

BE READY

Joint Transnational Call 2026

“Advancing knowledge
of host and pathogens dynamics
to better combat emerging diseases”

28 January, 2026

The webinar starts at 11:00 o'clock.

**Information
webinar**

- Please mute your microphone.
- Please ask your questions in the chat.
- We will answer the questions after finishing the presentation.
- The slides will be published after the webinar.
- FAQs will be provided soon on the [BE READY webpage](#)
- Note: information provided in the **call text document** is binding.

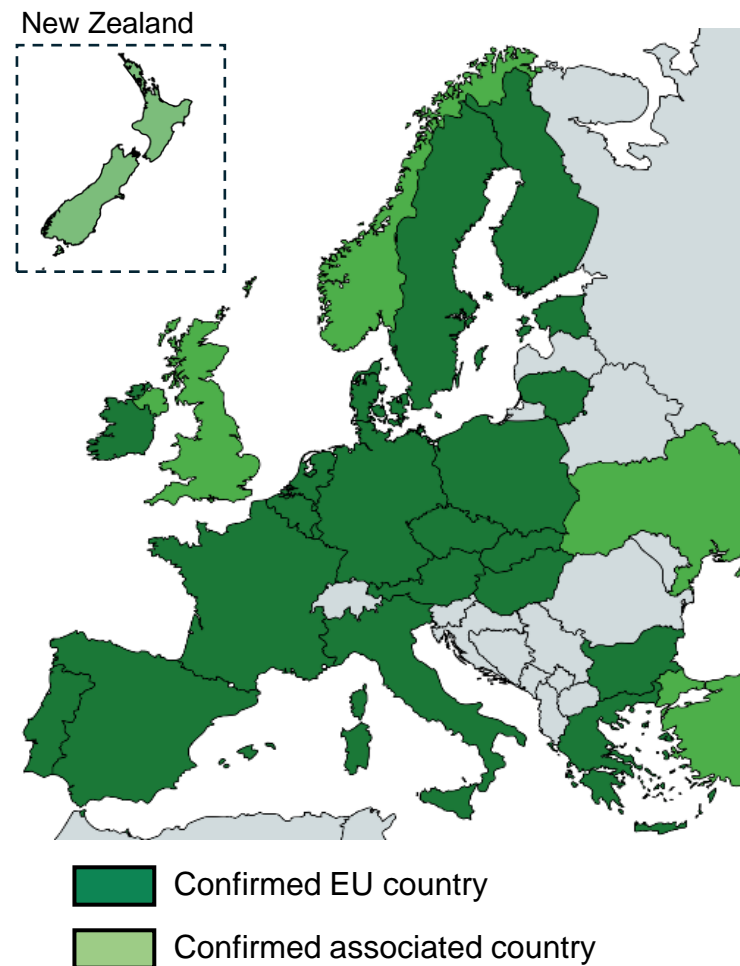
AGENDA

- BE READY Partnership in a nutshell
- Aim of the call
- Scope of the call
- Application procedure and selection process
- Timeline /Important dates
- Questions and answers

BE READY PARTNERSHIP – IN A NUTSHELL



- ✓ Large European project funded under Horizon Europe
- ✓ Start 01/2026, runs 7-years
- ✓ Funding: 50% European Commission & 50 % Member States and Associated Countries
- ✓ Partnership is coordinated by ANRS, France

