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for Personalised Medicine

Joint Transnational Call for Proposals (2026) for

Personalised Medicine for CARdiovascular, MEtabolic, and kidNey diseases (CARMEN2026)

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Call Text

Important Deadlines

Submission of pre-proposals: 10 February 2026 at 14:00 (CET)

Submission of invited full proposals: 09 June 2026 at 14:00 (CEST)

Link to the electronic proposal submission tool:

https://ptoutline.eu/app/eppermed2026

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1 Introduction and aims of EP PerMed

Personalised Medicine (PM) represents a paradigm shift from a "one size fits all" approach to an optimised strategy for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of disease for each individual, based on their unique characteristics, including biological features (e.g. phenotype, genotype), as well as lifestyle and other environmental factors. Accordingly, PM puts the patient at the very centre of healthcare, aiming for optimised health promotion, treatments and management of disease or predisposition to disease. Today, the field of PM has been advancing rapidly and the range of technologies, methods and information utilised has become much broader, supporting improved healthcare, diagnostics and tailormade treatments, including rehabilitation, and prevention strategies.

Definition of Personalised Medicine:

EP PerMed adheres to the definition stated in the PerMed SRIA: 'Shaping Europe's Vision for Personalised Medicine' (2015)[1], adopted from the Horizon2020 Advisory Group[2]:

*"**Personalised Medicine** refers to a medical model using characterisation of individuals' phenotypes and genotypes (e.g. molecular profiling, medical imaging, lifestyle data) for tailoring the right therapeutic strategy for the right person at the right time, and/or to determine the predisposition to disease and/or to deliver timely and targeted prevention."*

Some additional information can be found in the 2018–2020 Advice of the Horizon 2020 Advisory Group for Societal Challenge 1, "Health, Demographic Change and Well-being":

"Different synonymous terms have been used alongside 'personalised medicine', most commonly 'precision medicine' and 'stratified medicine'. While there may be subtle differences in the literal meanings of these terms, they usually refer to the same concept when applied in practice. Stratified medicine (mainly used in the UK) is more treatment-dependent, while precision medicine (mostly used in US) has a relatively broad meaning as it refers to 4P (predictive, preventive, personalised and participatory) medicine. We use the term personalised medicine because this term best reflects the ultimate goal of effectively tailoring treatment based on an individual's 'personal profile', as determined by the individual's genotype and phenotype data. Based on individuals' profiles, PM aims to identify the optimal treatment regime by avoiding the treatment-failure approach commonly used in current evidence-based medicine."

The **European Partnership for Personalised Medicine**, **EP PerMed**, is a platform for joint programming of national and European regional research and innovation (R&I) programmes 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. The funding of transnational collaborative research is a joint activity to further enhance the cooperation between stakeholders across Europe and beyond to maximise the benefits of PM approaches and thus pooling resources and achieving investments of scale in this field. Furthermore, to ensure efficient utilisation and accessibility of new and improved PM approaches, project consortia are required to be

[1] **https://www.eppermed.eu/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/EPPerMed-SRIA.pdf**

[2] European Commission. Advice for 2016/2017 of the Horizon 2020 Advisory Group for Social Challenge 1, "Health, Demographic Change and Wellbeing", July 2014: **https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ%3AC%3A2015%3A421%3AFULL**

multidisciplinary and intersectoral in EP PerMed calls for proposals, by including academia (universities, research performing organisations both public and private not for profit), clinical settings and public health organisations, the private sector (spin-offs, start-ups, SMEs, the European biotechnology and health/pharma industries), and also participatory research e.g. with patients, citizens, clinicians and healthcare providers.

2 Participating regions, countries and funding organisations

The funding organisations listed below are jointly launching the EP PerMed Joint Transnational Call 2026 (JTC2026), co-funded by the European Union (EU). The JTC2026 is managed by the EP PerMed Joint Call Secretariat (JCS).

The call is opened and simultaneously supported by the following (38) funding organisations in their respective regions or countries:

Country/Region	Funding Organisation	Acronym
Austria	Austrian Science Fund	**FWF**
Belgium (Flanders)	The Research Foundation – Flanders	**FWO**
Belgium (Wallonia-Brussels Federation)	Fund for Scientific Research – FNRS	**F.R.S.-FNRS**
Czech Republic	The Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic / Czech Health Research Council	**MZCR/AZVCR**
Denmark	Innovation Fund Denmark	**IFD**
Estonia	Sotsiaalministeerium	**MoSAE**
Finland	Research Council of Finland	**AKA**
Finland	Business Finland	**BFRK**
France	The French National Research Agency	**ANR**
Germany	Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space, (BMFTR) / German Aerospace Center e.V. – Project Management Agency	**BMFTR/DLR**
Germany	Federal Ministry of Health, (BMG) / German Aerospace Center e.V. – Project Management Agency	**BMG/DLR**
Greece	General Secretariat for Research & innovation	**GSRI**
Hungary	National Research, Development and Innovation Office	**NKFIH**
Iceland	The Icelandic Centre for Research	**RANNIS**
Ireland	Taighde Éireann-Research Ireland	**TE-RI**
Israel	Ministry of Health, The Chief Scientist Office	**CSO-MOH**
Israel	National Technological Innovation Authority	**IIA**
Italy	Italian Ministry of Health	**IT-MoH**
Italy (Lombardy)	Fondazione Regionale per la Ricerca Biomedica	**FRRB**
Italy (Tuscany)	Tuscany Region	**RT**
Latvia	Latvian Council of Science	**LZP**
Lithuania	Research Council of Lithuania	**LMT**
Luxembourg	National Research Fund	**FNR**
Norway	Research Council of Norway	**RCN**
Poland	National Centre for Research and Development	**NCBR**
Portugal	Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia	**FCT**

