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Xjenza Malta Info Session
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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.



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Space
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Policy and Strategy
Unit

Framework
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Internationalisation
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Unit

Internationalisation Unit

- **Follow international trends** in R&I through its representation in international and regional science diplomacy fora
- **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





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*Sustained Collaboration of Funders
to Support Cancer Translational
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National/Regional Funding
Agencies Join Forces



Launch Annual Joint Transnational
Calls



Pooling Resources to Fund
Translational Cancer Research



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Sustained Collaboration of Funders to Support Cancer Translational Research

- **At least 3 independent legal entities** from at least **3 Countries**
- **Maximum number of partners is 6**, can be **increased to 7** of consortium includes Hungary, **Malta**, Slovakia and Turkiye.
- A consortium **must not involve more than two (2) research groups from the same country.**

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Sustained Collaboration of Funders to Support Cancer Translational Research

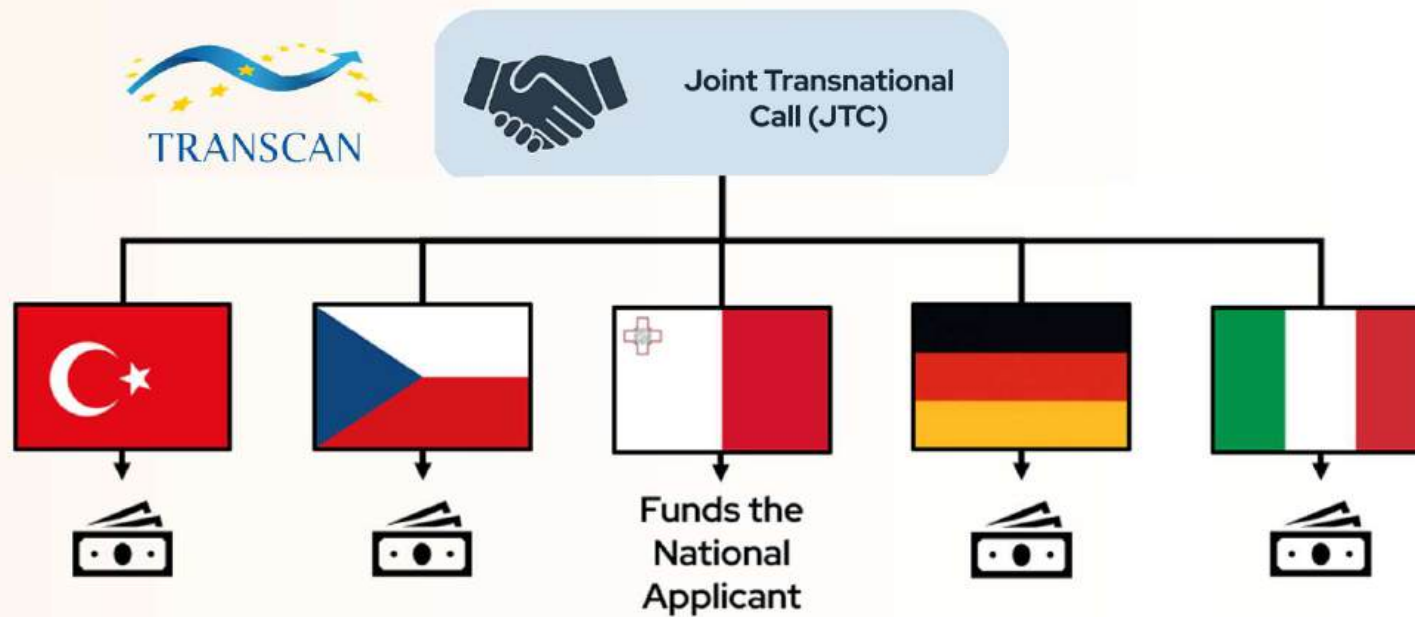
Participation of 15 countries and 19 funding agencies;

Austria
Belgium
Canada
France
Germany
Hungary
Israel
Turkiye

Italy
Malta
Poland
Romania
Slovakia
Spain
Taiwan



How does it work?



National Partners collaborate through a common call, each beneficiary funded by their own national funding agency.