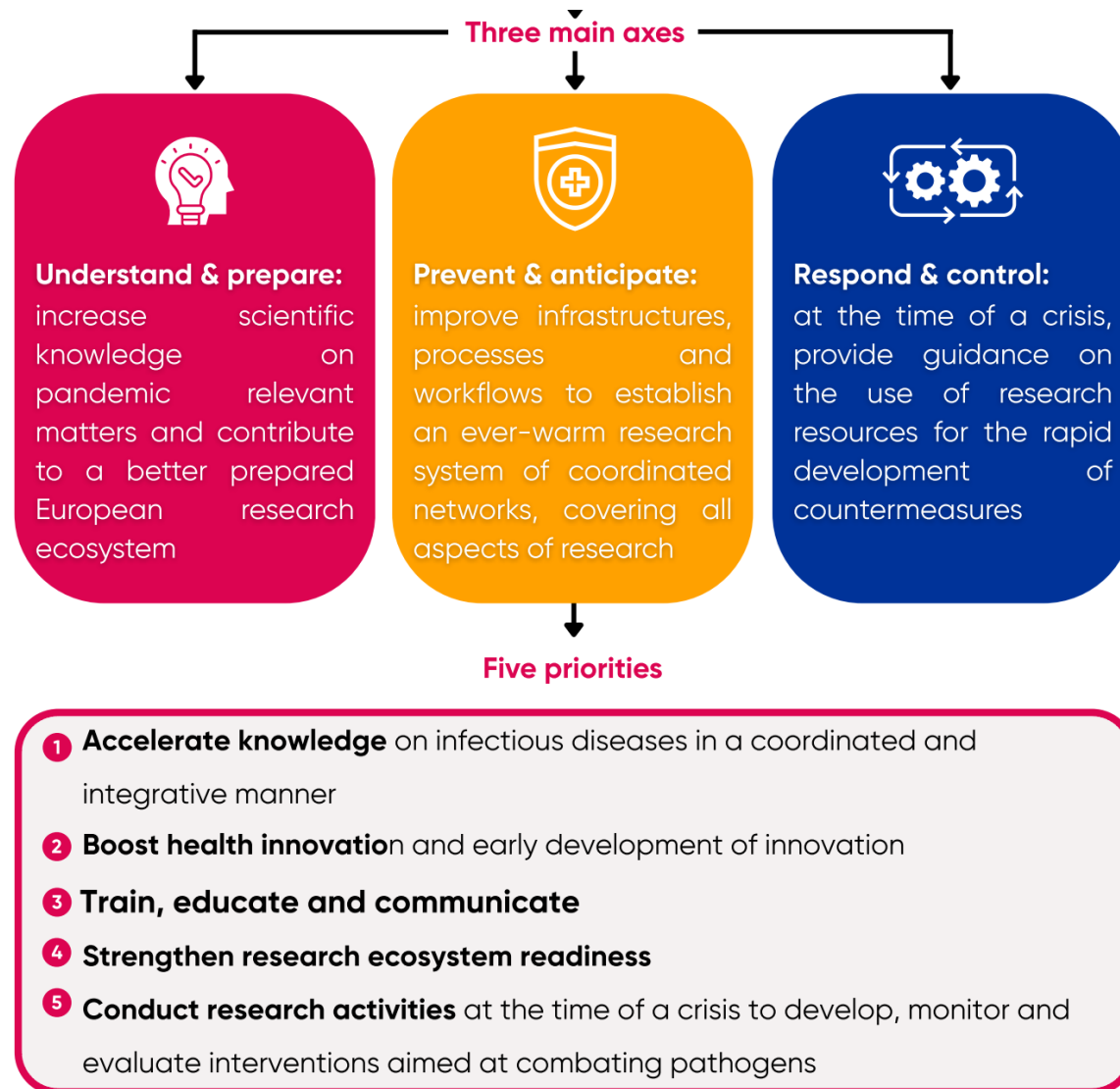


Vision of the Partnership

To establish a European research and innovation ecosystem that is optimally prepared for future health crises caused by infectious diseases, that can respond to them swiftly and efficiently, and that is fully integrated in the wider European institutional Health Security framework.



Pillar 1



JOINT TRANSNATIONAL CALLS

Pillar**2****JOINT
TRANSNATIONAL CALLS****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

- ✓ Translation of SRIA priorities into concrete actions
- ✓ Planned on a yearly basis
- ✓ Pillar 2 and 1st Joint Call Secretariat coordinated by DLR-PT, Germany



AIM OF THE 1ST JOINT TRANSNATIONAL CALL (1)

SRIA priorities: Accelerate knowledge and boost health innovations



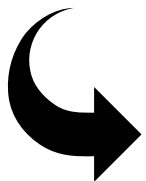
Action 1.1 Identification of therapeutic targets

Focus on molecular mechanisms, enzymes and signaling molecules



Action 1.2 Understanding the Pathophysiology

Focus on host-pathogen interactions and host responses



Advancing knowledge of host and pathogens dynamics to better combat emerging diseases



AIM OF THE CALL (2)



The aims of the funding are to **increase scientific understanding** and **evidence-based knowledge**

- on **emerging and re-emerging viral pathogens** with pandemic potential as well as
- on **host responses** triggered by infection
- and strengthening international collaboration.

Expected Impact of the funded projects:

- to generate scientific knowledge and innovative tools that **strengthen European and global pandemic preparedness**, inform evidence-based policy-making,
- and/or contribute to the **development of novel countermeasures** (diagnostics, therapeutics and preventive strategies) with a potential for rapid deployment during future health emergencies.

