

Specific conditions of individual foreign organizations

Annex No. 1 to the Call documentation

11th Call of the SIGMA Programme – sub-objective 4, Bilateral cooperation

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The purpose of this document is to introduce an overview of the **basic conditions of foreign organizations**. TA CR is not responsible for any changes in conditions on the part of foreign organizations.

The TA CR Board can support a project proposal only if the project proposal is also supported by one of these foreign organizations:

Locality	Foreign partner organization	Abbrev.
French Republic	French National Research Agency	ANR
Republic of Korea	Korea Institute of Energy Technology Evaluation and Planning	KETEP
Republic of Korea	Korea Institute for Advancement of Technology	KIAT
Saxony, Federal Republic of Germany	Saxon State Ministry for Economic Affairs, Labour, Energy and Climate Action	SMWA
State of Israel	Israel Innovation Authority	IIA
Taiwan	Ministry of Economic Affairs¹	MoEA
Taiwan	National Science and Technology Council	NSTC

¹ The call on the Taiwanese side will be implemented by the Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI).



1. French National Research Agency (ANR), French Republic

Schedule

Procedure	Schedule
Launch of the Call	7 May 2025
Project Submission Period	8 May–9 July 2025
Evaluation Period	10 July–13 November 2025
Results Announcement	28 November 2025
Project Kickoff	January–February 2026
Start of Funding	from January 2026
Project Length	36 months max.

Applicants

The French lead organization must be a university, a research institution, or a company. Companies, universities, research institutions, and NGOs based in France and that carry out their research activities in France are eligible.

The eligibility rules will be set in a specific document, which will be published on the ANR call webpage, additional to the financial rules available at: <https://anr.fr/fr/rf/>.

Foreign (French) and Czech applicants cannot be in a relationship that meets the definition of a linked or partner enterprise.

Areas of R&D

Project proposals in the following priority areas will be accepted by ANR:

- Safety and reliability of the present nuclear reactors,
 - Research in the field of severe accident studies,
 - Research in the field of Radiation on Aging Concrete Structures,
 - Research in the field of modern materials – Accident tolerant fuels (ATF), Small modular reactor fuel (SMR), Additive Manufacturing, High-assay low-enriched uranium (HALEU),
- Research on materials and fuel cycle to support research reactors,
- Research in the field of Generation IV reactors (GFRs and MSR),
- Support for the development of Small modular reactors (SMRs) – including collaboration with NUWARD.



Funding intensity

Funding will be awarded with max. support intensity of up to 100 % of their additional costs for universities and research institutions that are supported through the *additional costs funding model*, up to 50% of their full cost for research institutions that are supported through the *full costs funding model*, and up to 45 % for companies (depending of their size and the type of R&D activities). Support intensity per project participant for the entire duration of the project follows ANR's regulations.

Funding

The total max. budget of ANR for the 2025 bilateral call for proposals dedicated to nuclear research cooperation with the Czech Republic is 1 mil. EUR (appx. 1 mil. USD). The budget aims to support between 2 and 4 project proposals, depending on the ambitions of these proposals. The subsidy is provided annually on a grant basis.

A foreign partner must be based in France and its complementary project proposal (a full project proposal application) must be submitted to the French National Research Agency (ANR). More information can be found at: <https://anr.fr/ANR-TACR-2025>. At least one of the foreign partners must be financially supported by ANR. It is not sufficient just to prove one's own or other sources of financing.

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2. Korea Institute of Energy Technology Evaluation and Planning (KETEP), Republic of Korea

Schedule

Procedure	Schedule
Launch of the Call	6 May 2025
Project Submission Period	8 May–9 July 2025
Evaluation Period	10 July–21 November 2025
Results Announcement	by 28 November 2025
Project Kickoff	December 2025
Start of Funding	December 2025
Project Length	36 months max.

Applicants

The Korean lead organization must be a company that operates a research institute or department as its subsidiary. Companies, universities, research institutes, research associations, business associations, and medical institutions may apply as participating organizations.

Foreign (Korean) and Czech applicants cannot be in a relationship that meets the definition of a linked or partner enterprise.

Areas of R&D

- Nuclear energy,
- Hydrogen.

Funding intensity

Funding will be awarded with max. support intensity of 75 %. Support intensity per project participant follows the Common Operational Regulation for Industrial Technology Innovation Program.