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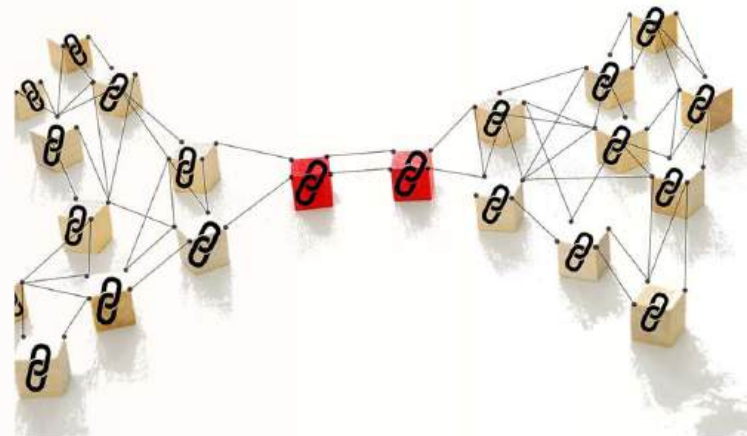


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**SUPPORTS CAPACITY BUILDING
ACTIVITIES!**

General Call Specifications

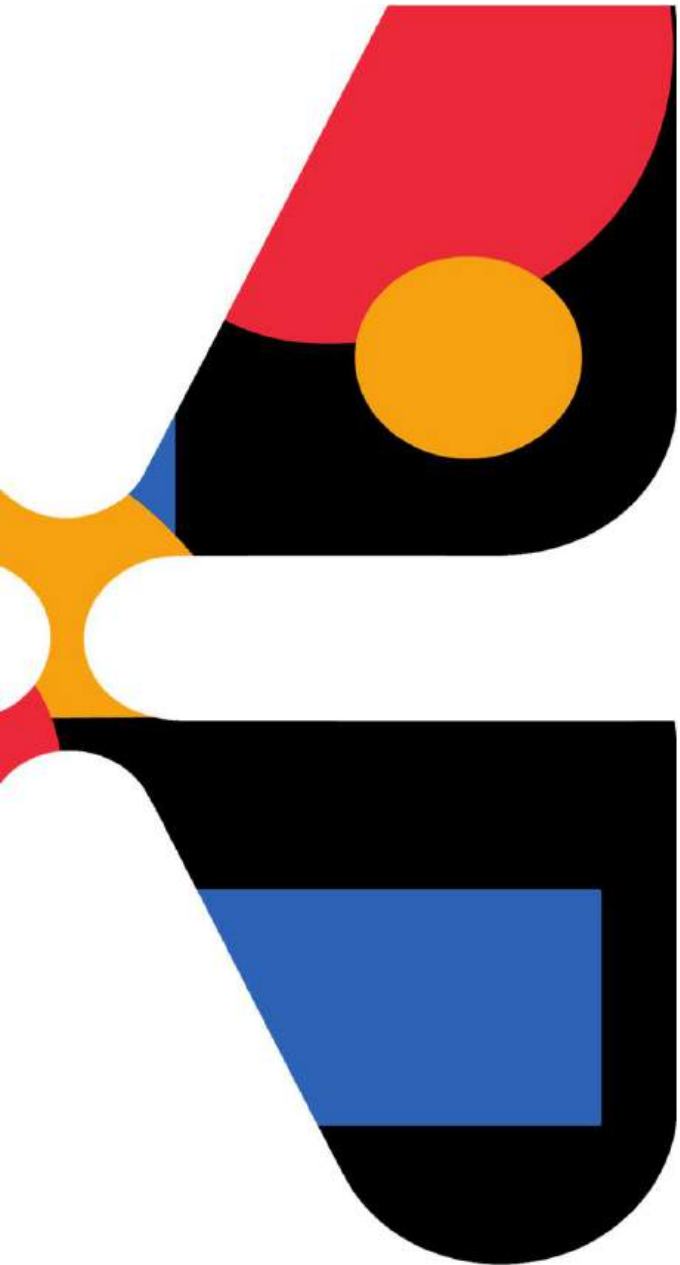
- **2-Stage Call**
- Involving a national & transnational application
- **300,000 EUR** per project for Malta-Based Applicants/Consortium
- Projects up to **36 months**.