Portugal (Azores)	Vice-Presidency of Azores Regional Government	**VP-GRA**
Portugal (Centro Region)	Comissão de Coordenação e Desenvolvimento Regional do Centro	**CCDRC**
Romania	Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding	**UEFISCDI**
Slovak Republic	Centrum vedecko-technických informácií Slovenskej republiky	**CVTI SR**
South Africa	The South African Medical Research Council	**SAMRC**
Spain	National Institute of Health Carlos III	**ISCIII**
Spain (Andalusia)	Consejeria de Salud y Consumo de la Junta de Andalucia, Andalusian Regional Ministry of Health and Consumer Affairs	**CSCJA**
Spain (Catalonia)	Health Department – Generalitat de Catalunya	**DS-CAT**
Spain (Navarre)	Government of Navarre	**CFN**
Sweden	Swedish Research Council	**SRC**
The Netherlands	The Netherlands Organisation for Health Research and Development	**ZonMw**
Turkiye	The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey	**TUBITAK**

3 Timeline of the call

25 November, 2025	Publication of the call
10 February, 2026 (14:00, CET)	Deadline for pre-proposal submission
Expected around 05 May, 2026	Communication of the results of the pre-proposal assessment and invitation to the full proposal stage
09 June, 2026 (14:00, CEST)	Deadline for full proposal submission
Mid/end of August 2026	Rebuttal stage
Expected for October 2026	Communication of the funding decisions to the applicants
End of 2026, beginning of 2027	Expected project start (according to regional/national funding regulations)

4 Rationale of the call

Cardiovascular, metabolic and kidney diseases are among the top ten (10) causes of death and a major burden worldwide (World Health Organisation, WHO). Cardiovascular diseases alone are the leading cause of death accounting for about a third of all premature global mortality. As of 2021, about 640 million people were affected by cardiovascular diseases, more than 1,2 billion lived with metabolic diseases such as type 2 diabetes, non-alcoholic fatty liver disease and hypertension, and over 850 million were estimated to have kidney diseases. In Europe, the economic burden of these diseases exceeds over 1000 billion euros annually.

Despite advances in treatments, living with cardiovascular, metabolic or kidney diseases remains profoundly debilitating and significantly impacts patients' quality of life, shortening life expectancy, and contributing to decreased productivity and economic output. These conditions frequently coexist, driven by shared risk factors such as obesity, diabetes, hypertension, and inflammation. The interconnection among these diseases is well-recognised and now commonly referred to as cardiovascular-kidney-metabolic syndrome. Although much is known about the risk factors for cardiovascular, metabolic and kidney diseases at the population level (e.g. chronic inflammatory conditions, family disease history, lifestyle, education, and access to healthcare), it is often difficult to predict disease progression and efficacy of treatment in individual cases. Diagnosis, treatment choices and disease progression predictions tend to rely on few parameters and diagnostic findings that often only become noticeable in later stages of the disease. However, the complex and heterogenous nature of these conditions among patients makes this "one size fits all" approach insufficient to adequately address individual differences. Genetic variations, environmental factors, and individual social and lifestyle characteristics significantly contribute to adverse events and treatment failures, limiting the effectiveness of conventional therapies. Therefore, **there is an urgent need for PM strategies to enable earlier identification of at-risk individuals, improve targeted prevention, and develop innovative therapies.** Furthermore, an integrated approach for the treatment of patients with multiple cardiometabolic conditions or risk factors is needed.

The above challenges can be addressed through PM approaches including multi-omics and cutting-edge technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) or medical devices. These approaches allow identification of individual-level disease drivers and biomarkers, paving the way for personalised prevention strategies tailored to each patient's unique biological, environmental, and life-style profile. Furthermore, PM approaches can lead to more effective and targeted treatments, and improve medication safety. In parallel, PM strategies can enhance the ability to monitor disease progression in real time and generate more precise prognostic predictions, ultimately supporting better outcomes and more efficient use of healthcare resources.

5 Aim of the call

With this JTC, EP PerMed will fund research projects in human health on innovative PM strategies for patients with cardiovascular, metabolic or kidney diseases. Research projects may focus on a single disease or explore these conditions in combination. Proposals should address one or more of the following aspects:

- Development and validation of **innovative personalised therapeutic approaches** for cardiovascular, metabolic or kidney diseases through testing in relevant pre-clinical models (e.g., human cell cultures, organoids, organs-on-chips, disease-specific animal models, or *in silico* models).
- Identification and validation of molecular markers/signatures or cutting-edge technologies (see also point 2 below) to **monitor treatment response** in patients with cardiovascular, metabolic or kidney diseases **in order to tailor treatment pathways**. This may include the analysis of the treatment effectiveness or treatment-related (including multi-medication) adverse effects as well as dose optimisation.
- Identification and validation of stratifying molecular markers/signatures or stratifying diagnostic technologies **for early disease risk prediction and prevention of disease worsening or comorbidities** in patients with cardiovascular, metabolic or kidney diseases, thereby delaying the progression to cardiovascular-kidney-metabolic syndrome.

Research projects that combine a personalised medicine approach with care strategies targeting shared biological pathways or common underlying mechanisms of cardiovascular, metabolic and kidney diseases are welcome.

