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European Partnership for Pandemic Preparedness

FACTSHEET

Joint Transnational Calls (JTCs)

As part of BE READY, the European Partnership for Pandemic Preparedness, **Joint Transnational Calls (JTCs)** support transnational research and innovation projects that address the priorities set out in the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA). JTCs are launched annually. The first call opened in January 2026.

Joint

done together by several funding agencies

Transnational

research teams from different countries work together

Call

official invitation to apply for funding for a research project

Find out more about the JTCs on the BE READY website

How does it work?

National and regional funding agencies participating in BE READY, together with the **European Commission**, agree on a common topic for each call. The agencies commit part of their budgets to fund transnational research projects through a virtual common pot: each agency funds the successful applicants from its own country or region.

Submitted proposals are assessed against the criteria set out in the call text. Independent experts score each proposal on scientific excellence, impact and feasibility, and make recommendations to the Call Steering Committee.

The **Call Steering Committee** is the decision-making body for each call. Made up of representatives from all participating funding agencies, it decides jointly which projects are funded, based on the call rules and the outcome of the scientific evaluation.

1. Funding agencies and the EC agree on topic and rules; call opens
2. Researchers form transnational consortia and submit proposals
3. Independent experts evaluate proposals
4. Proposals are ranked
5. Call Steering Committee decides which projects are funded
6. National and regional agencies fund their partners; projects start

Who can apply and under what conditions?

Applicants must form an international consortium, typically of at least three partners from three different countries. Only applicants from countries or regions with a participating funding agency are eligible, and each partner must also meet the national or regional rules of its funder.

Full eligibility criteria and other key information are set out in the official call text, published on the BE READY website.

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