General Call Specifications

- Each consortium must involve at least one basic or pre-clinical research team and one clinical team
- Include patients during the preparation of the proposal.
- For further information and guidance, refer to the [Call Text](#) and [Guidance for Applicants](#)





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

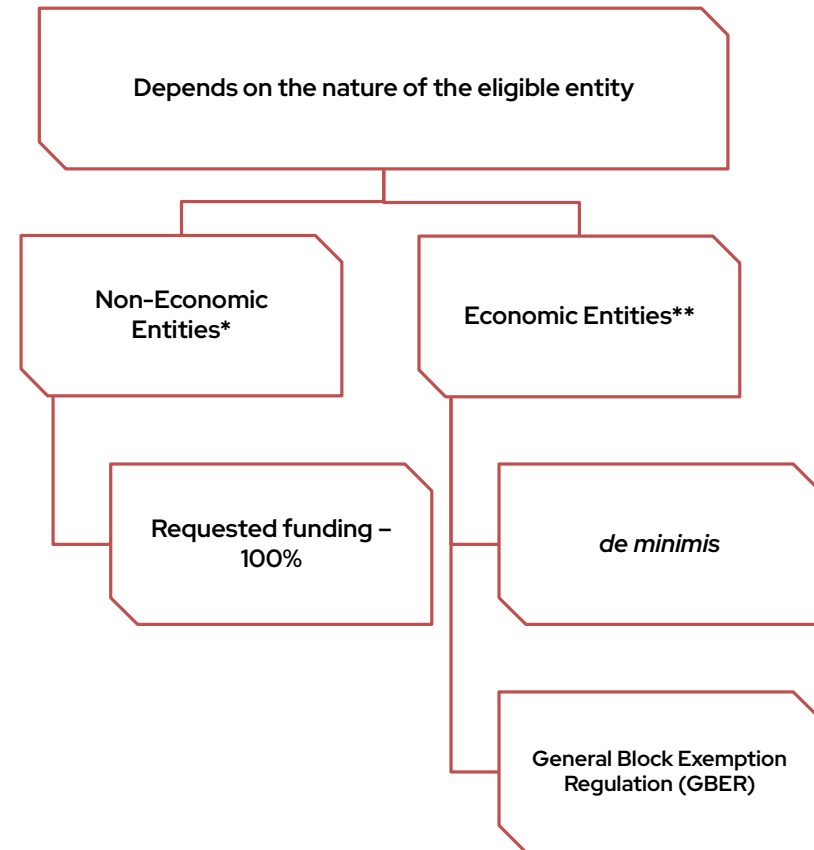
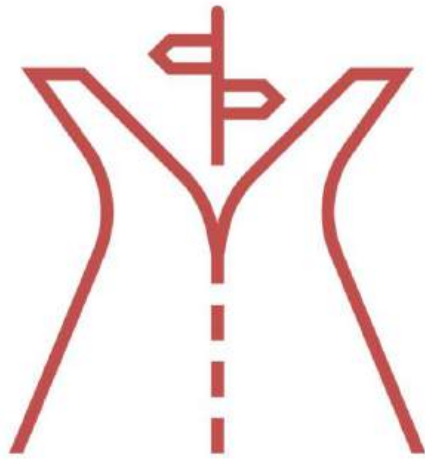
Professional Bodies

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.

