



**THIRD CALL FOR TRANSNATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECTS WITHIN THE
EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA-NET ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE**

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GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

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1 CALL BACKGROUND

ANIHWA ERA-Net (Animal Health and Welfare) is a Coordination Action funded under the European Commission's ERA-Net scheme within the 7th Framework Programme (FP7). ANIHWA involves 20 partner organisations and two associated partners involved in funding or managing animal health and welfare research programmes in 16 European countries.

ANIHWA ERA-Net builds on the experience and achievements of the previous ERA-Net EMIDA (Emerging and Major Infectious Diseases of Livestock) and has been designed as an instrument to develop a sustainable focused network of national research funders for the purpose of coordinating activities, sharing information and improving coordination and collaboration in research on animal health and welfare of farm animals, including fish and bees.

ANIHWA ERA-Net has three main over-arching strategic goals:

- Develop integrated animal health and welfare research policies and activities at the EU-wide level.
- Optimise the research provision that underpins EU animal health and welfare policy development and policy implementation, and the sustainability of the EU livestock industries through the coordination of funding to develop improved tools for the control of health and welfare threats of livestock.
- Increase the capacity of European animal health and welfare science and research, in order to maintain and develop EU expertise in this field and maintain Europe's competitiveness in the global Animal Health & Welfare market.

As part of the development of a framework for the coordination of transnational research, ANIHWA has developed instruments for procuring, managing and appraising transnational animal health and welfare research activities. ANIHWA has agreed to launch a joint research call applying a "distributed common pot" funding mechanism with a total budget of approximately 10 Mio € in November 2014. For this purpose, the ANIHWA call office consortium has selected three (3) topics each focusing on current research needs within the field of animal health and welfare.



2 GENERAL CALL INFORMATION

2.1 CALL TOPICS FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS

Research Consortia are invited to submit pre-proposals and after verifying eligibility full proposals related to these three (3) topics (see below “research topics covered by the third ANIHWA call”). Project consortia must involve a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of eight (8) partners from at least three (3) different participating and a maximum of eight (8) countries. Consortia members from non-participating countries are welcome with own secured resources. Proposals for a particular topic are expected to address one or more of the mentioned aspects. Please take the specific considerations of funders (ANNEX 3, National Regulations) into account and note that each topic is funded by a limited number of different countries; please see to “Funding Scheme by Country” (ANNEX 1) for information regarding funding intentions.

RESEARCH TOPICS COVERED BY THE THIRD ANIHWA CALL

Included animals of all three (3) topics are: cattle, pigs, poultry, sheep, goats, horses, fishes, bees and minor species like rabbits.

Topic 1: Disease control and surveillance

The “Disease control and surveillance” topic addresses very specifically the subtopics: active surveillance, disease modelling, vector-borne diseases, vaccination and the role of wild-life reservoirs. The research proposal should address one or more subtopics.

Active surveillance

Research to develop and improve approaches to surveillance activities e.g. with a focus on risk based and standardised outcomes, and development of cheaper and more sensitive diagnostic tests (serological tests, PCR’s, etc., including pen-site tests)



Disease modelling

Modelling spatial and temporal spread of current and emerging diseases, e.g. by outbreak simulation, taking the effect of climate change and globalization into account ; bio-economical modelling of cost/benefit for various control measures (e.g. herd culling, quarantine and vaccination) should be included.

Vector-borne diseases

Research to develop epidemiological models of vector-borne diseases, for mosquitoes, midges, sand flies and ticks including investigation of a number of parameters: geographic distribution, climatic factors, survival parameters, vectorial competence, possible overwintering in the vector, incubation period, its dependence on temperature, etc., and alternative possibilities for vector control. Projects addressing multiple factors or multiple disease/vector interactions are encouraged.

Vaccination

Estimate of the necessary vaccination coverage for a number of diseases e.g. by simulating various scenarios and estimating R_0 -values for vaccinated vs. unvaccinated populations.

Role of wild-life reservoirs

Research on the role of wild-life reservoirs: systematic studies of transmission parameters and the effect of bio-security measures, e.g. physical barriers towards contact with wild-life. Social science investigation may help identify reasons for lack of compliance among essential stakeholders.

This topic will be supported in whole or in part by the following countries:

BE, CH, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, IE, IL, IT, LT, NL, NO, SE, SK, UK

Note: DE only supports “Vector-borne diseases”. IE supports only “Active Surveillance”. In NL only NVWA supports “Active surveillance” of this topic. In UK only DEFRA supports this topic, however DEFRA cannot confirm its budget until early 2015. Consortia including UK partners are encouraged and ANIHW will establish a mechanism to mitigate against any perceived risk associated with including UK partners.



Topic 2: Production diseases

The “Production diseases” topic addresses very specifically the subtopics: infection dynamics on-farm, antimicrobial and anti-parasitic treatment. The research proposal should address one or more subtopics.

Infection dynamics on-farm

Generate knowledge on infection dynamics on-farm as related to age group, animal density, housing conditions, containment, etc.; perform well-designed studies, reflecting the farm conditions, particularly for multiple pathogens and their interactions and/or multi-factorial diseases. This may be combined with a risk-factor analysis or bio-economical modelling to further define acceptable levels of clinical/subclinical infection or to identify suitable changes of management.

Alternatives to antimicrobial treatment

Research into the proper formulations of probiotics and prebiotics, in order to improve the intestinal microbiota and reduce the need for antimicrobial treatment; research on the potential of non-traditional compounds and methods, such as antimicrobial peptides, medicinal plants, silencing RNA and bacteriophages as practical candidates for alternatives for antimicrobial use.

Alternatives to anti-parasitic treatment

Research into alternative control methods for parasite infestations, which may include: management approaches for outdoor rearing and/or non-traditional compounds with anti-parasitic effects.

This topic will be supported in whole or in part by the following countries:

BE, CH, DK, ES, FI, FR, IE, IT, LT, NL, NO, SE, SK, UK*¹⁶

Note: FPS-CR of BE only supports the sub-topics “Alternatives to antimicrobial treatment”. CODA-CERVA of BE only supports the subtopics “Infection dynamics on-farm” and “Alternatives to antimicrobial treatment”. IE supports only “Infection dynamics on-farm”. In NL only EZ supports subtopics “Infection dynamics on-farm” and “Alternatives to anti-parasitic treatment”. UK*¹⁶ BBSRC: participation not confirmed yet.



Topic 3: Animal Welfare

The “Animal Welfare” topic addresses very specifically the subtopics: databases and automatic recording systems, research on dairy cattle, pigs, broilers, laying hens and fish. The research proposal should address one or more subtopics, with particular emphasis on production conditions.

Databases and automatic recording systems

Development and validation of automatic recording systems (video, etc.) of animal behaviour and the design of the necessary algorithms for treating and sharing such data.

Identification, selection and consolidation of data on animal welfare for deposition/storage in community defined searchable and sustainable databases with harmonised and standardised data, including tools to analyse and interpret datasets and analysis of links between measures, factors and welfare outcomes. Data should include, amongst others, recordings of animal, resource and management-based measures and slaughterhouse recordings.