SCOPE OF THE CALL (1)

Proposals should **focus exclusively on one or multiple viruses** belonging to the **following families**:

- *Arenaviridae*
- *Coronaviridae*
- *Filoviridae*
- *Flaviviridae*

- *Hantaviridae*
- *Nairoviridae*
- *Orthomyxoviridae*
- *Paramyxoviridae*

- *Phenuiviridae*
- *Poxviridae*
- *Togaviridae*
- “Pathogen X”

***Proposals that pursue global approaches
for an entire virus family are expressly welcome***

SCOPE OF THE CALL (2)

Expected Outcomes:

- Identification of **new targets** and **mutation hotspots**
- Understanding of **zoonotic aspects** (cross-species)
- **Pathogen X approach**: generation of transferable knowledge for whole virus families
- Identification and validation of targets for **therapeutics and vaccines** (proof-of concept)
- Improving **data integration and modelling** to predict pathogen behaviour and therapeutic susceptibilities
- Understanding the molecular and cellular **mechanisms underlying host-pathogen interactions** to guide future diagnostic, therapeutic and vaccine development
- **Development and improvement** of advanced immunological assays, experimental models and preclinical studies that link host genetics to disease outcomes.

SCOPE OF THE CALL (3)

Mandatory aspects:

- Hypothesis-driven with rigorous methodology.
- **Interdisciplinary** (basic/pre-clinical research, Bioinformatics, Veterinary Medicine, Social Sciences, ...).
- Consideration of **sex/gender** dimensions and **diversity**.
- Open Science: **FAIR Data** Principles & Open Access.

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Explicitly encouraged:

- Research questions related to **specific populations or vulnerable groups**;
- Inclusion of **highly innovative methodologies** or state of the art technologies to advance the development of health innovations;
- Collaboration with the private sector/private entities (->Annex A);
- Use of **existing cohorts** and **data sets**.

- **Antimicrobial resistant** (AMR) pathogens (resistant to antibiotics and antifungal agents)
- Research addressing SRIA priorities 1.3 & 1.4
 - *Increase knowledge on environmental and social aspects driving pathogen emergence*
 - *Increase knowledge on transmission dynamics and epidemiology*
- **Clinical studies**

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONSORTIUM

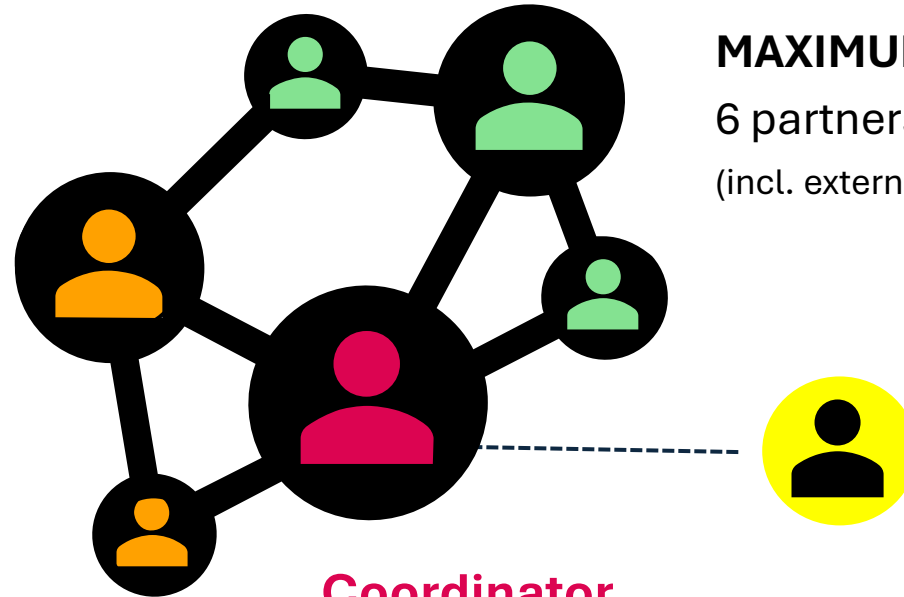
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3 partners

from 3 different countries

*(at least 2 EU member states or
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(incl. external partners)

