date.



# Aim and Scope

Xjenza Malta-TÜBİTAK aims to **assist researchers and innovators from both countries** in strengthening their scientific expertise and networks, fostering collaboration for future funding opportunities, including the annual **PRIMA Section 1 and Section 2 Calls**.

This Call will focus on two distinct pillars (**bottom-up Calls**):

- **Pillar 1:** Dedicated to PRIMA Thematic Areas, addressing the PRIMA Programme's priorities.
- **Pillar 2:** Focused on Research, Development, and Innovation (RDI) Thematic Areas, which extend beyond the PRIMA fields to include broader topics of mutual interest.

*The Call will have two separate ranking lists, one for the PRIMA Thematic Areas and one for the RDI Thematic Areas. The intent is to fund high ranking projects from each pillar.*

# Proposal Eligibility

Section	Key Points
Types of Project	Fundamental, Industrial Research, Experimental Development (TRL 1-7).
Eligibility of Consortium	Generally, at least one Malta-based legal entity and one Turkey-based entity.
Grant Value	Up to €100,000 per project.
Project Duration	Up to 24 months.
Full proposal submission deadline	<b>5<sup>th</sup> June 2026 23:59 PM CET</b>
Website and Contact	<a href="https://xjenzamalta.mt/2026/03/25/xjenza-malta-tubitak-2026-joint-call-for-ri-proposals/">https://xjenzamalta.mt/2026/03/25/xjenza-malta-tubitak-2026-joint-call-for-ri-proposals/</a> <a href="mailto:nathan.aquilina.3@gov.mt">nathan.aquilina.3@gov.mt</a>

**Disclaimer:** All information provided in this section is indicative and subject to change. The final eligibility criteria, funding amounts, evaluation procedures, and timelines will be confirmed in the official Call Text upon its publication.

# PRIMA Training and Mobility Award (PTMA)

## Objective:

- Supports Malta-based eligible entities in forming collaborative links with **at least one foreign counterpart** from PRIMA PS

## Funding Activities:

- **In-person training** for local researchers in foreign entities
- **Strategic and targeted visits** by local applicants to foreign entities
- **Knowledge-transfer workshops** in Malta.

N.B. These activities need to be related to PRIMA R&I thematic areas!



The poster features the PRIMA logo at the top left, which includes a stylized sun and the text 'PRIMA PARTNERSHIP FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA'. Below the logo is a green banner with a wavy orange border. The main title 'PRIMA Training and Mobility Award (PTMA) 2026' is written in large blue letters. A red button with white text says 'CALL NOW OPEN'. To the left of the button is a line-art illustration of a farmer in a red cap and blue shirt pushing a yellow tractor, with a sun, a plant, and a hand holding a leaf above it. Below the illustration are four thematic areas: 'Sustainable Farming Systems', 'Agro-food Value Chain', 'Water Management', and 'WEFE NEXUS'. At the bottom, there are logos for the Government of Malta (Parliamentary Secretariat for Youth, Research and Innovation), XJENZA MALTA, and the European Union flag.

# Budget

**Funding:** Up to €8,000 per project.

Please note that it doesn't matter if you're an economic or non-economic entity, you will still get 100% Reimbursement!



# Award Duration

Activities need to be completed by **1 year** from the Start Date of the Grant Agreement