Dairy cattle

Research improving the understanding of the welfare effects of: pain associated with injury, acute and chronic infectious production diseases, and/or exhaustion associated with prolonged high metabolic demand, with the aim of developing improved methods for quantitative and semi-quantitative measurements of welfare on farms.

Pigs

Research addressing the biological relevance and prevention of: pain, frustration and other positive and negative emotional states with the aim of developing animal-based measures to be used as welfare outcome indicators on-farm.

Broilers and laying hens

Research which allows closer elucidation of the animals' behavioural needs, such as understanding the causes of and remedying feather pecking. This may include genetic selection and modification of the housing conditions. Development of an on-farm feather and injury scoring method that covers the extent of damage caused by aggressive behaviour.



Fish

The proposed research should include one or more of the following aspects: slaughter techniques, nutrition, natural behaviour, population density, environmental quality, and transport.

This topic will be supported in whole or in part by the following countries:

BE, CH, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, IL, IT, LT, NL, NO, SE, SK, UK ^{*16}

Note: In BE only FWO supports this topic. In NL only EZ supports subtopic on “Pigs (tail docking)” and “Laying hens (feather pecking)”. UK^{*16} BBSRC: participation not confirmed yet.

3 CALL TIMELINE

The call involves a two-step submission procedure with a pre-proposal and a full proposal. Details on the schedule of the third ANIHWA call are shown in table 1.

Table 1: Timeline of third ANIHWA call

Call opening for pre-proposals	17 th of November 2014
Deadline for pre-proposal submission	12 th of February 2015, 12:00 CET
Invitation for full proposals	2 nd of May 2015
Submission tool re-opens for full proposals	4 th of May 2015
Deadline for full proposal submission	2 nd of July 2015, 12:00 CEST
Programme owner’s meeting	29 th of September 2015
Announcement of funding decision	End of October 2015
Expected project start	1 st quarter 2016

The project period will be limited to a maximum of 36 months between 2016 and 2019.

3.1 CALL MANAGEMENT

The third ANIHWA call will be managed by the ANIHWA call office providing administrative support and steered by the funders group (FG) composed of the national funding organisations as listed in ANNEX 2, National Contacts.





All decisions concerning the procedures of the joint transnational call, project funding and any remarks at national level affecting procedures and transnational funding will be taken by the FG of which the ANIHWA call office is also a member.

3.2 ANIHWA CALL OFFICE

Information on the call will be provided on both the ANIHWA submission website (www.anihwa-submission-era.net/third-call) and the ANIHWA website (www.anihwa.eu).

Enquiries concerning the third ANIHWA call and follow-up actions will be coordinated by the ANIHWA call office. The ANIHWA call office is located at Forschungszentrum Jülich GmbH, Projektträger Jülich, Germany (Partner of the ERA-Net ANIHWA) and assists the FG and the national funding organisations during implementation and realisation of the call until the funded research projects are completed. It will provide the administrative management of the call and **is the primary contact point for Research Consortia.**

Contact details of the ANIHWA call office:

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3.3 NATIONAL CONTACT POINTS

For all country-specific concerns such as national eligibility and funding priorities, grants, contractual aspects, etc. applicants are advised to get in touch with the contacts of the various national funding agencies (listed in ANNEX 2).



4 ELIGIBILITY

The third ANIHWA call is a transnational call for research proposals in which projects are funded by the individual national research funding organisation(s). As a consequence two levels of eligibility exist:

- ANIHWA eligibility criteria (see chapter 4.1)
- National eligibility criteria (see chapter 4.2 and ANNEX 3, National Regulations)

4.1 ANIHWA ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Each project proposal (pre- and full proposal) must:

- involve a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of eight (8) partners from at least three (3) and a maximum of eight (8) different participating countries. Consortia members from non-participating countries are welcome, but with own secured resources; the maximum number of eight (8) partners per research consortium may not be exceeded. Proposals tendered with support (financial or in kind) from industry or other non-ANIHWA funding bodies are encouraged;
- be submitted online via the submission website www.anihwa-submission-era.net/third-call before the respective deadlines;
- be completely and accurately filled;
- fit the formal requirements for proposal submission (as outlined in chapter 5) and the respective national regulations (as outlined in chapter 11);
- meet the technical specifications outlined in the topic description;
- be written in English.

4.2 NATIONAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To receive funding applicants shall carefully check if their country is supporting the topic of interest. Applicants must further be eligible for funding according to the eligibility criteria set by the national funding organisations (see ANNEX 3). All participants in a consortium of bidders must check their eligibility by reference to the guidance provided by their national funding organisation(s) at the earliest possible stage.



Eligible costs will be determined by the regulations and conditions of each national funding organisation. Subcontracting will be allowed according to the regulations of the national funding organisations involved.

4.3 OTHER APPLICANTS

Applicants from countries not providing funding in any topic are welcome in Research Consortia, but will have to secure their own resources. They are not counted as eligible partners for the ANIHWA eligibility criteria. The maximum number of eight (8) participants per research consortium may not be exceeded.

5 SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

Application consists of a two-step process including a pre- and full proposal. All proposals must be submitted online via www.anihwa-submission-era.net/third-call.

Each consortium must define a Research Consortium **Coordinator**, who has to conduct the entire process until funding decision is in place (see chapter 5.1).

The ANIHWA call office will be the primary contact point throughout the application process. Applications will be accepted only online (www.anihwa-submission-era.net); proposals must be written in English.

Applications have to be correctly filled and to the best of one's knowledge. For further information contact the ANIHWA call office.

5.1 THE RESEARCH CONSORTIUM COORDINATOR

Each Research Consortium has to appoint a Coordinator, who has the following duties and responsibilities:

- being the single contact point for the ANIHWA call office on behalf of the consortium



partners;

- submit the pre- and full proposal on behalf of the Research Consortium via the ANIHWA submission website
- compile and submit, if requested, reports/deliverables to the ANIHWA call office on behalf of the Research Consortium in case of a commissioned project

The Research Consortium Coordinator will **NOT** be responsible for the financial management of ANIHWA research funding, which will be handled at national level between partners and their national funding agency in each participating country.

The Research Consortium Coordinator must inform the ANIHWA call office and each of the national funding agencies of any event that might affect the implementation of the project.

5.2 DETAILS FOR SUBMISSION OF PRE-PROPOSALS

Pre-proposals must be submitted online at <https://www.anihwa-submission-era.net/third-call> by the **12th of February 2015, 12:00 CET**. The submission tool will be open by the deadline only. After the deadline reached no further pre-proposals can be accepted.

Please register first to the online submission tool following the instructions and keep your login credentials for further logins.

Pre-proposals must be written in English.

Pre-proposals may be modified online by the research consortium coordinator until the deadline of the call, and the new version of the pre-proposal must be re-submitted in order for the change(s) to be registered.

