

Annex for applicants in Portugal to the 2nd ERA-CAPS Call for Proposals

PARTNER: Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia (FCT) is the Portugal's main funding agency for research and it is responsible for following the bilateral and multilateral international agreements in science and technology. FCT is a public autonomous institute under the aegis of the Ministry of Education and Science. FCT covers all fields of science, from natural sciences to humanities, normally in a responsive mode, aiming at capability enhancement and research excellence.

NOTICE: FCT supports the 2nd Call for Proposals of the ERA-NET ERA-CAPS “Expanding the European Research Area in Molecular Plant Sciences”, aiming to facilitate international collaboration and to stimulate synergy in the area of molecular plant science on the basis of excellent research.

ELIGIBILITY, NATIONAL FUNDING MODALITIES AND ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES: Research themes, application, evaluation and selection of research proposals will follow the procedure that is defined in the ERA-CAPS Call Notice. Once all evaluation steps have been completed, FCT Board of Directors will make the final approving of funding. In the case of a positive funding decision all Portuguese applicants will be asked to submit a formal national application. For Portuguese institutions affiliated participants the national regulations will apply, namely with regard to: eligibility of participants and eligible costs.

Eligibility of Participants

The following entities having legal authority to enter into contracts may, either individually or jointly, submit proposals for funding of the projects:

- Higher Education Institutions, their institutes and R&D centres;
- Associate Laboratories;
- State Laboratories;
- Private non-profit institutions whose main objective is to carry out S&T activities;
- Companies;
- Other public and private non-profit institutions which carry out or participate in scientific research activities.

Eligible Costs

The percentage of costs covered by national funding:

- Large Enterprises, Groups and Associations of Enterprises, Medium Enterprises, Small Enterprises - 50%;
- Research Institutes and Universities - 100%.

Payments made to companies may not exceed 50% of the total cost of the company's participation. During the execution of the project, the recipients should present to Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia (FCT) the documents related to the total expenses made.

The aforementioned regulations are available at <http://alfa.fct.mctes.pt/apoios/projectos/regulamento.phtml.en> (*Regulations governing access to funding for scientific research and technological development projects - 2010 (with 2011 changes)*).

Exception to National Regulations

The percentage of time dedicated to transnational projects will not be added to the percentage of time dedicated to existing national projects.

Additional documents required nationally

Portuguese teams need to send a statement of commitment to the National Call Coordinator from FCT, duly signed, dated and stamped by the Head of the Portuguese applicant organization and by the Principal Investigator, at the stage of full proposals.

The contribution of FCT to the 2nd ERA-CAPS Call for Proposals will be 325.000€ (up to 200.000€ if the applicant is the transnational project consortium coordinator; up to 125.000€ if the applicant is NOT the transnational project consortium coordinator).

For further information, please contact the **ERA-CAPS National Call Coordinator:**

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