Applicants are encouraged to combine the following aspects in their research proposal:

1. Multi-omics data such as genomics, epigenomics, metagenomics, transcriptomics, proteomics and metabolomics data in relation to treatment outcomes. These data may be obtained from health data platforms or infrastructures, including population-level health databases.
2. Cutting-edge technologies such as AI/ML algorithms, next-generation imaging technologies, digital health tools, etc. to enhance early diagnosis, monitor treatment response, optimise therapy effectiveness or dosage, and detect or prevent comorbidities and treatment-related side effects in patients.
3. Information regarding patient medication, dose or compliance, medication efficacy, adverse effects, patient reported outcomes (PRO) or patient preferences.
4. Additional factors such as sex/gender dimension, age, environmental and social background, lifestyle, or nutritional status.

The adequate inclusion of the aspects above in proposals submitted to this call is part of the evaluation and should be appropriate to the proposed research and the expected research results.

It is strongly recommended that projects use already existing cohorts and -omics data and integrated digital health data platforms that ensure appropriate governance models for real-world data access, particularly in settings where population-level data infrastructures already exist (see also point 1 above). If necessary, existing datasets may be complemented to allow the combination and harmonisation of multi-omics data and to increase statistical power. This includes the prospective collection of bio-samples to expand and to complete an existing cohort.

Projects funded under this call are furthermore **required to include a dedicated work package focussing on the question of the translation or implementation of the research outcomes into clinical practice** with a focus on e.g. patient outcome, patient preferences, costs, reimbursement, education (to healthcare providers, patients and citizens), ELSA (ethical, legal and societal aspect) or accessibility at the point of care. This may include aspects like analysing treatment delays due to additional diagnostics, the accessibility of -omics analyses to citizens and patients, reimbursement

availability for treatments, or cost-effectiveness of personalised treatments. Applicants are encouraged where applicable to build on national/regional strategies and frameworks that foster implementation science, such as structured PM training programmes, and to align with ongoing health service transformation plans. Consultation with stakeholders, such as regulatory authorities or health insurance providers, early in the project conception and during the course of the project is recommended to ensure a successful clinical implementation. The proposal should describe which formats and methods will be used for stakeholder consultation and for analysis of consultation results, and it should describe how consultation results are fed back into the overall progress of the project.

Please note:

- Research projects must focus on cardiovascular, metabolic or kidney diseases as the primary cause of illness.
- Research projects may focus on a single cardiovascular, metabolic, or kidney disease, individually, or they may explore these conditions in combination.
- Research focussing only on drug-induced cardiac, metabolic or kidney toxicity is out of scope.
- While clinical studies (exploratory/ proof-of-concept/ early-stage or sub-studies) may be funded under this call, larger clinical trials are beyond its scope. Proposed clinical studies must be feasible and capable of being completed within the timeframe and budget of this call.

Aspects to be considered during the preparation of proposals

The EP PerMed overall aims to:

- Encourage and enable interdisciplinary collaborations, i.e. multi-actor research, by engaging a range of relevant disciplines such as pre-clinical and clinical research, 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 facilitate the implementation of PM (see also "Guidelines for Applicants", section 5);
- Encourage cross-sectorial collaborations, by including the private sector (e.g. SMEs, small and medium-sized enterprises, industry), as well as regulatory/HTA (health technology assessment) agencies and patient organisations.

Proposals **must be interdisciplinary and clearly demonstrate the potential impact on disease outcome and prevention through PM,** as well as **the added value of the transnational collaboration** in sharing resources (e.g. registries, biobanks, databases, electronic health records, etc.), platforms/infrastructures, and specific knowledge important for the project and the PM field. The individual project partners within a joint application should complement each other. The proposed work should contain novel and ambitious ideas and promote innovative PM solutions moving from scientific value to patient benefits and ensure an adequate analysis of the emerging ethical and the legal aspects related to the research, e.g. data sharing and protection of privacy.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to integrate sex and gender research, with a specific focus on biological characteristics. Social and cultural features like different economic, educational backgrounds **related to sex or gender, as well as underrepresented populations** (e.g. ethnic minorities), or underrepresented patient sub-groups, e.g. children or elderly, **are encouraged to be considered** in proposals submitted to the EP PerMed call (please also read the "Guidelines for Applicants", section 7).

Please note:

Funded Technology Readiness Levels (TRL)[#] differ between participating funding organisations. Please check the regional/national regulations ("Guidelines for Applicants").

Regional/national eligibility rules apply for the funding of the applicant category, research stage/s, as well as for the funding of clinical studies (see also Annex III of the"Guidelines for Applicants"). Therefore, applicants are strongly advised to contact their relevant funding organisation (see also Annex I of the Call Text) and to carefully read the regional/national eligibility rules ("Guidelines for Applicants", Annex III) prior to submission.