Coordinator

Main responsible person

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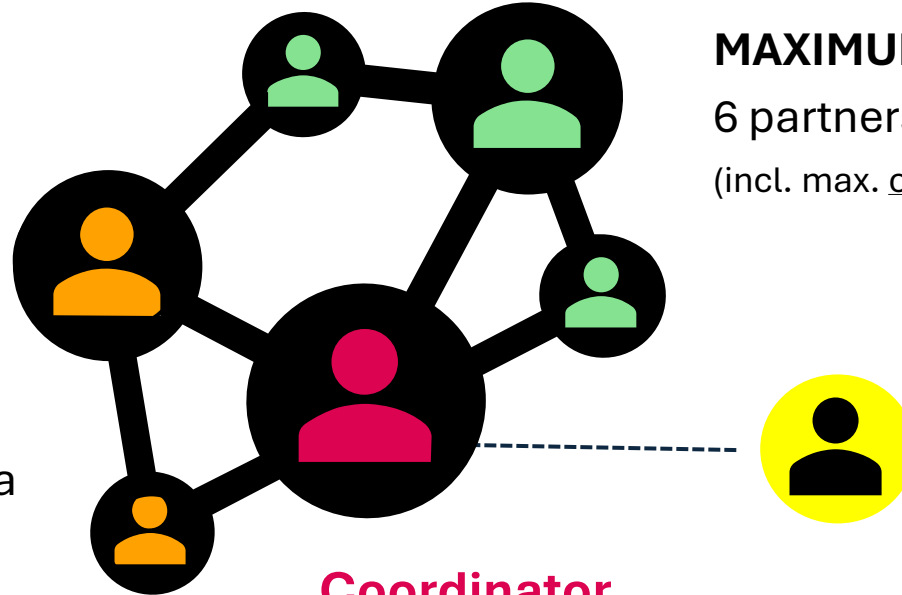
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- May participate in
max 2 proposals / consortia



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(incl. max. one external partner)

ONLY 7 partners possible
if including

- a partner from an underrepresented country
- or*
- a partner from industry

PARTFINDER

More info on
beready4pandemics.eu/joint-transnational-calls/

Partnering

Coordinator

Main responsible person

- May only coordinate one
proposal /one consortium

21 INVOLVED FUNDERS IN 1ST JTC

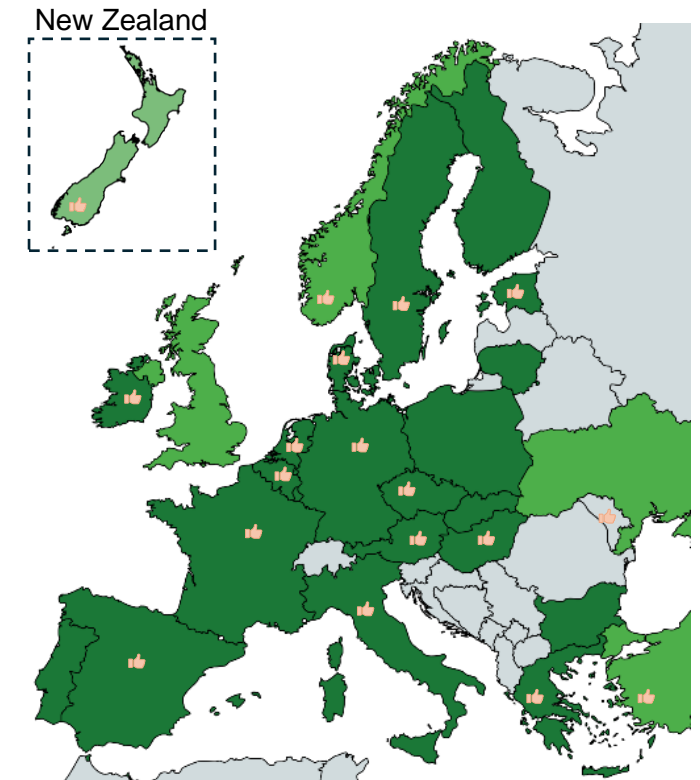
	Country/Region	Funding Organisation
1	Austria	Austrian Science Fund (FWF)
2	Belgium (Flanders)	The Research Foundation - Flanders (FWO)
3	Belgium (Wallonia-Brussels Federation)	Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique-FNRS (F.R.S.-FNRS)
4	Belgium (Wallonie)	Service Public de Wallonie
5	Czech Republic	Ministry of Health of Czech Republic (MZCR) /Czech Health Research Council (AZVCR)
6	Denmark	Innovation Fund Denmark (IFD)
7	Estonia	Estonian Research Council) (ETAG)
8	France	ANRS MIE / Inserm
9	Germany	Bundesministerium für Forschung, Technologie und Raumfahrt (BMFTR) / Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt e.V. (DLR Projektträger, DLR-PT)
10	Greece	General Secretariat for Research and Innovation (GSRI)
11	Hungary	National Research, Development and Innovation Office (NKFIH)
12	Ireland	Research Ireland
13	Italy	Italian Ministry of Health (IT MoH)
14	Moldova	National Agency for Research and Development (NARD)
15	New Zealand	New Zealand Institute For Public Health and Forensic Science Limited (PHF Science)
16	Norway	The Research Council of Norway (RCN)
17	Slovakia	Slovak Centre of Scientific and Technical Information (CVTI SR)
18	Spain	Instituto De Salud Carlos III (ISCIII)
19	Sweden	Swedish Research Council (SRC)
20	The Netherlands	The Netherlands Organisation for Health Research and Development (ZonMw)
21	Turkey	The Scientific And Technological Research Council Of Türkiye (TUBITAK)