5.2.1 PRE-PROPOSAL ONLINE SUBMISSION

Pre-proposals must cover the following:

- **Profile:** name, full affiliation, task(s) of work package (brief description of tasks to be performed by each partner, each 500 characters incl. space characters), 5 literature references each to highlight personal competencies in the field of research, CV of each partner (describing activities and competencies of the last 5 years at least, 3000 characters incl. space characters), the mentioned information must be provided by the Research Consortium Coordinator except



the tasks and CV of partners involved, this must be delivered by each partner via the online submission tool;

- **Project data:** general information on the thematic fit (topic/animal), title, acronym, duration of the proposed research project;
- **Keywords:** provide up to 5 keywords to describe the scientific scope of your application; the keywords will inter alia be used to identify and assign reviewers to your project, maximum 150 characters incl. space characters;
- **Project abstract:** brief summary of proposed research, 2500 characters incl. space characters;
- **Project aims:** describe achievements of proposed research, 2000 characters incl. space characters;
- **Project description:** detail the scope of the proposed project, describe the workflow, mention work packages and partner involvements, 8000 characters incl. space characters describing the fit to the ANIHWA goals, the methods, expected results and their exploitation;
- **International collaboration:** describe the necessity and benefit of your international cooperation, max. 2000 characters incl. space characters;
- **Gantt chart:** upload a Gantt chart to outline the project workflow;
- **Finances:** cost budget incl. costs for personnel, travel, consumables and equipment, overhead costs and own contribution if applicable; brief comments on direct costs shall be made too. Applicants are strongly advised to adhere to their individual national financial regulations.

The information given in the pre-proposal is binding. Thus, any fundamental changes between the pre- and full proposals, e.g. changes in the composition of the consortia, objectives, cost calculations, etc. must be communicated to the ANIHWA call office with detailed justification and will only be allowed by the funders under exceptional circumstances.

Pre-proposals will be checked for relevance to the call, for formal ANIHWA eligibility criteria (see 4.1) and for national eligibility, including national strategic priorities by each Party involved. Pre-proposals that are not complete or do not meet any other formal requirements will not be further considered in the evaluation process. If one partner of a research consortium is ineligible to one of the funding organisations involved, the proposal of this research consortium will not continue the selection process. This means all partners must be eligible.

The eligible pre-proposals will be peer-reviewed by an external expert panel on the basis of relevance to the topic, overall originality, quality of partners and consortium incl. the coordination and management competencies of the coordinator. The peer review evaluation process includes an experts' discussion to aim a consensus on each pre-proposal and to rank the pre-proposals according to their assessment. During a consensus meeting the funders involved will decide which application will be invited to submit a full proposal.



After the consensus meeting the ANIHWA call office will contact the Research Consortium Coordinator to report on the outcome.

5.3 FULL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Details for submitting the full proposal will be published on the ANIHWA website (www.anihwa-submission-era.net) in due time.

The submitted full proposals will be peer-reviewed by an external expert panel on the basis of scientific quality, impact, and justification and allocation of resources. The peer review evaluation process includes an experts 'discussion to aim a consensus on each full proposal and to rank the full proposals according to their assessment. During a consensus meeting the funders involved will decide which application will be recommended for funding.

After the consensus meeting the ANIHWA call office will contact the Research Consortium Coordinator to report on the outcome.

5.4 SELECTION PROCESS

The objective of the selection process is to select and fund those transnational research proposals which meet the specifications of the respective topics and are of scientific excellence.

Pre-proposals will be evaluated according to the criteria mentioned in chapter 6.1

Full proposals will be evaluated according to the criteria detailed in chapter 6.2.1

All submitted proposals will be treated confidentially by the ANIHWA partners and their appointed evaluating experts.

6 ELIGIBILITY CHECK AND EVALUATION OF PRE-PROPOSALS

The eligibility check is a two-step procedure: Firstly the pre-proposals will be checked to meet the ANIHWA eligibility criteria as outlined in chapter 4.1. Meeting the application regulations and eligibility criteria is mandatory. Pre-proposals that do not meet these criteria will not be considered



further in the process.

Secondly pre-proposals fitting the formal ANIHWA eligibility criteria will be sent to the responsible national funding organisations for national eligibility check. This national check will confirm that the pre-proposal meets the organisational eligibility criteria and priorities and is therefore qualified to proceed further in the third ANIHWA call. Pre-proposals which include costs that exceed the maximum amount allocated by any national funding agency will be rejected. Applicants must ask their contact at the various national contact points as listed in ANNEX 3 for any maximum amounts allocated to projects.

The eligible pre-proposals will be peer-reviewed by an External Expert Panel (EEP) on the basis of relevance to the topic, overall originality, quality of partners and consortium incl. the coordination and management competencies of the coordinator. These Experts will be nominated and agreed upon by the FG. Potential conflicts of interest will be considered. The assessment of pre-proposals will be confidential.

6.1 EVALUATION CRITERIA OF PRE-PROPOSALS

The assessment of pre-proposals will be undertaken by the EEP on the basis of scientific excellence and the evaluation criteria as specified below (no priority):

- **Relevance of the project** (How well does the research project address the scientific objectives described in the announcement of the call, including any specifications made by the funders?)
- **Overall originality** (Does the project present an original concept that promises progress beyond the state-of-the-art? Are the objectives realistic; are the scientific and technological methodologies and the work plan convincing?)
- **Quality of partners and consortium incl. the coordination and management competencies of the coordinator** (Is the expertise of all partners sufficient for the implementation of the project considering their previous work in the field of the topic? Does the coordinator have sufficient management skills to coordinate the project?)

All studies must comply with fundamental **ethical principles**, including those relating to the use of animals in experimental research.

Each pre-proposal will be assessed independently by at least three (3) but in exceptional cases and in agreement with the FG by two (2) experts. Each pre-proposal will be discussed by the EEP at an experts' meeting, ranked and placed into one of following three groups: Group A (strongly



recommended to continue the process), Group B (should continue the process, if possible) and Group C (should not continue the process).

Consortia, whose pre-proposals pass the described procedure positively, will be invited to submit a full proposal.

6.2 EVALUATION OF FULL PROPOSALS

Full proposals will be forwarded to an Expert Evaluation Panel (EEP) to assess the quality of the scientific content. The EEP is composed of three (3) sub-panels (one per topic), each consisting of at least four (4) independent international scientific experts in the research field. Experts will be nominated and agreed upon by the FG. Potential conflicts of interest will be considered.

The assessment of full proposals will be confidential. The EEPs will score the full proposals based on the evaluation criteria (chapter 6.2.1), providing detailed comments, an overall assessment of scientific merit, and will give a funding recommendation to the FG. A written, anonymized evaluation report focusing on the strengths and weaknesses of the assessed full proposal will be sent to the consortium coordinators after the final funding decision has been made.

