

Annex A: Specific Funding Agencies’ Budgets and Rules of Eligibility

The following tables are presented to give some guidance to the applicants when considering the consortium building process and to make it easier to read the specific Funding Agencies’ rules.

Please consult Table 3 for the detailed eligibility criteria for each Funding Agency.

Table 1: Participating Funding Agencies: budget, RDI activities, topics and organisations eligible for funding

Country / Region	Funding agency	total budget [M EUR]	15minC	CUE	PED	Types of RDI activities eligible for funding	Maximum funding per project/project applicant/main applicant [K EUR]	Indicative mean or range of funding demand per project expected [K EUR]	Duration of contracting phase (months)	Anticipated number of projects	Universities and research organisations	Municipalities	Business organisations and companies	NGOs and similar
Croatia	HRZZ	0.4M	YES	YES	YES	- Strategic research - Applied research - Innovation	200K	200K	12	2	YES	NO	NO	NO

Table 2: Transition Pathways and topics coverage (X) by the Funding Agencies
Please note: The cross-cutting Topic 1 is reserved for **IOA proposals only**.

Country / Region	Funding Agency	15mC	CUE	PED	15mC		CUE		PED	
		Crosscutting Topic (Topics 1)			Topic 2	Topic 3	Topic 2	Topic 3	Topic 2	Topic 3
Croatia	HRZZ	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Table 3: List of Funding Agencies for DUT Call 2026

Country	Funding Agency
Croatia	HRZZ

insert country / region* – *insert acronym

(a) National/Regional information and eligibility criteria:

Information type	Details
Contact Point	Iva Spoljar Saric E-mail: iva@hrzz.hr Tanja Lukanovic, E-mail: tanja@hrzz.hr
Funding commitment	EUR 400,000
Start and duration of contracting phase	*when will the contracting phase start if the Call decision is reached in July 2027? how many months does it approximately take until your proposals have their contracts? e.g: Start: September 2027 Duration: 3 months*
Approximate earliest possible starting date (nationally)	January 2028. Projects are allowed to start without a signed contract, by national payment cannot be made before January 2028.
Anticipated number of projects to be funded by the funding partner	2
Maximum funding per awarded project	EUR 200,000
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Private and public higher education institutions and research institutes.
Eligible topics	Strategic and applied research, innovation
Eligible type of research and TRL	Basic and applied research (TRL 1-4)
Submission of the (pre)proposal at the national level	Croatian applicants do not need to submit (pre)proposals at the national level. However, they are strongly recommended to contact the HRZZ at the pre-proposal and full proposal stage.
Additional eligibility criteria for the funding agency	Eligible applicants are: ▪ Higher education institutions ▪ Scientific institutes ▪ Other research-oriented institutions that employ at least five PhD holders under employment contracts lasting more than one year.
Eligible costs	Eligible costs according to the national rules are outlined in the Guidelines for Applicants to the Calls of the Croatian Science Foundation in 2025. These include: 1. Research costs, 2. Equipment costs, 3. Dissemination, training and collaboration costs, 4. Open Access publication costs, 5. Indirect costs and 6. Salary costs for senior assistants employed on the project.
Website with additional information	https://hrzz.hr/programi/medunarodna-suradnja/

	https://hrzz.hr/wp-content/uploads/Upute-za-prijavitelje-na-natjecaje-Hrvatske-zaklade-za-znanost-u-2025.pdf
Additional information	-

(b) Funding rates:

Organisation type	Basic research	Industrial / Applied Research	Experimental development / Innovation
Large Enterprises			
Medium Enterprises			
Small Enterprises			
University colleges, and integrated university educations			
Universities, public research organisations	100%	100%	100%
Public authorities			
Associations (and NGOs) without economic activities			