[#] Horizon 2020 scale for TRL: **https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/other/wp/2016_2017/annexes/h2020-wp1617-annex-g-trl_en.pdf**

EP PerMed strongly encourages the active involvement of patients, citizens, healthcare providers (e.g. individually or via outreach to medical societies), pharmacists and health and social care service users to raise awareness, share knowledge, improve dialogue and facilitate implementation. These entities can be involved as collaborators or integrated as partners in the consortium, and their coherent integration will be part of the proposal evaluation (see section 8: Formal check and evaluation of proposals). **EP PerMed is financially supporting the involvement of patient/citizen organisations as full consortium partners** (please read carefully also the "Guidelines for Applicants", section 6). Funding is centrally provided to a patient/citizen organisation by EP PerMed and is limited to a total of 50,000 € per project and over 3 years (see Annex II in the "Guidelines for Applicants" for eligibility rules). Furthermore, patient or citizens organisations can act as partners on their own funds or apply for funding through regional/national funding organisations, if eligible according to the respective funding regulations. Indications concerning the financial commitment of the patient/citizen organisation participating in the project on own funds should be provided. Consortia submitting proposals to this call are asked to describe the patient/citizen involvement throughout the various stages of the research design, planning, conduct/implementation, analysis and dissemination and utilisation of the results. The extent of citizen/patient involvement may vary depending on the context of the study proposed. The development of a patient's/citizen's involvement plan (to be uploaded electronically as Annex 6 of the application forms) is **mandatory** if funding is requested from EP PerMed (see also Annex II of the "Guidelines for Applicants document") and requested to describe the activities and methodologies for the involvement. Indications concerning the financial commitment of the patient/citizen organisation participating as partners on own funds should also be provided (in the pre- and full proposal application form, the online submission tool and the Annex 6). If a consortium does

not deem patient/citizen involvement to be reasonable given their project aims and methods, this should be explained and justified.

Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) and ethical compliance

Proposals should follow the principles of Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI). Consortia submitting a proposal to this call should demonstrate a commitment to investigating and addressing social, ethical, political, environmental or cultural dimensions of the proposed research.

Furthermore, proposed research must respect fundamental ethical principles. Applicants have to describe any potential ethical aspects of the work to be carried out, and how the project will fulfil applicable requirements in institutional, regional/national and European Union legislation (including the ethical standards and guidelines of Horizon 2020/Horizon Europe[3]).

Further information is available in the "Guidelines for Applicants" document, and consortia are requested to elaborate on both aspects, RRI and ethical dimensions, in the proposal application forms.

6 Expected Results, Outcome and Impacts

Research conducted in this call should result in one or more of the following aspects for cardiovascular, metabolic and kidney diseases:

- Development of innovative personalised therapies or approaches to patient care;
- Personalised diagnostic approaches to predict the potential responses of individual patients to treatment;
- Personalised treatment pathways, including combination of treatment (multi-medication) and research on effective drug dosage optimisation;
- A broader knowledgebase about stratifying molecular markers/signatures for early disease risk prediction and prevention of worsening of an already manifest disease or the occurrence of additional comorbidities in support of tailored prevention or treatment approaches.

Furthermore, the funded research will lead to:

- Scientific publications and creation of knowledge on PM strategies for patients with cardiovascular, metabolic and kidney diseases;
- Transnational and multidisciplinary collaboration or networks across sectors and in teams.

Overall, funded projects are expected to take material steps toward translational implementation, i.e. to demonstrate a major development on the pathway to improve patient care.

On a mid-term perspective the funded research will have the following outcomes for cardiovascular, metabolic and kidney disease fields:

- Innovative personalised therapies, including treatment combinations, with improved drug safety and reduced adverse drug reactions;

[3] **https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/docs/h2020-funding-guide/cross-cutting-issues/ethics_en.htm**

- Tailored treatment options, including optimal drug dosing, that consider the patients' unique pre-disposition but also combinations of different medications;
- Implementation of PM strategies in clinical and healthcare practice, including strengthening of national/ regional ecosystems for translational research, including improved collaboration between clinical and academic settings and the development of sustainable innovation networks;
- Optimisation of pharmacological treatment choices and evidence-based rationalisation of drugs used in healthcare;
- Accurate prediction and effective prevention of comorbidity development in patients.

The call aims at supporting research projects that contribute to the EP PerMed (operational, specific and global) objectives and therewith contribute to the following expected impacts:

- The transnational, multidisciplinary, intersectoral and public-private collaborations will support the 'Personalised Medicine System of Health'[1] in that the research, innovation and implementation fields and the involved actors are interconnected. This includes national/regional networks where integrated care, open data policies, and institutional commitment to PM are already in place. This will contribute to a comprehensive and faster uptake of PM approaches from pre-clinical to clinical research, innovation and implementation in a circular and bidirectional manner and support the development of innovative tools, technologies and digital solutions for health and care.
- EP PerMed aims to enhance the understanding of diseases and translate research achievements (diagnostic tools, biomarkers, clinical strategies, advanced therapies, prevention strategies and digital solutions, big data, health economics, ELSI) within PM and towards personalised care.

Overall, PM research funded in this call is expected to support Europe's strategy to stay in the forefront of research and innovation and foster, simultaneously, synergies between regions and countries. Outcomes of the research projects are meant to impact the European biotechnology and health/pharma industry. PM approaches will lead to reduced adverse effects, more efficient diagnostics and (follow-up of) treatments as well as new drug and technology production, faster adoption of innovation and increase the market competitiveness.

7 Application

A. Eligibility criteria

- Only transnational projects will be funded.
- **Each consortium must involve at least three partners from three different EU Member States or Associated Countries[4] whose funding organisations participate in the call** (see list above)[5]. **Each of these partners must be eligible and request funding from the respective funding organisation**. All three legal entities must be independent of each other.
- The **project coordinator (i.e. the principal investigator and the applicant's organisation) must be eligible to be funded** by his/her regional/national participating funding organisation. The project coordinator (i.e. principal investigator and organisation) cannot be changed between the first and second stage.