* Greece, Slovakia: decision still pending



Funded by
the European Union

More info on
beready4pandemics.eu



-  Confirmed EU countries in BE READY
-  Confirmed associated country in BE READY
-  Participating funding organisations in JTC1

16,4 Mio. €
Commitment of funders for JTC1

REQUIREMENTS

- **Transnational collaborative** research projects (duration: 36 months)
- **Use of European Infrastructures**
- Applied and solution-oriented approaches
- Strong relevance for practice and policy

Consortium requirements:

- Partners from multiple participating countries
- Applicants **must be eligible** under national funding regulations
- Balanced expertise across disciplines and sectors

Application procedure:

- Two stage process
 - Step I: submission of pre-proposals,
 - Step II: after successful evaluation of pre-proposal: invitation to submit full proposal
- Submission of proposals exclusively via central platform:
<https://ptoutline.eu/app/beready>
- National eligibility checks apply
- Evaluation by international experts



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Excellence

Scientific excellence and innovation

- Significance of the research question
- Quality of the design
- Novelty
- Competence of the consortium



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Impact

Impact and relevance for preparedness and resilience

- Contribution to pandemic preparedness
- Translatability into clinical applications
- Added value of the transnational collaboration



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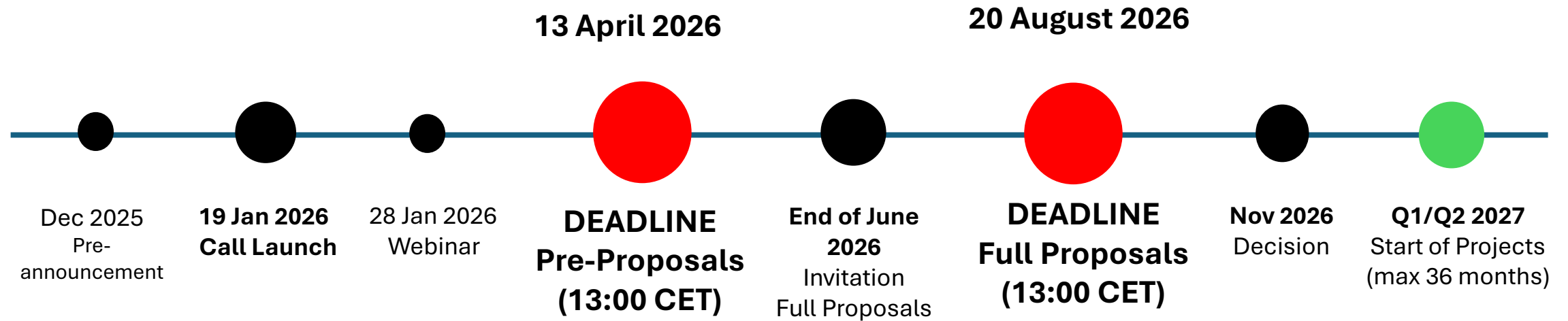
Implementation

Quality and feasibility of implementation:

- Feasibility & work plan
- Management structures
- Budget efficiency
- Risk Management

Scoring Metrics: Equal weighting of the criteria. Threshold value per criterion: 3/5. Total threshold value: 10/15

IMPORTANT DATES (INDICATIVE)





Attention National Rules

Please note:

- Each partner is governed by its **own** national/regional organization.
- Mandatory reading **Annex A**: Check specific eligibility and budget limits in the call text.
- **No Double Funding**: Check against Horizon 2020/Europe.
- Contact your national contact person BEFORE submission

NEXT STEPS: PREPARE YOUR SUBMISSION

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Information

Call text & Annexes
Pre-Proposal template
with guidelines
Partnering tool



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Consultation

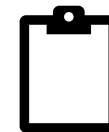
National Contact Persons
Joint Call Secretariat



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Registration and Submission

Submission Platform
PT-Outline



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For guidance on national rules
please contact your national contact persons



Q & A SESSION

BE READY JTC website: <https://beready4pandemics.eu/joint-transnational-calls/>

Please find there:

- the **Call documents**
 - Call text
 - pre-proposal template (DOCX)
- **Frequently asked questions**
- **Electronic submission tool:** <https://ptoutline.eu/app/beready>
- **Partnering tool:** PARTFINDER (link on website <https://beready4pandemics.eu/joint-transnational-calls/>)