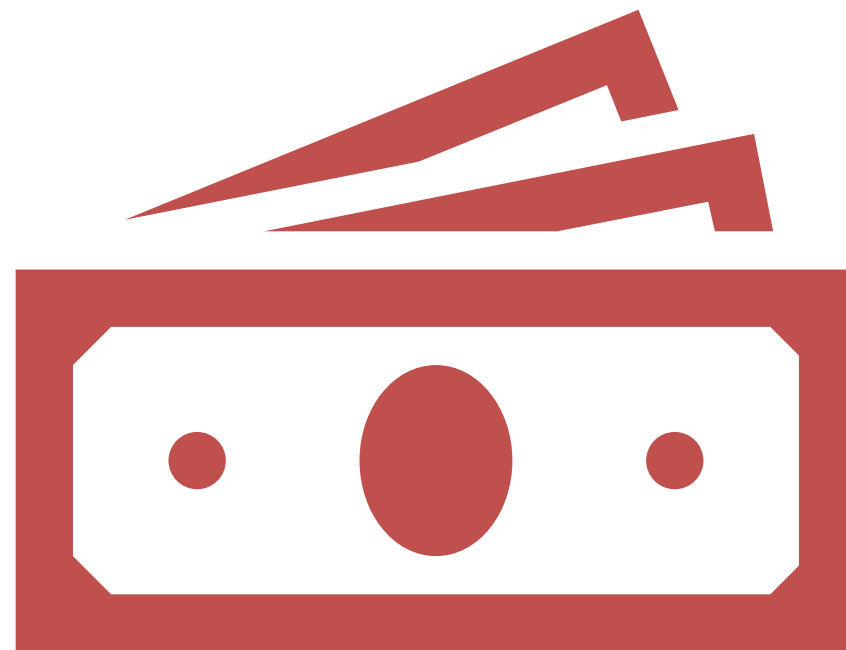
*(A description of the timeframe and plan for the implementation of the project/activities is required in the Application Form)*

Upon completion of the activities, the applicant is to submit a final report within 30 days (template by XM).

**Retain all documents proving expenditure of the funds awarded!**



# Eligible Costs



Flights for travel related to the project (including insurance)

Subsistence allowance  
(Accommodation included)

Conference Registrations attended abroad & related to the project

Catering and up to two hosted meals per day

Information and promotion material

Media Articles and outreach related to the project

# Ineligible Costs

1. Consumables and equipment
2. Internal invoices issued by the Award holders
3. Expenses related to loans, interests, and recoverable value added tax
4. Expenses related to travel and subsistence for the international partners when events are held abroad.



# Financing

Successful proposed submission will receive a **cash advance of 70%** of the requested amount of the Award.

Re-imburement of the remaining 30% (the Retention Money) subject to the following criteria:

- ✓ Submit a pre- / full proposal to any PRIMA-related Call for funding in 2026 or 2027.
- ✓ Pre- / full proposal needs to meet the eligibility criteria of PRIMA-related Call for funding and of the National Rules associated with them.
- ✓ Any verifications and/or audits are concluded.



# Next Steps

## Application Deadlines (Cut-off dates):

- 7th July 2026 at 23:59 CET
- 6th October 2026 at 23:59 CET (final deadline)

## How to Apply:

Sent National Application Form and relevant Annexes via  
[prima.xjenzamalta@gov.mt](mailto:prima.xjenzamalta@gov.mt)

Direct link: <https://xjenzamalta.mt/2026/03/20/prima-training-and-mobility-support-scheme-2026/>

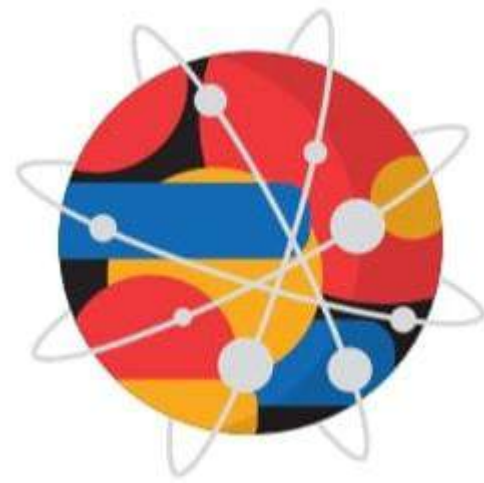
# Horizon Internationalisation Partnership Award Scheme



- **Overview:** provides **financial assistance** to engage service providers for **proposal writing and submission.**
- **Funding Amount:** Up to **€8,000** per eligible application.
- **Eligibility:** Malta-based entities acting as **coordinators** for PRIMA Section 1 & 2 proposals.
- **Application Process:** Submit applications electronically to [horizon.malta@gov.mt](mailto:horizon.malta@gov.mt), copying [lili.vasileva@gov.mt](mailto:lili.vasileva@gov.mt).
- **Submission Deadlines:** 19 June 2026, 13 November 2026 (final deadline).
- Link: <https://xjenzamalta.mt/2026/01/13/hipas-horizon-internationalisation-partnership-award-scheme/>

# Any Questions?





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