6.2.1 EVALUATION CRITERIA FULL PROPOSALS

The assessment of proposals will be undertaken by the EEP on the basis of scientific excellence and the evaluation criteria as specified below (no priority):

- **Scientific quality** (Does the project present a sound and scientifically qualified concept that promises progress beyond the state-of-the-art? Are the objectives realistic, are the scientific and technological methodologies and the work plan convincing?)
- **Overall impact** (Does the project deploy targeted activities for transfer, implementation or consolidation of the knowledge generated? Are these activities sufficient to achieve transfer and implementation/consolidation? How high do you estimate the chances that the research project will have an impact on animal health and welfare, public health and/or livestock industries, including industrial applications? How important would this impact be?)
- **Justification and allocation of resources** (Are the resources requested (staff, budget, equipment) appropriately allocated and justified?)



All studies must comply with fundamental **ethical principles**, including those relating to the use of animals in experimental research.

Each full proposal will be assessed independently by at least three (3) but in exceptional cases and in agreement with the FG by two (2) experts from one (1) of the EEP sub-panels. Each proposal will be discussed by the EEP at their experts' meeting, ranked and placed into one of following three groups: Group A (strongly recommended to be funded), Group B (should be funded, if possible) and Group C (should not be funded).

6.3 PROJECT SELECTION BY NATIONAL FUNDING ORGANISATIONS

Based on the list of projects drawn up at the reviewers' evaluation meeting, the FG will decide on funding taking into account the recommendations of the EEP and their own assessment of the bids. Full proposals are in direct competition.

After the approval of the final outcome by the respective national funding organisations, the ANIHWA Call Office will send a notification on behalf of the FG to all Research Consortium Coordinators to inform them of the final funding decision. Each national funding organisation will then enter the contracting process with its national researchers on the approved proposals.

6.4 ETHICS

Anybody intending to work with quarantine organisms may do so under an appropriate national licence.

Work involving the use of animals will be carried out under the appropriate authorisation taking local ethical requirements into account. Any proposal, which appears to the FG or EEP to contravene fundamental ethical principles, shall not be selected, and may be excluded from the evaluation and selection procedure at any time. Judgement of the significance of ethical issues will be made by the FG using the criteria published by the Commission in its guidelines for the 7th Framework Programme (<http://ec.europa.eu/research/science-society/index.cfm?fuseaction=public.topic&id=370>).



7 CALL FUNDING

7.1 FUNDING MODE

Applications will be recommended for funding; funding is granted for a maximum of three (3) years. Funding will be available through national funding organisations providing contributions in line with national funding regulations.

7.2 PAYMENT CONDITIONS

For any commissioned projects, all national funding organisations will make payments according to their own national regulations and laws.

8 CONTRACTS

8.1 TERMS OF PARTICIPATION

The national funding for the third ANIHW call is offered under the coordination of the FP7 ERA-Net ANIHW, “Coordination of European Research on Animal Health and Welfare”. Research participants are required to recognise the coordinating role of ANIHW throughout the duration of funded research projects until approval of the final reports. Research Consortia may be asked for feedback on processes in order to help refine these for future use.

8.2 CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIPS

Regarding the call and the funding, ANIHW ERA-NET has a coordinative, not a funding role. Contracts and funding procedures remain the full responsibility of the national research funding organisations.

Each project includes several consortium members named Research Partners, one of which is the Research Consortium Coordinator. The Research partners in a funded research project will have a contractual relationship with their national funding organisation.



Due to the fragmented nature of the funding it is necessary for each national funding organisation to enter into a contract with the relevant research partner, but also to ensure that these contracts are synchronised both in time and content, so the Research Consortium can deliver transnational outputs. The national funding organisations have to make sure that the ANIHWA call office conditions are met (e.g. common start dates of (particular) projects, reporting requirements).

8.3 FUNDING CONTRACTS

For the whole duration of the contract it is the responsibility of the Research Consortium Coordinator to inform the ANIHWA call office of any changes which might affect the implementation of the project (work plan, consortium modification, contact details, etc.). The Research Partners have to inform their national funding organisation of any changes affecting their national contracts.

If a change occurs in a Research Consortium, any problem related to it has to be solved by the consortium (in line with any Consortium Agreement). The ANIHWA call office must be kept informed.

Any changes to the work plan must be communicated, even minor ones, and will need to be authorised by the FG before amendment to the contract by the national funding organisations.

8.4 RESEARCH CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT

The consortia selected for funding are advised to sign a Consortium Agreement, in order to manage the delivery of the project activities, finances, and intellectual property rights (IPR) and to avoid disputes which might be detrimental to the completion of the project.

If Research Consortia wish to use a Consortium Agreement, the following must be considered:

It will be the responsibility of the Research Consortium Coordinators to draw up a Consortium Agreement suitable to their own group. The Consortium Agreement will normally be under the law and legal system of the country of the Research Consortium Coordinator. The purpose of this document will be:

- to underpin the Research Partners' collaboration and provide the Research Partners with mutual assurance on project management structures and procedures, and their rights and obligations towards one another;
- to assure ANIHWA ERA-NET that the Research Consortium has a satisfactory decision making



capability and is able to work together in a synergistic manner.

For additional information on Consortium Agreements, please visit **DESCA's** homepage (Development of a Simplified Consortium Agreement) at www.desca-2020.eu/.

8.5 OWNERSHIP OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS AND USE OF ACCESS TO RESULTS

Results and new Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) resulting from projects funded through the third ANIHWA call will be owned by the Research Partners according to the regulations in their consortium agreement and if not conflicting with the respective national regulations.

Researchers are encouraged to actively exploit the results of the research project and make them available for use, whether for commercial gain or not, in order to allow public benefit from the knowledge created.

All ANIHWA partners shall have the right to use documents, information and results submitted by the Research Partners and/or to use the information and results for their own purposes, **provided that the owner's rights are respected** and taking care to specify their provenance.

8.6 START OF PROJECTS

A project can start as soon as the ANIHWA call office has been informed by the Research Consortium Coordinator of the conclusion of the national contracts. Once the national contract comes into effect, eligible national costs may be claimed as per national procedures.

8.7 PROGRESS MONITORING, REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND APPROVAL OF DELIVERABLES

Project monitoring (midterm and final report) will be mandatory for all applicants involved in the funded projects, which will be independent of other specific national requirements. These reports have to be delivered within three (3) months after the end of the respective deadline. Submission of written reports and deliverables must be done electronically (www.anihwa-submission-era.net). Research Consortium Coordinators must report on the project as a whole to ANIHWA and these project reports must be written in English, and may be supplied in other languages as well at the Research Partners' discretion and costs. The Research Partners are jointly responsible for delivery of



the reports, and the FG will only accept reports delivered by the Research Consortium Coordinator on behalf of the consortium. The relevant national funding organisations will be responsible for evaluation of reports and deliverables. The project deliverables shall only be deemed approved when the ANIHWA Call Office confirms approval to the Research Consortium Coordinator, or (if modifications are required) confirms to the Research Consortium Coordinator approval of the modified version of any deliverable.

When required, each participant must report the progress on its own component of the work to the national funding organisations in line with national contractual obligations. This also applies to financial reports.

8.8 DISSEMINATION REQUIREMENTS

The Research Partners shall acknowledge ANIHWA and the individual national funding organisations in any publication that is produced (in written, oral or electronic form) within the research project. The ANIHWA ERA-Net logo can be obtained at the ANIHWA Call Office.



