

Annex 1: Requirements of Research Funding Organisations

Croatia

HRZZ

Participating organisation

Croatian Science Foundation

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Funding criteria and regulations

Funding commitment

Max. funding per project: 200.000,00 EUR (1 project can be funded)

Proposed projects may last from 24 to 36 months.

Principal Investigators are not allowed to apply for funding in more than one proposal within this call.

Funding regulations

Croatian applicants (Principal Investigators) are advised to consult the [Guidelines for Applicants to Calls of the Croatian Science Foundation](#) prior to submitting a proposal, in order to verify compliance with national funding terms and conditions.

The End Beneficiary, i. e. Principal Investigator may hold the role of Principal Investigator (PI) and/or team member on a maximum two HRZZ projects: either as the PI of one project and team member or co-PI on another, or as a team member or co-PI on two projects. Therefore, at the time of application, an eligible PI may hold only one active role on HRZZ projects. Active roles do not include the role of PI or collaborator on HRZZ projects scheduled to conclude by May 31, 2026. PIs of Croatian research groups on projects in bilateral programmes, Multilateral Academic Projects, and other ERA-NET projects are considered Co-PIs for the purpose of this Call.

Applicant can participate in only one project consortium in one ERA-NET Cofund Call.

Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution

Eligible applicants are:

- higher education institutions
- scientific institutes
- other research-oriented legal entities that employ at least five PhD holders who have been employed at the institution for at least one year

Submission of the proposal at the national level

The HRZZ requests the Croatian applicants to send the following documentation (in English), not later than 3 working days after the submission of the proposal:

1. Proposal (in PDF format, sealed on the date of Call deadline)
2. Financial Plan for the Croatian research group (the part to be financed by the HRZZ), extracted from the - Financial Form submitted by the project consortium
3. Work plan for the Croatian research group
4. Institutional Support Letter - a written commitment from the Croatian applicant's institution accepting the proposed research and committing to its administration (signed and certified by the authorized representative of the institution)
5. Signed Letter of Commitment for participation in the project for all associates not employed at the applicant's institution

The electronic version of the requested documentation shall be submitted via email to the following address: international@hrzz.hr.

Additional requirements

The funded Croatian applicants will have to submit annual Narrative and Financial reports to HRZZ, along with a Declaration on VAT status and Declaration on the prevention of double financing for the year in question.

Eligible costs are:

- research costs
- personnel costs (employment of postdoctoral researchers)
- equipment purchases and equipment maintenance costs
- dissemination, training, and cooperation costs
- costs for open access publishing
- indirect costs - maximum 15% of total funds requested, only if they are directly connected with project activities and they cannot be placed into any of the categories of eligible costs.