Funding

The total maximum number of projects receiving funding under the Korean-Czech joint call is two. Funding will be awarded approximately KRW 1.2 bil KRW (appx. 0.82 mil. USD) per project for the entire duration

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of the project. At least one of the foreign partners must be financially supported by KETEP. It is not sufficient just to prove one's own or other sources of financing.

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3. Korea Institute for Advancement of Technology (KIAT), Republic of Korea

Schedule

Procedure	Schedule
Launch of the Call	7 May 2025
Project Submission Period	8 May–9 July 2025
Evaluation Period	10 July–21 November 2025
Results Announcement	by 28 November 2025
Project Kickoff	December 2025
Start of Funding	December 2025
Project Length	36 months max.

Applicants

The Korean lead organization must be a company that operates a research institute. Companies, universities, research institutes, research associations, business associations, and medical institutions may apply as participating organizations.

Foreign (Korean) and Czech applicants cannot be in a relationship that meets the definition of a linked or partner enterprise.

Areas of R&D

All areas are mutually accepted. However, projects for products or services in the following topics are particularly appreciated:

- Future Mobility,
- General Machinery and Photonics,
- Advanced Materials,
- ICT (including cybersecurity),
- AI,
- Robotics and cybernetics,
- Disaster Resilience, Response and Recovery,
- Circular Economy,
- Semiconductors.



Funding intensity

The maximum funding intensity is governed by the rules of support of the Republic of Korea.

Funding

The total maximum number of projects receiving funding under the Korean-Czech joint call is two. Funding will be awarded not to exceed KRW 1,500 million (appx. 1.1 mil. USD) per project for the entire duration of the project (funding will be paid yearly). Project funding consists of government contributions and civilian dues (cash and in-kind). At least one of the foreign partners must be financially supported by KIAT. It is not sufficient just to prove one's own or other sources of financing. The amount of government contributions will vary depending on the type of executing organizations and projects in accordance with Article 24 (Funding criteria) and Article 25 (Civilian dues) of the Common Operational Regulations for the Industrial Technology Innovation Programs.

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4. Saxon State Ministry for Economic Affairs, Labour, Energy and Climate Action (SMWA), Saxony, Federal Republic of Germany

Schedule

Procedure	Schedule
Launch of the Call	8 May 2025
Project Submission Period	8 May–9 July 2025
Evaluation Period	10 July–13 November 2025
Results Announcement	by 28 November 2025
Project Kickoff	January–February 2026
Start of Funding	from January 2026
Project Length	24 months max.

Applicants

Companies, universities, and research institutions based in Saxony or with a facility in Saxony are eligible. At least one Saxon small or medium enterprise must take part in the project. If at least one research institution/university takes part in the consortium, a company or a consortium of companies must account for at least 50 % of the eligible project costs on the Saxon side.

Foreign (Saxon) and Czech applicants cannot be in a relationship that meets the definition of a linked or partner enterprise.

Areas of R&D

Project proposals in the following priority areas will be accepted by SMWA:

- Life Science
- Semiconductor Technologies
- Smart and sustainable mobility.



Funding intensity

Support intensity per each Saxon project participant for the entire duration of the project follows [ERDF/JTF Technology funding scheme 2021-2027 regulations](#). The final amount of funding and funding intensity also depend on the funds available.

Funding

A foreign partner must be based in Saxony or with a facility in Saxony, and its complementary project proposal (a full project proposal application) must be submitted to SAB – Sächsische Aufbaubank – Förderbank via the online application form. The SAB will manage the submission and approval process and monitor funded projects according to ERDF/JTF Technology funding regulations.

At least one of the foreign partners (Saxony) must be qualified for funding and financially supported under this call by SMWA. It is not sufficient just to prove one's own or other sources of financing.

The SMWA aims to co-fund all selected Czech-Saxon projects under the current call for proposals through the ERDF/JTF Technology funding scheme 2021-2027 and funding regulations. Saxon funding should not exceed 5 mil. EUR (appx. 5.5 mil USD) for the call. More information for Saxon applicants can be found at: [EFRE/JTF - Forschung und Entwicklung - Projektförderung \(FuE-Projektförderung\) 2021 bis 2027 - sab.sachsen.de](#).

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5. Israel Innovation Authority (IIA), State of Israel

Schedule

Procedure	Schedule
Launch of the Call	18 February 2025
Project Submission Period	18 February–3 July 2025*
Evaluation Period	3 July–16 September 2025
Results Announcement	by 28 November 2025
Project Kickoff	January–February 2026
Start of Funding	from January 2026
Project Length	36 months max.