9 FUNDING SCHEME BY COUNTRY & ORGANISATION - ANNEX 1

Funding Organisation	Country	Budget	Topic 1: Disease control and surveillance	Topic 2: Production diseases	Topic 3: Animal welfare
Federal Public Service Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment - Contractual Research(FPS-CR)	BE	€200.000 ^{*4}	Yes	Yes ^{*7}	No
Veterinary and Agrochemical Research Centre (CODA-CERVA)	BE	In kind ^{*4}	Yes	Yes ^{*8}	No
Research Foundation-Flanders (FWO)	BE	€200.000 ^{*4}	Yes	Yes	Yes
Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office (FSVO)	CH	€670.000 ^{*3}	Yes	Yes	Yes
Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food (BMEL)	DE	€150.000 ^{*4}	Yes ^{*9}	No	Yes
Innovation Fund Denmark (IFD)	DK	€500.000 ^{*3}	Yes	Yes	Yes
Spanish National Institute of Agriculture and Food Research and Technology (INIA)	ES	€200.000 ^{*5}	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MMM)	FI	€200.000 ^{*4}	Yes	Yes	Yes
French National Research Agency (ANR)	FR	€1.500.000 ^{*1}	Yes	Yes	Yes
Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine (DAFM)	IE	€500.000 ^{*4}	Yes ^{*10}	Yes ^{*11}	No
Kimron Veterinary Institute	IL	€180.000 ^{*4}	Yes	No	Yes
Ministry of Health, Dep. for Veterinary Public Health, Nutrition & Food Safety (MoH)	IT	€1.000.000 ^{*3}	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ministry of Agriculture of Lithuania/Veterinary Academy of Lithuanian University of Health Science (LSMU)	LT	€100.000 ^{*4}	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ministry of Economic Affairs (EZ)	NL	€200.000 ^{*4}	No	Yes ^{*12}	Yes ^{*13}
Netherlands Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority (NVWA)	NL	€200.000 ^{*4}	Yes ^{*14}	No	No
The Research Council of Norway (RCN)	NO	€550.000 ^{*3}	Yes ^{*15}	Yes ^{*15}	Yes ^{*15}
The Swedish Research Council Formas (FORMAS)	SE	€1.500.000 ^{*2}	Yes	Yes	Yes
Slovak Academy of Sciences (SAS)	SK	€75.000 ^{*4}	Yes	Yes	Yes
Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC)	UK	Participation not confirmed	No ^{*16}	Yes ^{*16}	Yes ^{*16}
Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA)	UK	Not published ^{*4/6}	Yes	No	No

*1 maximum funding request per applicant should not exceed 15% of available fund

*2 maximum funding request per applicant should not exceed of 25% of available fund

*3 maximum funding request per applicant should not exceed of 30% of available fund

*4 maximum funding request per applicant must explicitly be requested

*5 maximum funding request per applicant should not exceed 75.000€

*6 Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs cannot confirm its budget until early 2015. Consortia including UK partners for topic 1 are encouraged and ANIHWA will establish a mechanism to mitigate against any perceived risk associated with including UK partners.





- *⁷ Federal Public Service Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment - Contractual Research only supports the sub-topic 'Alternatives to antimicrobial treatment' of Topic 2.
- *⁸ Veterinary and Agrochemical Research Centre (CODA-CERVA) only supports the sub-topics 'Infection dynamics on-farm' and 'Alternatives to antimicrobial treatment' of Topic 2.
- *⁹ Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food supports only subtopic "Vector-borne diseases" of Topic 1.
- *¹⁰ Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine supports only the subtopic on "Active surveillance" of Topic 1.
- *¹¹ Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine supports only the subtopic on "Infection dynamics on-farm" of Topic 2.
- *¹² Ministry of Economic Affairs only supports subtopic on "Infection dynamics on-farm" and "Alternatives to anti-parasitic treatment".
- *¹³ Ministry of Economic Affairs only supports subtopic "pigs (tail docking)" and "laying hens (feather pecking)".
- *¹⁴ Netherlands Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority only supports subtopic on "Active surveillance" of Topic 1.
- *¹⁵ Research Council of Norway: Proposals within the marine sector / fisheries will not be invited, unless they represent basic research with relevance also for the agricultural sector, included animals; as in the call text, except from horses: Relevance will be considered in relation to the Swedish/Norwegian Programme of Research on Horses.
- *¹⁶ BBSRC: participation not confirmed yet.



1 0 NATIONAL CONTACTS - ANNEX 2

In total, the following 20 ANIHWA partners from 16 different countries will take part in the **Third ANIHWA Call** with a “distributed common pot” funding. Please get in touch with your national contacts of the various funding agencies before submitting a proposal.

Organisation	Country	Contact person	e-mail	Phone
Federal Public Service Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment - Contractual Research(FPS-CR)	BE	Dominique Vandekerchove	dominique.Vandekerchove@health.belgium.be	+32 2 524 9091
Veterinary and Agrochemical Research Centre (CODA-CERVA)	BE	Hein Imberechts	hein.imberechts@coda-cerva.be	+32 2 379 0426
Research Foundation-Flanders (FWO)	BE	Olivier Boehme	eranet@fwo.be	+32 2 550 1545
Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office (FSVO)	CH	Eric Breidenbach	eric.breidenbach@blv.admin.ch	+41 58 463 37 02
Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food (BMEL)	DE	Babette Breuer	babette.breuer@ble.de	+49 22868452925
Innovation Fund Denmark (IFD)	DK	Peder Fode	peder.fode@innofond.dk	+45 6190 5036
Spanish National Institute of Agriculture and Food Research and Technology (INIA)	ES	Anabel de la Peña	eranets@inia.es	+34 9 1347 8776
Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MMM)	FI	Katri Levonen	katri.levonen@mmm.fi	+358 2 9516 2385
French National Research Agency (ANR)	FR	Serena Battaglia	serena.battaglia@agencerecherche.fr	+33 1 78 09 8014
Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine (DAFM)	IE	John Egan Dale Crammond	john.egan@agriculture.gov.ie dale.crammond@agriculture.gov.ie	+353 1 615 7138 +353 1 607 2303
Kimron Veterinary Institute	IL	Michel Bellaiche	michelb@moag.gov.il	+972 3 9681682
Ministry of Health, Dep. for Veterinary Public Health, Nutrition & Food Safety (MoH)	IT	Marina Bagni	marina.bagni@sanita.it	+39 06 5994 6129
Ministry of Agriculture of Lithuania/Veterinary Academy of Lithuanian University of Health Science (LSMU)	LT	Antanas Sederevicius	antanas@lva.lt	+370 37 363362
Ministry of Economic Affairs (EZ)	NL	Françoise Divanach	f.t.m.divanach@minez.nl	+31 70 378 6083
Netherlands Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority (NVWA)	NL	Jos Cornelese	jos.cornelese@vwa.nl	+31 6 5241 2502
The Research Council of Norway (RCN)	NO	Siri Anzjøn	sia@rcn.no	+47 2203 7098/ +47 4740 0171
The Swedish Research Council Formas (FORMAS)	SE	Johanna van Schaik Dernfalk	johanna.dernfalk@formas.se	+46 8 775 4041
Slovak Academy of Sciences (SAS)	SK	Jan Barancik	barancik@up.upsav.sk	+421 2 5751 0137
Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC)	UK* ¹⁶	Sadhana Sharma	sadhana.sharma@BBSRC.ac.uk	+44 1 7934 13099
Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA)	UK	Kathryn Woolaway	kathryn.woolaway@ahvla.gsi.gov.uk	+44 207 238 6497

*¹⁶ BBSRC: participation not confirmed yet.