Consortium composition:

- **Max. 2 project partners per consortium can request funding from the same funding organisation.** For some funding organisations, the maximum number of eligible partners who can be funded in one project is limited to one (see also the "Guidelines for Applicants" for individual funding rules).
- **Pre-proposal stage:**
    - Maximum number of partners is 6 (no more than 2 partners from the same country, including partners on own funds),
    - Maximum number of partners can be 7 if the consortium includes a 3rd partner of the same country (**condition**: funding requested from at least 2 different funders of the respective country; applies to only one country per consortium, including partners on own funds).
- **Widening concept[6]:** Consortia are allowed to include in the **full proposal phase** an additional project partner that is eligible to receive funding from a funding organisation that is underrepresented in the second stage of the call and that agrees to participate in the widening option (a list of underrepresented regions/countries will be provided to coordinators invited to submit full proposals). The rules for the consortium composition need to be respected, i.e. the final number of partners can only sum up to 7 or 8 if there are 3 partners of the same country in a consortium (**condition**: funding requested from at least 2 different funders of the

[4] Indications for Associated Countries and Third Countries to Horizon Europe: **https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/list-3rd-country-participation_horizon-eur-atom_en.pdf**

[5] If ERDF funds are used, the following applies: *"(…) must involve at least three Member States, or alternatively two Member States and at least one associated country whose (…)"* Please consult the "Guidelines for Applicants" document.

[6] **Widening concept:** Consortia are allowed to include in the full proposal phase a new project partner that is eligible to receive funding from a funding organisation that is underrepresented in the first stage of the call and that agrees to participate in the widening option.

respective country; applies to only one country per consortium, including partners on own funds).

- **No more than one partner on own funds is allowed** in the consortia with at least three partners eligible for funding (more indications in "B. Funding recipients" of this section 7).
- **Exception:** To facilitate the integration of organisations representing patients or citizens in consortia, they can be added as additional partners at the pre-proposal stage or full proposal stage. Organisations representing patients or citizens can be added as additional partner(s) either on own funds or by applying for funding, if eligible, from EP PerMed (see page 9) or the respective funding organisations. The consortia must follow all of the above-mentioned rules regarding the consortia composition without counting the patient/citizen representing organisations, except for the following rule: **within one consortium, no more than 2 partners can request funding from the same funding organisation, including patient/citizen organisations.** For some funding organisations, the maximum number of eligible partners who can be funded in one project is one.

B. Funding recipients

Joint research proposals may be submitted by applicants belonging to an entity according to the following categories (subject to regional/national funding regulations; see the "Guidelines for Applicants"):

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), pharmacists and general practitioners in the research teams is encouraged;

C. Private for-profit (industry) partners, e.g. SME[7] (small and medium-sized enterprises) **and private non-profit partners**, e.g. foundations, associations or non-governmental organisations.

Consortia submitting applications to this call are **strongly encouraged to include partners from different categories (A, B and C)** in line with the crosscutting/multidisciplinary nature of the call, where the aim is to include partners at different levels in the value chain. It is **strongly recommended to integrate at least one early-career researcher (ECR) as principal investigator** in a consortium (for the EP PerMed definition of ECR, please consult section 16 Annex III). The number of participants, the category of partner organisations and their research contribution should be appropriate for the aims of the call (section 5), the aims of the research project and should be reasonably balanced in terms of international participation (the different points are reflected in the three evaluation criteria). Each collaborative project should represent the critical mass necessary to achieve the ambitious scientific goals and should clearly demonstrate the added value for the cooperation. The coherent

[7] https://ec.europa.eu/growth/smes/business-friendly-environment/sme-definition_en

integration of interdisciplinary and intersectoral partners and collaborators to the consortium will be part of the proposal evaluation (see section 8: Formal check and evaluation of proposals).

Research groups, SMEs and industrial partners (non-SMEs) or not-for-profit organisations not eligible for funding by one of the organisations participating in this joint transnational call (e.g. from non-funding countries or not fundable according to regional/national regulations of the participating funding organisations) may participate if they are able to secure their own funds. They are treated as full partners and their information, including budget indications, must be included in the pre- and full proposal templates as such. Please note that **no more than one partner on own funds** is allowed in consortia comprising at least 3 partners eligible for funding, i.e. a consortium of min. 4 project partners. A letter of commitment must be included as an annex to the proposal, at the full proposal stage, summarising the commitment of the partner participating in the project on own funds and demonstrating the source of funding. The budget of a non-funded partner shall not exceed 30% of the total project budget requested.

To collect the necessary patient data or samples for the proposed study, a consortium may need to collaborate with other centres. If the only role of those centres is to provide patient data or samples for the study, they will not be treated as partners of the consortium, but can be included otherwise, e.g. via cooperation agreements or subcontracting.

Number of partners in the proposal*	**Pre-proposal**					**Full proposal** (only by inclusion of one underrepresented region/country)
	3	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**	**+1**
Maximum number of partners on own funds**	0	1	1	1	1	1
Maximum number of partners per country***	1	2	2	2	3	3 (if the number of partners in the full proposal stage sums up to 7 or 8)

* minimum of three partners eligible for funding from three different EU Member States countries, or two EU Member States and at least one Associated Country whose funders participate. Patient/citizen representing organisations are not included in this calculation.

** patient/citizen representing organisations are not included in this calculation and can be added as partners participating on own funds at the pre- and full proposal stage.

