

Call for transnational proposals 2023

“HEALTHCARE OF THE FUTURE”



PRE-ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE FIRST JOINT TRANSNATIONAL CALL

Submission deadline for obligatory "Intent to apply": 23 May 2023, 14:00 CET

Submission deadline for proposals: 13 June 2023, 14:00 CET

Electronic proposal submission

For further information, visit our website:

<http://www.thcspartnership.eu>

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THE EUROPEAN PARTNERSHIP ON TRANSFORMING HEALTH AND CARE SYSTEMS (THCS)

The health and care systems of Europe are under a lot of strain and need to transform to be able to respond to people's future needs. The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted even further the need to rethink and redesign health and care services.

The Transforming Health and Care Systems (THCS) initiative has been established as a European partnership under Horizon Europe, co-funded by the European Commission. The aim of THCS is to coordinate and optimize research and innovation efforts in Europe and its partner countries supporting health and care systems transformation.

AIM OF THE CALL

The call aims:

- to provide the necessary knowledge to build the health and care of the future. This includes addressing several dimensions of health and care systems such as quality, safety, efficiency, effectiveness, accessibility, sustainability, economy, ethics and resilience in reorganised health and care settings. By providing this knowledge, the call aims to support the development of new and innovative solutions that can address the current and future challenges facing health and care systems.
- to support the implementation of innovative solutions on a larger scale. This includes identifying and promoting the adoption and transferability of evidence-based practices that have already been proven to be effective in some contexts in addressing the challenges facing health and care systems. With research and innovation supporting the implementation of these existing solutions, the call aims to accelerate the pace of change and make a positive impact on health and care systems in a more efficient way.

The objective of this call is to encourage the optimization of patient care pathways and contribute to the transition towards more sustainable, efficient, resilient, ethical, high-quality, and accessible person-centered healthcare systems. The call addresses the challenge posed by the increasing number of patients treated in hospitals or other healthcare facilities and the need to ensure continuity of care and offer better integration of hospital services with outpatient care.

To achieve this ambition, the complementarity of hospital and ambulatory care, as well as the articulation between the two, must be optimized. Organizational innovations, continuity and integration of care, as well as digital technologies offer a multitude of possibilities for such optimization.

Exclusions

Proposals will be rejected if they:

- have a predominantly pre-clinical /bio-medical component,
- are purely epidemiological studies mapping the extent of and causal factors behind illnesses, without a focus on solutions, models or implementation in the health and care systems.
- solely concern social /welfare services and do not address issues in the health and care services.

- solely concern development of new technological solutions, without a focus on integration of the solutions, models or implementation in the health and care systems.

GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION

Duration of projects

The minimum project duration is **12 months**.

The maximum project duration is **36 months**.

Type of action

This is a call for collaborative, transnational research, and innovation actions. Applied research, and implementation research, developing, piloting, and testing are within the scope of the call. Projects demonstrating proof of concept(s), validation of concepts or solutions, and demonstrations of solutions in relevant health and care settings, replication in other settings are also within scope.

Type of project partners

Proposals may be submitted by applicants belonging to one of the following categories (eligibility of project partners may vary according to national/regional regulations):

- Universities or other higher education institutions,
- Research and knowledge dissemination organisations,
- Non-university public or private research and/or innovation organisations,
- Hospitals or foundations or any healthcare providers,
- User organisations
- Commercial companies, small and medium-size enterprises

Composition of a consortium

Only transnational projects will be funded. The following conditions apply to the composition of consortia:

- Minimum of three eligible and a maximum of nine eligible partners (excluding collaborators; see below) from at least three different countries participating in the call,
- No more than three consortium partners can be from the same country,
- An applicant may only be project coordinator of one project proposal,
- Collaborators are self-funded partners: i.e. partners that are not requesting funds in this Joint Transnational Call provided by one of the participating funding organisations and that are fully self-financed partners", bringing their own secured budget into the project.

Submission of “Intent to Apply”

To ensure eligibility to the Joint Call 2023 and to advance the evaluation process, the project coordinator of each project consortium must submit a brief “Intent to apply” through the online submission portal **by 23 May 2023, 14:00 CET**. Proposals without a preceding “Intent to apply” will not be eligible and will not be evaluated.

