

Factsheet

Joint Transnational Calls

In the framework of the European Partnership on Pandemic Preparedness (BE READY NOW), **Joint Transnational Calls (JTC)** will be launched to support transnational research and innovation projects which aim at addressing the strategic research priorities defined in the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (<u>SRIA</u>) on pandemic preparedness. These JTC will be launched annually with the first JTC in the beginning of 2026.



How does it work?

National and regional funding agencies participating in BE READY NOW as well as the **European Commission** agree on a common topic. These agencies pool part of their available budget to finance transnational research projects. The projects are funded via a so-called common pot. This means that the funds provided by the funding agencies are allocated to successful applicants in their respective country.

When project proposals are submitted to a call, they need to be checked for the criteria set in the call text. This is done by independent experts who score the proposals, look at the scientific excellence, impact and feasibility and finally give their recommendation to the Call Steering Committee.

The **Call Steering Committee** is the decision-making group for a call. It includes representatives from all participating funding agencies. They decide together based on the rules for a call and after the scientific evaluation, which projects can be funded.

Who can apply and under what conditions?

Eligibility rules and further important information are always outlined in detail in the official call text published on the webpage. Furthermore, national eligibility rules must be met as each country may have specific rules. The applicants must form an international consortium, usually at least three different partners from three different countries. Only applicants from countries with participating funding agencies may apply. Once projects are recommended for funding, each project partner is funded by their own national agency.