*** maximum number of partners in the pre-proposal phase can be 7 if the consortium includes a 3rd partner of the same country (condition: funding requested from at least 2 different funders of the respective country; applies to only one country per consortium, including partners on own funds). Patient/citizen representing organisations are not included in this calculation and can be added as additional partners in the pre-proposal or full proposal stage. They can participate either on own funds or apply for funding, if eligible, from the regional/national funding organisation or EP PerMed. Please note: **within one consortium, not more than 2 partners can request funding from the same funding organisation, including patient/citizen organisations.** For some funding agencies, the maximum number of eligible partners who can be funded in one project is one.

Although proposals will be submitted jointly by research teams from several regions/countries, research groups will be funded by the respective funding organisation of the region/country from which they have applied. Applicants are therefore subject to the eligibility criteria of the respective funding organisations (see also Annex III of the "Guidelines for Applicants"). They should therefore read the

funding rules and eligibility criteria of their funding organisations carefully. **Applicants are strongly advised to contact their relevant funding organisation (see also Annex I) prior to submission; please note that this step might be mandatory for some regions/countries.**

If a **partner** is found to be ineligible by one of the funding organisations after the formal check, the entire proposal may be rejected without further review. For a definition of eligible partners, see "Guidelines for Applicants", the regional/national regulations, and contact your regional/national funding organisation (see also Annex I).

A consortium can apply for a redress procedure in the case a proposal has been rejected (see also section 11).

For regional/national eligibility reasons, applicants must indicate during pre-proposal submission if the study submitted is subject to other evaluation processes, such as other JTCs and regional/national calls. Applicants shall not apply to different calls for same research activities. Double funding is not allowed.

C. Financial and legal aspects

A maximum project duration of 3 years may be applied for in accordance with **EP PerMed** funding organisation regulations. The studies performed should be finalised at the latest within the third year of the funding period. **Eligible costs and funding provisions may vary according to the respective funding organisation's regulations**. Project partners must refer and adhere to their own regional/national regulations and scientific remits, as detailed in the relevant regional/national announcements (see Annex II of this document).

D. Submission of joint proposals

A **two-step submission and evaluation procedure** has been established for joint applications: pre-proposals and full proposals. In both phases, one joint proposal document shall be prepared by the partners of a joint transnational project. The document must be submitted to the JCS by the project coordinator by uploading it via the electronic submission system (**https://ptoutline.eu/app/ep-permed2026**). The proposals must be written in English, must follow the template form in terms of overall size and section page and character limits, and must strictly adhere to the "Guidelines for Applicants". The pre-proposal form can be downloaded from the **EP PerMed** website (**www.ep-permed.eu**). Pre-proposals that do not use the respective template will be declared ineligible. **Pre-proposals** must be received by the JCS in electronic format no later than **10 February, 2026 at 14:00 CET**.

The decision on which applicants are selected to submit a full proposal will be communicated to applicants solely by the JCS around 05 May, 2026. The JCS will provide a full proposal application template to the coordinators of those research proposals invited to the full proposal stage.

Full proposals must be received by the JCS in electronic format no later than **09 June, 2026 at 14:00 CEST**. Please note that **joint full proposals will be accepted only from those applicants explicitly invited by the JCS to submit.** Full proposals that do not use the respective template are ineligible.

Any fundamental changes between the pre- and full proposal concerning the composition of the consortium, project objectives or requested budget must be communicated to the JCS and to the regional/national funding organisations. In exceptional cases, these changes may be accepted if detailed justification is provided and if they are accepted by the CSC.

Further information on electronic submission of pre- and full proposals is available on the **EP PerMed** website (**www.eppermed.eu**) and in the "Guidelines for Applicants". Applicants should take note of individual regional/national rules, and should contact their regional/national funding organisation if they have any questions.

Applicants from some regions/countries may be required to submit the additional regional/national proposal or other information (in some cases before the deadline of this call) directly to their relevant regional/national funding organisations. Applicants are therefore **strongly advised** to check their funding organisation's specific regulations. See "Guidelines for Applicants" for more details.

Ethical and legal issues must be addressed in each application, according to the relevant region's/country's regulations.

The **EP PerMed** CSC will take all lawful steps to ensure the confidentiality of the information and documents obtained during the joint call evaluation and selection procedure.

E. Further information

Applicants should contact their corresponding regional/national representative to enquire about eligibility with their respective funding organisations prior to submitting an application (see regional/national contact details, Annex I). For additional information, please contact the JCS (**EPPerMed@agencerecherche.fr**). Adherence to the regional/national funding regulations in the "Guidelines for Applicants" document is mandatory (**www.eppermed.eu**).

8 Formal check and evaluation of proposals

A. Formal check and evaluation of pre-proposals

The JCS will check all proposals to ensure that they meet the call's formal criteria (see also "*7. Applications, A. Eligibility Criteria*"). In parallel, the JCS will forward the proposals to the regional/national funding organisations, which will perform a check for compliance with their regional/national regulations.

Please note that if a proposal includes an ineligible partner, the whole proposal may be rejected, without further review (for the definition of eligible partners see "Guidelines for Applicants" and regional/national funding regulations and contact your regional/national contact person listed in Annex I).

After passing the eligibility check (performed by the JCS and the participating funding agencies), pre-proposals will be sent to at least three independent reviewers for the first evaluation (see evaluation criteria below, "*8. Formal check and evaluation of proposals, C. Evaluation criteria*"). The reviewers will assess the pre-proposal and complete a written evaluation form with scores and comments for the evaluation criteria.

In addition, the independent reviewers will assess whether the projects described in the pre-proposal documents fit the aim and scope of the call.

The CSC members will meet to decide which pre-proposals will be invited for full proposal submission based on the reviewers' scores and recommendations, and to ensure a reasonable balance of requested and available regional/national budgets.