CALL TIMELINE

March 14, 2023	Publication of <i>Healthcare of the Future</i> call
March 16, 2023	Webinar
May 23, 2023	Deadline for <i>Intent to Apply</i> letter submission
June 13, 2023	Deadline for proposal submission
29 August – 6 September, 2023	Rebuttal stage
October	Communication of the funding decisions to the applicants
December 2023 – May 2024	Expected project to start (subject to national procedures)

Only proposals with a preceding **Intent to apply (ItA)**, submitted in the online portal before **May 23, 2023** (14:00 CET), will be able to submit full proposals deadline **June 13, 2023** (14:00 CET). Both the ItA and the full proposal must be submitted via the **online submission system**. The call is organised in a **one-stage procedure**. One ItA and one **full proposal document** shall be prepared by the Project Partners of the project consortium and must be submitted by the Project Coordinator through the THCS Partnership Online Submission System. Proposals must be written in English. Please note that the national/regional funding organizations may require additional documentation from applicants according to national/regional regulations. It is the responsibility of each project partner to ensure that all the necessary documents are submitted on time to the appropriate recipient.

PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES/REGIONS AND RESPECTIVE FUNDING AGENCIES

Partner Country	Funding organisation	Acronym
Austria	Österreichische Forschungsförderungsgesellschaft (FFG) on behalf of BMK - FFG	FFG
Belgium	Agentschap Innoveren & Ondernemen	VLAIO
Belgium	Ministère de la Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles	MFWB
Belgium	Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique	FRS - FNRS
Denmark	Innovationsfonden	IFD
Estonia	Sihtasutus Eesti Teadusagentuur	ETAg
Finland	Suomen Akatemia	AKA
France	Agence Nationale de la Recherche	ANR
France	Ministère de la Santé et de la Prévention	Fr MoH
Iceland	Rannsóknamiðstöð Islands	RANNÍS
Ireland	Health Research Board	HRB
Israel	Ministry of Health	CSO-MOH
Italy	Ministero della Salute	IT MOH
Italy	Ministero dell'Università e della Ricerca	MUR
Italy	Regione Toscana	RT
Italy	Agenzia Regionale per la Salute ed il Sociale	AReSS
Latvia	Latvijas Zinātnes padome	LZP
Lithuania	Lietuvos Mokslo Taryba	LMT

Malta	Malta Council for Science and Technology	MCST
Netherlands	Nederlandse organisatie voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek	NWO
Netherlands	Zorgonderzoek Nederland	ZonMw
Norway	Norges Forskningsradet	RCN
Poland	Narodowe Centrum Badan i Rozwoju	NCBR
Portugal	Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia	FCT
Portugal	Comissão de Coordenação e Desenvolvimento Regional do Centro	CCDRC
Romania	Unitatea Executiva pentru Finantarea Invatamantului Superior, a Cercetarii, Dezvoltarii si Inovarii	UEFISCDI
Scotland/UK	Digital Health and Care Directorate, Scottish Government	SG
Slovenia	Ustanovljena Služba Vlade Republike Slovenije za digitalno	ODT
Spain	Instituto de Investigación Marqués de Valdecilla	IDIVAL
Spain	Instituto de Salud Carlos III	ISCIII
Spain	Consejería de salud y consumo de la junta de andalucía	CSCJA
Spain	Departamento de Salud Gobierno Vasco	DPTO SALUD
Sweden	Forskningsrådet för hälsa, arbetsliv och välfärd	Forte
Sweden	Verket for Innovationssystem	Vinnova
Switzerland	Schweizerischer Nationalfonds	SNF
Switzerland	Schweizerischen Agentur für Innovationsförderung	Innosuisse

MORE INFORMATION

If you want to know more on this first THCS call please do attend the online webinar on **March 16th from 13.00 – 14.30 CET**. To register yourself for this webinar **click here**.

More information on the THCS call and partnership can be found on the webpage:

www.thcspartnership.eu

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Please note: *The content of the call described in this pre-announcement is indicative and may be subject to changes and is not legally binding.*

Interested applicants are encouraged to initiate scientific contacts with potential project consortium partners for applications.