

National regulations, the Netherlands

National requirements for Dutch applicants in research projects of the ERA-net Core Organic Cofund

In the framework of European cooperation in research Member-States and Regions that are united in the ERA-net Core Organic Cofund call upon interested parties to submit proposals (the 'call') for research projects for the benefit of organic food and farming.

1. Introduction

The Ministry of Economic Affairs ('EZ') has allocated 463,000 euros (incl. VAT) for funding research of Dutch parties that are joining transnational consortia submitting proposals for this call. For the same purpose the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research ('NWO') allocated 500,000 euros (incl. VAT). With a top-up of the European Union, more than one million euros can be spent on Dutch research for the organic food and farming sector.

The requirements for funding by EZ respectively NWO differ. To ensure that within the ERA-net the joint Dutch budget will be used as much as possible, it is important that universities, NWO/KNAW research institutes and other parties submit joint proposals. The following national requirements apply:

- Universities and NWO/KNAW research institutes may request funding under NWO conditions.
- For this specific call, TO2 and HBO institutes may request funding under NWO conditions or EZ conditions.
- All parties, with the exception of universities and NWO/KNAW research institutes, may request funding under EZ conditions.
- The amount that EZ funds in a project is limited to a maximum of 50% of the Dutch part in the entire proposal.
- The maximum NWO funding is 250,000 euros per consortium.
- For Dutch applicants, the proposed research should fall within topic 1, 3 or 4 of the call-texts. Topic 2 is excluded from funding by The Netherlands.
- Within topic 1, The Netherlands will not fund research related to olive production.
- Within topic 3, The Netherlands will not fund research related to turkey and duck.

2. NWO-requirements

More detailed information on this ERA-net Cofund Core Organic call are available on the [NWO-website](#)

Universities and NWO/KNAW research institutes may request funding under NWO conditions. For this specific call, TO2 and HBO institutes may also request funding under NWO conditions.

The review process is carried out under responsibility of the ERA-net Core Organic. Eventually the accredited board within NWO will decide which Dutch proposals are to be awarded. This decision will be based on the ranking established by the ERA-net Core Organic.

Who can apply

Funding can be applied for by associate, assistant and full professors or researchers with a comparable position who hold an appointment at a Dutch university or a research institute recognised by NWO (cf. Open Programme NWO-ALW). For this specific call, this includes TO2 and HBO institutes.

Specifically:

- Applicants must hold a doctorate and/or be professor.
- Applicants must have a paid appointment for at least the duration of the application process and the research for which the grant is requested.
- Employees who have a 'zero-hours' contract (0-aanstelling) or a contract as an unpaid guest researcher cannot apply.
- Applicants may not apply for a position for themselves (if required with the exception of senior researchers at TO2/HBO).

TO2 institutes are defined as TNO, Wageningen Research (research institutes of Wageningen UR), the National Aerospace Laboratory (NLR), Energy research Centre of the Netherlands (ECN), Deltares and the Maritime Research Institute Netherlands (Marin). HBO institutes are defined as government funded HBO institutes as included in article 1.8 of the ['Wet op het hoger onderwijs en wetenschappelijk onderzoek'](#) (WHW).

The Dutch applicant submits his/her application as part of one complete and coherent research project that will be carried out by an international consortium. An individual Dutch applicant may request funding for only one project (part of a consortium) in this call.

What can be applied for?

Applicants can apply for a grant to cover research costs such as the appointment of personnel (post-doc/senior researchers), material facilities (consumables, travel costs, etc.) and fieldwork. Each cost category should be explained separately in the application.

The maximum project duration is 36 months.

Personnel costs

For the salary costs the VSNU contract '[Akkoord bekostiging wetenschappelijk onderzoek](#)' applies. For the Dutch Individual Project a grant can be requested for a postdoc or senior researcher (maximum 3 years full time, per 1 July 2016: 212,117 euro). This amount includes a bench fee of 5,000 euro for individual costs for the purposes of the research of the postdoc/senior researcher (e.g. publication costs, congress visits).

Material and networking costs

For material costs (consumables, fieldwork, travel costs) and networking costs (consortium meetings, travel costs, communication) together 20% of the funding (with a maximum of 50,000 euro) for the entire funding period can be applied for.

Non-eligible costs

The NWO funding in this call does not cover costs for sub-contracting or overheads (other than included in the salary costs for TO2 and HBO institutes). Applicants cannot apply for a grant to cover the costs of tenured staff (with the exception of senior researchers at TO2 or HBO institutes), student assistants, analysts or technicians, general laboratory equipment and the costs for maintenance, insurance, congress visits and publications.

The information above means the following for the cost categories that have to be filled in in the application format:

1. Person months (Months)	Funded cf. NWO rates
2. Person cost (1000 €)	Not funded
3. Travel & subsistence (1000 €)	Funded, if specified
4. Consumables (1000 €)	Funded, if specified
5. Equipment (1000 €)	Funded, if specified
6. Subcontracting (1000 €)	Not funded
7. Other costs (1000 €)	Not funded
8. Indirect costs (1000 €)	Not funded

3. Ministry of EZ-requirements

Interested parties, with the exception of universities and NWO/KNAW research institutes, can request funding under EZ conditions if they fulfill the following conditions:

- The [Arvodi voorwaarden](#) of 2016 apply (Algemene Rijksvoorwaarden voor het verstrekken van opdrachten tot het verrichten van diensten 2016).
- All amounts have to be stated including VAT.
- Private parties, including companies, can submit proposals, but their actual participation may depend on the outcome of a check on state aid.

- The ministry of EZ funds the following cost categories:

1. Person months (Months)	Not funded
2. Person cost (1000 €)	Funded, but only with an explicit specification of person months (or days, or hours) times the cost rate for that category specialist.
3. Travel & subsistence (1000 €)	Funded, if specified
4. Consumables (1000 €)	Funded, if specified
5. Equipment (1000 €)	Funded, depending on a proportional write-off (amortization) for the period the equipment is used within the project. Usually we apply a standard maximum amortization period of five years.
6. Subcontracting (1000 €)	Funded, but only with an explicit specification of person months (or days, or hours) times the cost rate for that category specialist.
7. Other costs (1000 €)	Funded, if specified
8. Indirect costs (1000 €)	Not funded

4. Specific ERA-net Core Organic requirements

- The review process is carried out under responsibility of the ERA-net Core Organic. More information can be found on the website of [Core Organic](#).
- The pre-proposal and the full proposal must be submitted correctly and completely before the respective deadlines via the Core Organic online tool (www.era.call.eu) according to the application procedure and the guidance provided in the submission tool.
- All project partners have to register themselves on the call-website and enter their data. The procedure can be found on the call website.
- The criteria for selection are available in call documents that are available on the Core Organic website.

5. National contact points

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