B. Formal check and evaluation of full proposals. Rebuttal stage

The JCS will review the full proposals to ensure that they meet the call's formal criteria and have not changed substantially from the respective pre-proposals prior to sending them to the independent reviewers. In parallel, the JCS will forward the proposals to the regional/national funding organisations, which will perform a check for compliance with their regional/national regulations.

Each full proposal will be allocated to at least three independent reviewers. The reviewers will assess the full proposal and complete a written evaluation form with scores and comments for each criterion (see evaluation criteria below).

Rebuttal stage: Before the PRP plenary meeting to discuss the **full proposals**, the JCS will provide the independent reviewers' assessment (by email or other electronic means) to each project coordinator who will have the opportunity to study the assessments and to provide comments on the arguments and evaluations of the reviewers, who remain anonymous. This stage allows applicants to comment on factual errors or misunderstandings that may have been committed by the independent reviewers while assessing the proposal, and to reply to reviewers' questions. However, issues that are not related to reviewers' comments or questions cannot be addressed, and the work plan cannot be modified at this stage. Answers sent after the notified deadline, or not related to reviewers' comments or questions, will be disregarded.

The independent reviewers will meet in a Peer Review Panel (PRP) to discuss all proposals (and the rebuttal letters), to produce a joint assessment report for each full proposal, to be sent by the JCS to the project coordinators, and a ranking list of proposals recommended for funding. The composition of the PRP may be communicated through the EP PerMed website at the end of the entire review process.

C. Evaluation criteria

Pre-proposals and full proposals will be assessed according to specific evaluation criteria using a common evaluation form. A scoring system from 0 to 5 will be used to evaluate the proposal's performance with respect to the different evaluation criteria.

Scoring system:

0: Failure. The proposal fails to address the criterion or cannot be assessed due to missing or incomplete information.

1: Poor. The criterion is inadequately addressed, or there are serious inherent weaknesses.

2: Fair. The proposal broadly addresses the criterion, but there are significant weaknesses.

3: Good. The proposal addresses the criterion well, but a number of shortcomings are present.

4: Very Good. The proposal addresses the criterion very well, but a small number of shortcomings are present.

5: Excellent. The proposal successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion. Any shortcomings are minor.

Evaluation scores will be awarded for the three main criteria, 1) Excellence, 2) Impact and 3) Quality and efficiency of the implementation, each as a whole, and not separately for the different aspects listed below the criteria. The three criteria are weighted equally and the maximum total score for the three evaluation criteria that can be achieved in the remote evaluation is 15 points. The threshold for every individual criterion based on the evaluation of the three independent reviewers will be 3 (overall threshold of 9 for proposals in both steps of the evaluation process).

Evaluation criteria:

1. **Excellence:**

a. Clarity and pertinence of the project's objectives and them fitting to the scope of the call, and the extent to which the proposed work is ambitious, and goes beyond the state-of-the-art (including innovative potential and the use of different data as multi-omics, cutting edge technologies, PROs and other health related data);

b. Soundness of the proposed methodology, including the underlying concepts, models, assumptions, multidisciplinary and intersectoral approaches;

c. Inclusion of sex and gender research and appropriate consideration of underrepresented populations, or specific sub-groups in research and innovation content;

d. Consideration of sex aspects and underrepresented populations in research teams, if applicable;

e. Quality of open science practices including sharing and management of research outputs and engagement of citizens, patients or patient representatives, civil society and other concerned stakeholders where appropriate.

2. **Impact:**

a. Credibility of the pathways to achieve the expected outcomes and impacts specified in the call text, and the likely scale and significance of the contributions due to the project;

b. Potential impact with respect to the development of personalised medicine (e.g. clinical and other health-related applications, translatability of the proposed research to practice in healthcare; elaboration on the translational aspect in a dedicated work package);

c. Suitability and quality of the measures to maximise expected outcomes and impacts, as set out in the dissemination and exploitation plan, including communication activities;

d. Added value of the transnational collaboration; sharing of resources (registries, diagnosis, biobanks, models, databases, diagnostic and informatics tools, etc.), platforms/infrastructures,

harmonisation of data and sharing of specific know-how; integration of at least one ERC as principal investigator.

Sub-criterium 2c will be evaluated at the full proposal evaluation stage.

3. Quality and efficiency of the implementation:

a. Quality and effectiveness of the work plan (including adequacy of the time schedule) and appropriateness of the effort assigned to work packages, and the resources overall;

b. Capacity and role of each participant, and extent to which the consortium as a whole brings together the necessary expertise. This includes: appropriate expertise of partners responsible for proposed work packages (including international competitiveness of participants in the field(s) and previous work supporting the proposed study with preliminary data);

c. Interdisciplinary and intersectoral collaboration: coherent integration of suitable project partners (e.g. academia, clinical/public health sector, industry partner/SME, patient/citizen representing organisations) to successfully accomplish the proposed work, i.e. to identify, develop or implement personalised medicine approaches;

d. Appropriateness of the management structures and procedures to address risk assessment, innovation management and RRI, including ethical considerations;

e. Sustainability of the research capacities initiated by the project (e.g. FAIR data management, Open Science practices). Quality of the Intellectual Property management.

Sub-criteria 3d and 3e will be evaluated at the full proposal evaluation stage.