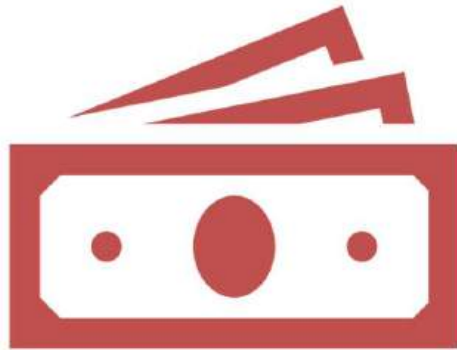
Aid Intensities

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 costs

Specialised Equipment &
Consumables

Subcontracting

Costs of IP and
Knowledge Transfer
activities

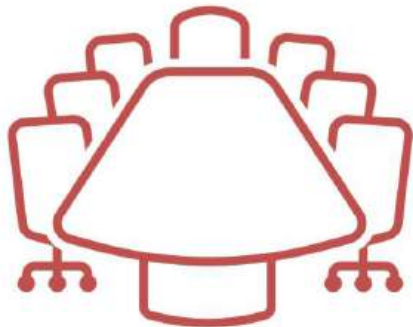
Travel & Subsistence

Overheads and Other
Operating Expenses

Personnel Costs

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**



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

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 ² or equivalent	Up to €44.98/hour	Up to €47.23/hour	Up to €49.59/hour	Max 2 per project
Researcher ³ 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.

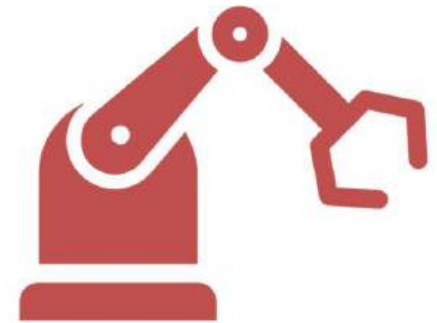
Equipment and Consumables

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.



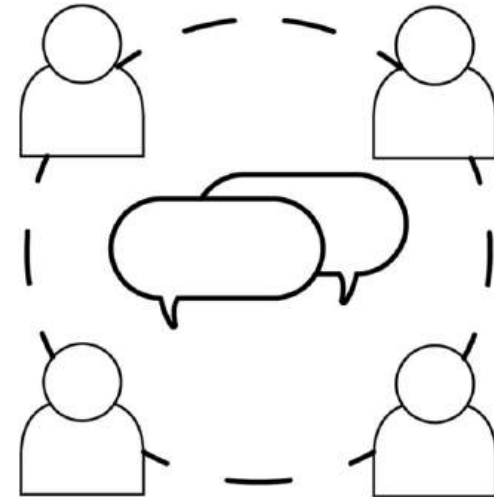
GBER

- 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, Budget Breakdown Form and other relevant annexes *via* email to eusubmissions.xjenzamalta@gov.mt by 21 July 2026, 23:59 CET.

2

The **Project Coordinator** submits the **Pre-Proposal** to [PT-Outline](#) (jointly with the other partners) via the **online submission tool** by 21 July 2026 12:00 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**.

Submission Procedure – Stage 1

Stage 1: Pre-Proposal Submission

- The coordinator **creates an account** on the Online Submission Tool- PT Outline.
- The coordinator **submits the proposal as a PDF file**.
- **Required budget for each partner**.
- 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>Budget Breakdown Form</i>	X	X	X	X
<i>Public entities - Annex</i>	X			
<i>Public RKDOs - Annex</i>		X		
CVs	X	X	X	X
<i>Memorandum & Articles of Association (Or any respective constitutive documents)</i>			X	X