1 1 NATIONAL REGULATIONS – ANNEX 3

11.1 NATIONAL REGULATION FOR BELGIAN APPLICANTS

11.1.1 FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE HEALTH, FOOD CHAIN SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT - CONTRACTUAL RESEARCH (FPS-CR)

Under topic 2 “Production diseases”, FPS-CR will not support infection dynamics on-farm, nor anti-parasitic treatment.

FPS-CR will not support topic 3 “Animal welfare”.

For more information please visit link to the website: www.health.belgium.be/CO_RC

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11.1.2 VETERINARY AND AGROCHEMICAL RESEARCH CENTRE (CODA-CERVA)

CODA-CERVA supports Topic 1 and Topic 2, but for this latter only the sub-topics ‘infection dynamics on-farm’ and ‘alternatives to antimicrobial treatment’. CODA-CERVA will not support projects in the field of Topic 3

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11.1.3 RESEARCH FOUNDATION-FLANDERS (FWO)

Art. 9 of the FWO-regulation on the regular research projects is applicable for this and other issues (www.fwo.be/Documentatie.aspx?ID=399b8594-9710-4771-9289-426ff73731e1).



In this article is stated who can apply as a Principal Investigator for a research project:

- a professor with an appointment of more than 10% at a Flemish university; – a professor with an appointment of 10% at a Flemish university and a main task as researcher;
- a professor with an appointment of 5% at a Flemish university and with an appointment as (assistant) clinical head or an equal function in a university hospital;
- an academic staff member with an appointment at the Evangelical Protestant Faculty in Leuven and the Faculty for Protestant Theology in Brussels;
- a research director of FWO;
- a Flemish beneficiary of an ERC Starting Grant, an ERC Advanced Grant or an allowance in the FWO-funding programme Odysseus II.

All co-promoters have to be researcher at least post-doctoral level in at least one of the following types of organizations:

- a Flemish University;
- a Flemish Research Institution;
- a Flemish University Hospital;
- the Transnational University Limburg;
- a Federal Scientific Institution, if the co-promoter belongs to the Dutch language register.

Researchers from outside Flanders can be involved as co-promoter without being entitled to receive funding from the FWO and insofar this cooperation is relevant for the project.

If more than one universities are involved in the project, at least one promoter of each university has to fulfill the above mentioned eligibility criteria as well as to occupy a position covering entirely the period of the project that is applied for. The criteria have to be met with at the start of the project at the latest, which has to be proven at the date of the submission.

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11.2 NATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR SWISS APPLICANTS

Potential Swiss project consortia partners must contact their national contact point (ANNEX 2) before agreeing to participate in a consortium and before submitting a pre-proposal. This is mandatory in order to receive potential funding from the Swiss Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office (FSVO), and it is needed to get an indication how much national funding might be available for any particular subject within each topic.

Funding will be provided only for projects covering topics within the FSVO's "Focus of Research 2012–2016" (available in German, French and English:

<http://www.blv.admin.ch/org/01028/01029/index.html?lang=en>) and within the "Swiss Animal Health Strategy 2010+" (available in German, French, and Italian and as leaflet in English: http://www.blv.admin.ch/gesundheit_tiere/03007/index.html?lang=de

Funding will be provided according to the standard research requirement procedures of the FSVO with a maximum total pool of € 220,000 per project over 3 years. Any Swiss researcher or research organisation is eligible to bid within eligible transnational consortia. If Swiss research groups are involved in a successful proposal, contracting and payments will be according to standard procedures and agreements of the FSVO.

Detailed information can be found in the research documents on the FSVO website: <http://www.blv.admin.ch/org/01028/index.html?lang=en>

Contact person(s):

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11.3 NATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR GERMAN APPLICANTS

BMEL supports the third call on international cooperation in research funding within the framework of the ERA-Net on Animal Health and Welfare (ANIHWA ERA-Net) as published in the announcement **“Förderung von transnationalen Forschungsvorhaben zu Tiergesundheit und Tierwohl im Rahmen des Animal Health and Welfare ERA-Nets (ANIHWA)”** in November 2014.

The main regulations are as follows:

- Project proposals must be in line with the above mentioned national announcement.
- Funding will be awarded as non-repayable project grant based on §§23 and 44 BHO (Bundeshaushaltsordnung) and associated administrative regulations. The funding regulations, follow up and reporting of publicly funded projects are regulated according to ANBestP (Allgemeine Nebenbestimmungen für Zuwendungen zur Projektförderung) or NKBF98 (Nebenbestimmungen für Zuwendungen auf Kostenbasis).
- Eligible Applicants are universities and research institutions located in Germany. Research institutions, which receive basic financing, can be funded subject to specific conditions.

In case of involvement of private enterprises:

- Private enterprises have to be registered in Germany.
- Funding is subject to the European state aid regulations for research, development and innovation (FEul Beihilfen).
- The funding regulations, follow up and reporting of publicly funded projects are regulated according to NKBF 98 (Nebenbestimmungen für Zuwendungen auf Kostenbasis).
- Private enterprises have to provide a business plan for the implementation of the results.

For further information incl. details on the maximum funding, conditions for subcontracting and claiming of overheads please contact the national contact point.

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11.4 NATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR DANISH APPLICANTS

Innovation Fund Denmark participates in the third ANIHWA call. The national guidelines can be found by clicking on this link:

[http://innovationsfonden.dk/fileadmin/user_upload/documents/5_udgave_Guidelines -
_Transnational calls 2014 opdateret 13102014.pdf](http://innovationsfonden.dk/fileadmin/user_upload/documents/5_udgave_Guidelines_-_Transnational_calls_2014_opdateret_13102014.pdf)

Contact person(s):

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11.5 NATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR SPANISH APPLICANTS

Terms and conditions:

- Only the projects answering to clearly expressed needs of the 2013 INIA's priority lines: (wwwsp.inia.es/Comunicacion/NoticiasHome/Lists/Noticias%20Home/Attachments/231/Lineas%20prioritarias%20Plan%20estatal%201junio2013.pdf), will have a priority treatment in the eligibility process. Interdisciplinary research proposals will be prioritized.
- An electronic copy of the pre-proposal and of the full proposal must be sent to the National Contact Point, at least 10 days before the closing date for pre-proposals and full proposals, respectively.

