

Joint Transnational Call for Proposals (2024) for

Identification or Validation of Targets for Personalised Medicine Approaches (PMTargets)

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Preliminary announcement

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Preliminary Announcement for the Joint Transnational Call (JTC) 2024

The **European Partnership for Personalised Medicine, EP PerMed** (supported by the European Union under Horizon Europe, Grant Agreement N° 101137129), is a platform for joint programming of national and European regional research and innovation supporting activities putting into action “The Strategic Research & Innovation Agenda (SRIA) for Personalised Medicine (2023)”¹, **SRIA for PM (2023)**, through dedicated research, development and innovation funding.

EP PerMed funding organisations, listed below, have agreed to launch the joint transnational call 2024 (JTC2024), co-funded by the EU, to fund multinational innovative research projects in personalised medicine (PM), which should bring together academic, clinical/public health and private research teams, thus enhancing the competitiveness in Europe in this field. The JTC2024 will be conducted simultaneously by the participating funding organisations in their respective region/country and coordinated centrally by the Joint Call Secretariat (JCS), hosted by the French National Research Agency, (ANR), France.

The call will be implemented in two stages, i.e. a pre- and a full-proposal phase. The available budget for this call is **45 Mio. € (approx.)**.

An **information day introducing the JTC2024** to the research community will be organised most probably in the afternoon on January 15, 2024. More details (including the registration) will follow soon.

Expected timeline of the call

02 January, 2024	Publication of the call
12 January, 2024	Opening of the pre-proposals submission system
15 January (TBC)	JTC2024 information day
05 March, 2024 (17:00, CET)	Deadline for pre-proposal submission
Expected around 20 May, 2024	Communication of the results of the pre-proposal assessment and invitation to the full-proposal stage
20 June, 2024 (17:00, CEST)	Deadline for full-proposal submission
Mid/end of August 2024	Rebuttal stage
Expected for October 2024	Communication of the funding decisions to the applicants
End of 2024, beginning of 2025	Expected project start (according to regional/national funding regulations)

¹ <https://www.eppermed.eu/action-areas/sria/>

Aim of the Joint Transnational Call (JTC) 2024

The JTC2024 will aim to fund research that fosters the identification or validation of targets for personalised medicine approaches. Applicants submitting a proposal to this call must combine the research on new and advanced targets with companion biomarker research (companion diagnostics). Consortia are required to be transnational, interdisciplinary and trans-sectoral as well as to clearly outline the personalised medicine perspective in the research proposed.

The overall objectives of the JTC2024 are to

- Support research projects aiming at identifying or validating targets for personalised medicine approaches in combination with development of companion biomarkers or other markers to allow for monitoring of treatment outcomes and patient stratification;
- Encourage and enable interdisciplinary collaborations by combining pre-clinical and clinical research in translational projects, and multi-actor research by engaging a range of other relevant disciplines such as bioinformatics/health informatics/data research, ELSA research, implementation research or health economics research connected to the proposed research topic, including end-user perspective analysis to empower the implementation of PM; and
- Encourage cross-sectorial collaborations, by including the private sector (e.g. SMEs, small and medium-sized enterprises), industry, as well as regulatory/HTA agencies and patient organisations.

Research projects in all disease areas are encouraged.

General (Eligibility) Conditions for Application

Joint research proposals may be submitted by applicants belonging to the following categories (subject to regional/national funding regulations):

- A. Academia** (research teams working in universities, other higher education institutions) **or research institutes;**
- B. Clinical/public health sector** (research teams working in hospitals/public health and/or other healthcare settings and health organisations). Participation of clinicians (e.g. medical doctors, nurses) in the research teams is encouraged;
- C. Private for-profit (industry) partners, e.g. SME** (small and medium-sized enterprises) and **private non-profit partners, e.g. foundations, associations or non-governmental organisations.**

Whilst applications will be submitted jointly by groups from several countries, individual groups will be funded by the individual EP PerMed funding organisation respective of the region/country from which applicants applies. The applications are therefore subject to eligibility criteria and regulations of individual funding organisations. Applicants are strongly advised to contact their regional/national representatives of the participating relevant funding organisation as soon as possible in order to confirm their eligibility (see also below “*Contact details of participating members*”).

More information about the eligibility criteria and rules regarding consortium composition will be available soon.

Partnering Tool

A partnering tool developed and supported by the EP PerMed will be available in 2024.

Participating Countries and European Regions

The following countries (24) are participating in the preparation of the call: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, The Netherlands and Turkiye (contact list is provided in Annex 1).

Besides national funders, the following regions are participating (10): Flanders (Belgium), Walloon Region (Belgium), Wallonia-Brussels Federation (Belgium), Saxony (Germany), Lombardy (Italy), Tuscany (Italy), Azores (Portugal), Centro Region (Portugal), Catalonia (Spain) and Navarre (Spain).

Please note:

The information provided in this pre-announcement is indicative and may be subject to changes and is not legally binding to funding organisations. Additional funding organisations might join the call before the official publication or leave the funders consortium. This call will only be launched if the EP PerMed successfully completed the contracting phase with the HaDEA/EC.

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

The final call information is expected to be published on the EP PerMed website in January 2024.

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