* Submission date to the IIA: on the 3rd of July, 2025, till 12:00.

Applicants

The lead organization on the Israeli side must be an R&D performing company (enterprise). Research institutes, universities, or other participants may apply as a subcontractor to a company.

Foreign (Israeli) and Czech applicants cannot be in a relationship that meets the definition of a linked or partner enterprise.

Areas of R&D

Project proposals in all areas of application are accepted by IIA.

Funding intensity

Funding will be awarded with max. funding intensity of 50 % of the total eligible project costs for the entire duration of the project.

Funding

A foreign partner must be based in Israel, and its complementary project proposal (a full project proposal application) must be submitted to the Israel Innovation Authority (IIA). The support is in the form of a conditional grant amounting generally up to 50 % (+ regional incentives for companies located

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in "development zone") of the eligible R&D budget. The support is refundable if a project is granted. Further details on these rules can be provided by IIA (see Contacts) upon request.

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6. Ministry of Economic Affairs (MoEA), Taiwan; implementation organization: Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI), Taiwan

The call on the Taiwanese side will be implemented by the Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI).

Schedule

Procedure	Schedule
Launch of the Call	7 May 2025
Project Submission Period	8 May–9 July 2025
Evaluation Period	10 July–20 November 2025
Results Announcement	by 28 November 2025
Project Kickoff	January–February 2026
Start of Funding	from January 2026
Project Length	36 months max.

Applicants

Lead organization on the Taiwanese side must be a company (enterprise) or a consortium of companies (enterprises).

Foreign (Taiwanese) and Czech applicants cannot be in a relationship that meets the definition of a linked or partner enterprise.

Areas of R&D

Project proposals in all areas of application are accepted by MoEA. However, the following technology areas will receive priority support under the National 5+2 Industrial Innovative Plan:

- Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (Drone)
- Smart Manufacture Technologies (Automobile, Machinery, Machine tool)
- Biotechnologies and Biomedical
- Green Energy Technologies
- Semiconductor (IC design, Test, Equipment).



Funding intensity

Funding will be awarded with max. funding intensity of 50 % of the total eligible project costs for the entire duration of the project.

Funding

A foreign partner must be based in Taiwan, and its complementary project proposal (a full project proposal application) must be submitted to the A+ Industrial Innovative R&D Project Office, Ministry of Economic Affairs (MoEA). At least one of the foreign partners must be financially supported by MoEA. It is not sufficient just to prove one's own or other sources of financing. There is neither the limitation of total max. budget nor the limitation of max. funding awarded per project on the specific joint call for proposals under A+ Industrial Innovative R&D Program. The amount of funding awarded will be evaluated depending on the scope of the individual project.

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7. National Science and Technology Council (NSTC), Taiwan

Schedule

Procedure	Schedule
Launch of the Call	7 May 2025
Project Submission Period	8 May–9 July 2025
Evaluation Period	10 July–4 November 2025
Results Announcement	by 31 December 2025
Project Kickoff	January 2026
Start of Funding	from January 2026
Project Length	36 months max.

Applicants

Lead organization on the Taiwanese side must have been appointed by one of the institutes below:

- Universities
- National Institutes of Applied Research (NIAR)
- Public Research Institutes.

An eligible proposal must include at least one research institute and one enterprise in the work plans. At the same time, the applicants must be in accordance with the Guidelines of Bilateral Add-on Grants for Joint Research Projects.

Consultation with the Science and Technology Division (STD) of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Prague at an early stage of project preparation is highly recommended.

Foreign (Taiwanese) and Czech applicants cannot be in a relationship that meets the definition of a linked or partner enterprise.

Areas of R&D

Project proposals in all areas of application are accepted by NSTC. However, the following areas will be considered favorable:

- Green Energy
- Artificial intelligence applications
- Health Care and Biomedicine

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- Cyber Security
- New Agriculture (incl. Smart Agriculture)
- Aeronautical and Aerospace Technology
- Disaster prevention.

Funding intensity

Funding will be awarded with max. funding intensity of 100 % of the total eligible project costs for the entire duration of the project.

Funding

A foreign partner must be based in Taiwan, and its complementary project proposal (a full project proposal application) must be submitted to the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC). At least one of the foreign partners must be financially supported by NSTC. It is not sufficient just to prove one's own or other sources of financing. The total funding for an approved project is expected to be around 90000 EUR (appx. 97000 USD) per year, for up to 3 years. This will be add-on funding, especially for bilateral cooperation with Czech researchers, to an ongoing research project of the applicant.

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