Eligibility:

- The call is addressed to public research institutions and public universities. Topics 1, 2 and 3 are eligible.
- Enterprises and SMEs are welcome as partners in the consortium, only if they are legally established societies in Spain and their costs are covered by their own resources, as well.
- According to the ANIHWA eligibility criteria, the project consortiums have to be composed of a minimum of three (3) partners from at least three (3) different participating countries, maximum of eight (8) countries. The maximum number of partners per consortium is limited to eight (8) in total.

Funding:

- The requested contribution for Spanish partners in a project consortium shall not exceed 75.000€.
- Funding can be granted to research teams according to the rules and procedures of INIA. Funding will be subject to availability of the national budget and under the Spanish rules (Article 28.1 of Law 38/2003 of November 17 of General Grants).
- In case of budget limitations or budget reductions, an official agreement from the project coordinators to the National Contact Point, certifying that all the Researchers' Consortium of the project agree with the new funding conditions shall be needed, in order to manage the contract with the beneficiary.

Admitted costs:

- Subcontracts are not admitted costs.



- Only costs arising after the start of the project is eligible, funding does not cover expenditure for activities implemented before and after the project has been granted. Applicants should implement the project and should have the necessary resources to do it. The beneficiary should break down the costs per year, as following:

Direct costs:

- Salaries: Only for non-permanent scientific staff and non-permanent technicians hired for the project. PhD students and fellowship grants will not be eligible as personal costs.
- Fungible materials
- Travel and subsistence costs for meetings can be charged as eligible costs only for personnel included in the project, in accordance with the INIA's rules (<http://www.inia.es/>)
- Equipment: Only essential scientific equipment purchased specifically for the project will be reimbursed. In case of equipment and instruments not used for their full life for the research project, only the depreciation costs corresponding to the research project, as calculated on the basis of good accounting practice, shall be considered eligible.

Indirect costs:

- Not exceeding 20 % of the direct costs. Electricity, heating, some consumables (e.g. office supplies, toners for prints and repairs) are considered overheads.
- The funds will be transferred to the beneficiary in an advance payment at the start of the project and other annual payments after scientific and financial justification by each beneficiary corresponding to each year. Annual scientific report in Spanish as well as in English will be submitted to INIA.
- Funding does not cover expenditure for activities implemented before and after the project has been granted (e.g. meetings before project start).

National Contact Point (NCP):

For further information please contact to the National Institute of Agriculture and Food Research and Technology (INIA): Anabel de la Peña, eranets@inia.es (+34 9 1347 8776)

Contact person(s):

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11.6 NATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR FINISH APPLICANTS

Please visit: <http://www.mmm.fi/fi/index/tutkimus/lomakkeet.html>

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11.7 NATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR FRENCH APPLICANTS

The French National Research Agency (ANR) is funding all 3 topics with no priorities.

The general guidelines for the French partners can be found, in French language, on the ANR website (<http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/ANIHWA-2015>)

Conditions of eligibility:

- This ANIHWA Joint Call is intended for all French researchers from:
 - o Research organizations
 - o Associations
 - o Companies
- There must be at least **one public research organization** (university, public institute...) in the transnational consortium;
- ANR must not judge the proposal to be similar to a previously funded project or to a proposal currently under evaluation as part of the call for proposals of the programmatic framework of the ANR, described in the action plan 2015;
- ANR must not judge that the project proposal is a plagiarism (borrows or copies, in whole or in part, previous written sources which are not acknowledged).

Eligible costs:

- Costs deemed necessary for carrying out the project, insofar as their amount is appropriate and justified. Minimum funding: 15000€
- Furthermore, the terms and conditions for the French participants follow the financial regulations and procedures of funding available in French language on ANR web site (<http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/RF>).

Contact person(s):

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11.8 NATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR IRISH APPLICANTS

All public organisations in Ireland that can demonstrate the necessary research performing capabilities and track record including Universities, Institutes of Technology and Teagasc are eligible to submit proposals either as partners or coordinators. (Northern Ireland Research Institutes are ineligible)

Irish applicants may ONLY address the following topics within the Call:

Topic 1: Disease control and surveillance

Active surveillance- Research to develop and improve approaches to surveillance activities e.g. with a focus on risk based and standardised outcomes, and development of cheaper and more sensitive diagnostic tests (serological tests, PCR's, etc., including pen-site tests)

Topic 2: Production diseases

Infection dynamics on-farm- Generate knowledge on infection dynamics on-farm as related to age group, animal density, housing conditions, containment, etc.; perform well-designed studies, reflecting the farm conditions, particularly for multiple pathogens and their interactions and/or multi-factorial diseases. This may be combined with a risk-factor analysis or bio-economical modelling to further define acceptable levels of clinical/subclinical infection or to identify suitable changes of management. As expansion of dairy production is a priority in Ireland, applications should focus on dairy calf health only.

The total indicative funding provided by DAFM in respect of this Call shall not exceed €500,000.00 and any individual Irish applicant must not exceed a maximum budget of €250,000.

Interested Irish applicants must register and consult the ANIHWA Irish Contact Points for information regarding the Irish regulations for participating in this call.

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11.9 NATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR ISRAELI APPLICANTS

Potential Israeli project consortia partners must contact their national contact point before agreeing to participate in a consortium and before submitting a pre-proposal. This is mandatory in order to receive potential funding from the Ministry of Agriculture, and it is needed to get an indication how much national funding might be available for any particular subject within each topic.

Funding will be provided only for projects covering subjects mentioned in Topic 1 and Topic 3.

Funding will be provided according to the standard research requirement procedures of the Chief Scientist of the Ministry of Agriculture with a maximum total pool of € 60,000 per year over 3 years, for two projects (€ 30,000 for a project per year). Total of € 180,000.

Any Israeli researcher or research organisation is eligible to bid within eligible transnational consortia. If Israeli research groups are involved in a successful proposal, contracting and payments will be according to standard procedures and agreements of the Chief Scientist of the Ministry of Agriculture.

Detailed information can be found in Hebrew in the research documents on the Chief Scientist of the Ministry of Agriculture website: <http://agriscience.co.il/>

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11.10 NATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR ITALIAN APPLICANTS

Italian research units willing to apply to the present call are required to meet the criteria of the present “Guidelines” and of the “Bando Ricerca finalizzata 2013” (published on the Ministry site (<http://www.ministerosalute.it/>) into the area “Ricerca sanitaria/Ricerca finalizzata/Bandi), for all the issues which are not specified in or in contrast to the present guide.

The main national criteria to be fulfilled are listed as follows:

- The Principal Investigator (PI), either he/she is proposed as coordinator or partner in the project, has to be part of the staff of an Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale (IZS).
- No more than 3 IIZZSS can be associated in the same project.
- Other eligible institutional partners (Destinatari Istituzionali, DI) and other research organizations (Istituzioni Esterne, IE) are allowed to be part to the project on the basis of specific agreement and/or contract as sub unit with the IZS proposing the project.
- Each researcher can apply to the present call with only one proposal as coordinator.
- The maximum project duration is three years (36 months).

A copy of the pre-proposals and of the full proposals, have to be submitted also to the “Segretariato generale - Ufficio II” at the following address: marina.bagni@sanita.it and m.ianniello@sanita.it; the above will apply also in the case of partnership in a not Italian coordinated project.