Submission Procedure – Stage 2

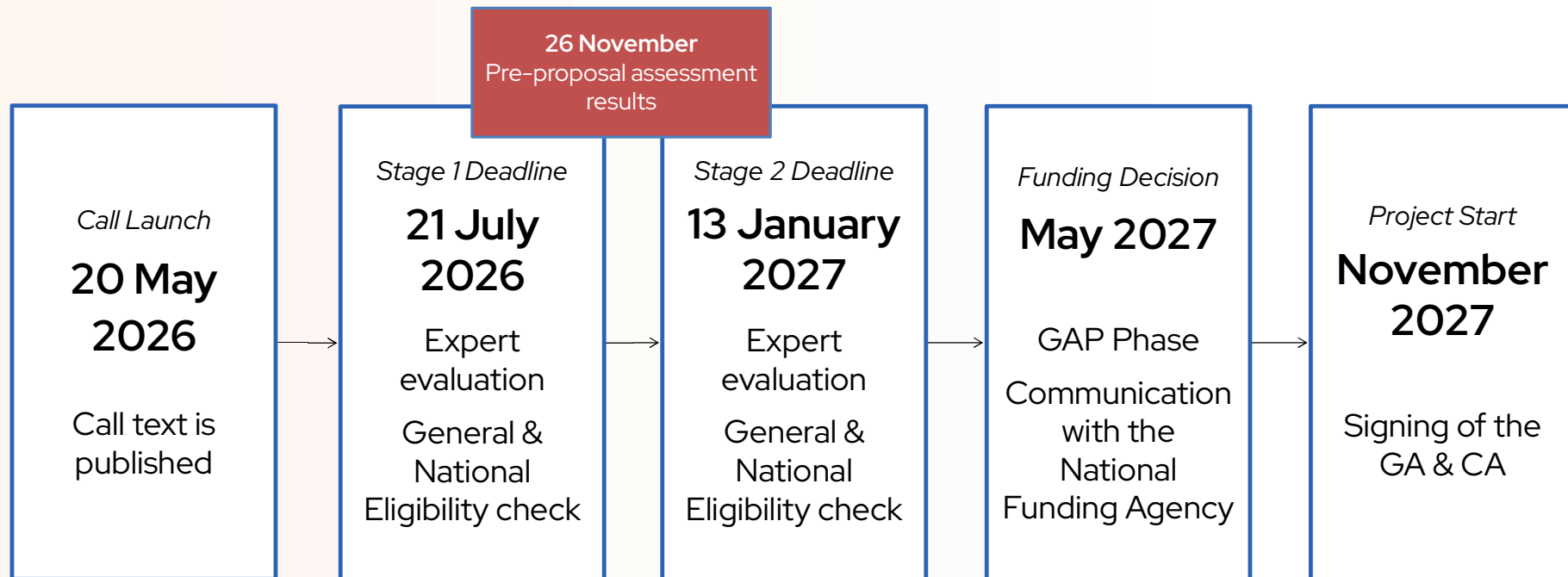
Stage 2: Full Proposal Submission (Upon Invitation)

- The Call Secretariat will contact the coordinators of projects that were invited to submit a full proposal.
- Coordinator submits the full-proposal on behalf of the partners (and budgetary details).
- 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>de minimis Form</i>			X	
<i>Enterprise Size Declaration Form & 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*

Call Timeline



Submission Documents – Attachments

The image shows a screenshot of the Xjenza Malta website. The navigation menu at the top 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 yellow arrow points from the 'Funding Schemes' menu to a callout box containing links to 'National Rules of Participation' and 'National Application Form'. A green arrow points from the 'Resources Page' menu item to a grey box labeled 'Resources Page', which contains a link to 'Relevant Annexes can be found here'. The main banner features the text 'Creating the best possible environment for R&I to flourish.' and the Xjenza Malta logo.

[National Rules of Participation](#)
[National Application Form](#)

Resources Page

- [Relevant Annexes can be found here](#)

Getting Acquainted & Finding Partners

Partner Search Tools

**PART
FINDER**

<https://partfinder.ncbr.gov.pl/>

 plumtri

[https://www.plumtri.org/
member/login](https://www.plumtri.org/member/login)

Contact us!

The Xjenza Malta Access2Partnerships Scheme (A2P)

CLUSTER 1: Health
Innovative Health Initiative
Global Health Partnership
Transformation of health systems
Chemicals risk assessment
ERA for Health
Rare diseases
One-Health Anti Microbial Resistance
Personalised Medicine
Pandemic Preparedness
Brain Health*



Participate in Horizon Europe Partnerships where Malta is not an official funding partner.



Get up to €300,000 per project from Xjenza Malta to participate as 'Self-funded' partners.



Eligibility Criteria & Important Deadlines



1. Compliance with the **A2P National Rules** for participation & the **Partnership Call Text**
2. The same **eligible entities & eligible costs** apply
3. The same funding modalities apply (**GBER/De minimis/Non-State Aid**)

A letter of intent may be required by partnerships for Self-Funded applicants – Xjenza Malta is willing provide this after an administrative check of your proposal!

Check the Partnership Call Text to confirm the requirement and timing, as national documentation may need to be submitted 3 weeks before the Partnership Pre-Proposal Deadline.



Please speak to us if you're interested!

Any Questions?





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