Contact person(s):

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11.11 NATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR LITHUANIAN APPLICANTS

Ministry of Agriculture of Lithuania participates in all 3 topics. Project participants of an ANIHW A ERA-Net application should follow the requirements and financial regulations of the Ministry of Agriculture of Lithuania. These requirements and regulations can be found at:
www.zum.lt/index.php?-1475078120

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11.12 NATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR DUTCH APPLICANTS

11.12.1 MINISTRY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS (EZ)

11.12.2 NETHERLANDS FOOD AND CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY AUTHORITY (NVWA)

Proposals will only be eligible for funding, if, in addition to the ANIHWA eligibility criteria, they meet the following requirements:

Proposals are only eligible for funding if they address one of the specific (sub)topics supported by The Netherlands (EZ and/or NVWA) and if they address knowledge dissemination activities in the Netherlands.

Regulations

Funding will be granted under the “ALGEMENE RIJKSVOORWAARDEN VOOR HET VERSTREKKEN VAN OPDRACHTEN TOT HET VERRICHTEN VAN DIENSTEN 2014 (ARVODI-2014) (maart 2014). However when a DLO institute is the first contractor on the national level, the “Subsidievoorwaarden DLO” and the “DLO-tarieven” will apply.

Budgets

Maximum funding available, from the combination of EZ and NVWA, is 400 k€ for the total call. The maximum budgets including tax (BTW) for the topics are:

1. Disease control and surveillance, 200 k€ from NVWA; only subtopic active surveillance, no support will be given to proposals on the other subtopics;
2. Production diseases, 100 k€ from EZ: only for subtopics infection dynamics on-farm and alternatives to anti-parasitic treatment, no support will be given to proposals on the other subtopic;
3. Animal welfare, 100 k€ from EZ: only for subtopics pigs (tail docking) and laying hens (feather pecking), no support will be given to proposals on the other subtopics.

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NVWA: Jos Cornelese	jos.cornelese@vwa.nl	+31 6 5241 2502
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11.13 NATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR NORWEGIAN APPLICANTS

Participating organisation: The Research Council of Norway (Budget for this call: 550.000 €)

National Contact Person: Siri Anzjøn, Special adviser, The Research Council of Norway,
Telephone: +47 22037098, E-mail: sia@rcn.no

Name of & link to the funding programmes:

- BIONAER programme (Sustainable innovations in food and bio-based industries)

The Norwegian participation must follow RCN's General Terms and Conditions for R&D Projects.

Only the Norwegian project partners of positively evaluated projects in the first step will be eligible for the second step. Project partners of financed projects will have to submit national application forms to The Research Council of Norway after notification.

Minimum and/or maximum project duration: Proposed projects may last up to 36 months

Minimum and/or maximum funding per project: The maximum grant for Norwegian participation: € 180.000 per proposal.

Who can be eligible for funding?

Norway will support researcher project in this call. This implies that the responsible Norwegian partner in the project has to be a Norwegian research institution, but Norwegian enterprises or e.g.: Norwegian companies, groups of companies or trade and industry organisations are also welcome to join the projects as partners or subcontractors.

Norwegian participation must fulfil RCN's requirements for researcher projects.

National priorities:

In this call Norway will prioritize projects on topics relating to:

Topic 1: Disease control and surveillance

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Topic 2: Production diseases

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Topic 3: Animal Welfare

Important:





Proposals within the marine sector / fisheries are not invited, unless they represent basic research with relevance also for the agricultural sector.

Included animals; as in the call text, except from horses: Relevance will be considered in relation to the Swedish/Norwegian Programme of Research on Horses.

Applicants are welcome to take contact with The Research Council:

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11.14 NATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR SWEDISH APPLICANTS

Formas invites applicants in Sweden to submit joint research pre-proposals in ANIHWA call 3, either as either partners or coordinators. Applications in all topics are welcome. Formas has a maximum budget of 15 MSEK for the call, and each application may apply for a maximum of 3.75 MSEK.

Eligible to apply for funding from Formas, the project leader and co-applicants must have a doctoral degree. Grants can only be administered by Swedish universities, university colleges, research institutes or authorities with research undertakings. There is no age limit for applicants, but fully retired researchers cannot obtain funds for their salary from Formas. For further information please see: http://www.formas.se/PageFiles/204/formas_handbok_2014_140311.pdf

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11.15 NATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR SLOVAKIAN APPLICANTS

Who can apply?

Only research Institutes of Slovak Academy of Sciences are eligible organisations for funding (up to 100%). Applicants from other Slovak R&D centers have to cover the project costs from their own sources (Letter of Commitment).

What types of funding are eligible for Slovak researchers?

1. Eligible direct costs

1.1 Personal costs:

- must accurately reflect the work on the project
- may be used only to cover the costs (including health and social insurance) related to work agreements performed outside of employment
- maximum of 15 % of all direct costs

1.2 Material costs and expenditures:

- *Consumables*: minor equipment and instruments, small-scale office and laboratory material (no basic equipment of the workplace; essential computer equipment is exception)
- *costs and expenditures for services directly related to the project*: contracts, consultations, publication of project results, conference fees
- *travel costs and living expenses*: limits for travel costs and daily subsistence allowance vary depending on destination country (pursuant to Slovak Act. 283/2002 Col. Of Laws on travel reimbursement)
- capital expenditures: to a maximum of 40% of all direct costs (current and capital expenditure together)

2. Indirect Costs:

- administration, energy and infrastructure
- maximum of 20% of all direct costs

Funding of projects is regulated by the SAS Financial Rules for awarding grants for research projects approved by the SAS Presidium of 2 February 2012.

Is an additional/parallel application requested to the funding organisation?

Slovak researchers that are partners in a project selected for funding will be requested to submit an additional application to the SAS (Formular MVTs). A separate request to do so will be sent to the Slovak researchers after the recommendation for funding of the respective ERA-NET ANIHWA Call Body. Slovak researchers should submit this application as soon as possible after having received the notification. The SAS will make the final decision for funding of selected projects.

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11.16 NATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR BRITISH APPLICANTS

11.16.1 BIOTECHNOLOGY AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES RESEARCH COUNCIL (BBSRC)

BBSRC did not confirm their participation yet.

Further information can be requested from the BBSRC's contact person.

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11.16.2 DEPARTMENT FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS (DEFRA)

DEFRA invite applicants to submit joint research proposals under ANIHWA call 3, either as partners or coordinators.

Only proposals submitted addressing Topic 1 and clearly in support of DEFRA policy priorities will be eligible for consideration of support by DEFRA.

Particular consideration will be given to research to support the prevention and control of significant notifiable/exotic disease threats of the main livestock sectors within GB and addressing new/emerging exotic disease threats.

Interested applicants are strongly advised to consult the DEFRA ANIHWA call office contact point for further information regarding DEFRA support for this call **before** drafting an application. Further information on DEFRA policy can be found on the DEFRA website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/evidence-plans>

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