D. Conflicts of interest (Evaluation panel)

All necessary steps will be taken by the JCS and the CSC to ensure that there is no conflict of interest concerning the independent reviewers for those proposals assigned to them for review. The reviewers will be required to formally declare that no conflict of interest exists at any point in the evaluation process and to declare confidentiality concerning all documents and the entire review process. Any reviewer who breaches the conflict-of-interest rule will be excluded from the call. Projects assigned to that reviewer will be assigned to another reviewer.

A first review for conflicts of interest will be performed by the JCS when analysing the reviewers' publications. After receiving the proposals, the independent reviewers are requested to indicate whether there is a conflict of interest with any of the researchers or research groups in the proposals for review. Reviewers will be asked to declare that they will not participate in the call, nor have any conflicting interests regarding the researchers or research groups participating in the projects that are reviewed.

9 Ethical clearance - Ethics and RRI evaluation

It is mandatory for applicants to complete at the full proposal stage an "Ethical self-assessment" (Annex 1 of the full proposal application form). After the PRP meeting, an Ethics and RRI evaluation will take place for the full proposals which are recommended for funding by the PRP and selected for funding by the CSC, to verify alignment with ethical norms and regulations. If further clarifications are necessary, the consortium will be contacted to take respective actions or submit additional documents. The ethics experts may put forward additional conditions that need to be fulfilled by the applicants. Only those proposals approved by both the scientific evaluation and ethical assessment, complying with the central Horizon Europe and regional/national ethical requirements, will be funded.

Please note: This ethical clearance process does not replace the ethical vote by a competent Research Ethics Committee. All ethical and legal requirements necessary must be met before the research can begin. To ensure this, is the responsibility of the applicant and cannot be substituted by the EP PerMed ethical clearance process.

10 Final decision on funding

Based on the ranking list established by the PRP, the ethical clearance and on available funding, the CSC will recommend those projects to be funded to the regional/national funding organisations. Based on these recommendations, final decisions will be made by the regional/national funding organisations, subject to budgetary considerations. The regional/national funding organisations will follow the ranking list established by the PRP members.

The project coordinator will be informed by the JCS of the decision. The project partners should be informed by their project coordinator.

11 Redress procedure

Applicants can appeal against the evaluation outcome if they suspect a breach in the application of the evaluation and selection procedures. This redress procedure only covers the procedural aspects evaluation and central formal eligibility checks. Requests for redress on national/regional eligibility decisions will not be handled by the JCS and need to be addressed to the responsible national contact point. The redress will not call into question the scientific or technical judgement of appropriately qualified experts/evaluators.

Applicants shall submit their appeal to the JCS via email (**EPPerMed@agencerecherche.fr**) up to seven (7) calendar days following the dispatch of the evaluation outcome email by the JCS at the end of each stage (first and second step). The proposal outcome email containing the results of the evaluation will give information on the appeals procedure, which is described below.

Admissibility of appeals

For an appeal to be admissible the following conditions must be met:

- The appeal must be submitted by the coordinator of the proposal to which the appeal relates;
- Only one appeal per proposal will be considered;
- The appeal must be submitted via email within a seven (7) calendar days deadline. The appeal must contain the following minimum information:
    - The name of the call for proposals;
    - The proposal acronym;
    - The title of the proposal;
    - A description of the alleged shortcomings of the evaluation procedure.

The appeal must demonstrate a procedural irregularity, factual error, manifest error of assessment, misuse of powers, or a conflict of interests. Appeals that do not meet the above conditions, or do not deal with the evaluation of a specific proposal or express mere disagreement with the result or the reasoning of the evaluation might be judged as not suitable for redress.

Procedure

Upon receipt of an appeal, an acknowledgement of receipt will be sent by the JCS within seven (7) calendar days. The acknowledgement shall report the redress process and the anticipated date by which a decision on the appeal will be communicated to the appellant.

All appeals received by the seven (7) calendar days deadline will be processed together, and the decision of the CSC2025 will be communicated to the appellant by the JCS within seven (7) calendar days from the deadline for submitting the appeals.

12 Project Start, Consortium Agreement and Data Management Plan

Consortium members of projects selected for funding must fix a common scientific project start date, which will be the reference date for the annual progress reports and final reporting. The common scientific project start date must be stated in the Project Consortium Agreement (CA).

Project coordinators will be responsible for drafting the mandatory CA specific to their consortium in order to manage the delivery of the project activities, intellectual property rights (IPR) and decision-making, and to avoid disputes that could compromise the completion of the project. The coordinator is responsible for sending the CA signed by all partners to the JCS. The CA must state that funding and administrative matters are not regulated by the CA and are issues addressed bilaterally between each project partner and its funder in the relevant Grant Agreement (GA). The CA will be made available to the relevant funding organisations. The project consortium is strongly encouraged to sign this CA before the official project start date and, in any case, the CA should be signed no later than six months after the scientific project start date. Please note that regional and national funding agencies' regulations concerning the requirement for a CA may apply. Further instructions will be provided by the JCS to the coordinators of the projects selected for funding. The Data Management Plan must be submitted to the JCS no later than three months after the scientific project start date (template to be available: **www.eppermed.eu**).

13 Reporting requirements and Open Access to publications

On behalf of all participating project partners, each project coordinator shall submit annual scientific progress reports, in English to the JCS, in the first and second year, and a final scientific report of the transnational project at the end of the project duration. A report template will be provided by the JCS stating the scientific progress, the goals that have been met and corrective measures in the event that the annual project plan has not been executed. The project partners' principal investigators may also be required to submit individual reports to their respective funding agency/body in accordance with the respective regional/national regulations. In addition, project coordinators may be asked to present the project results at EP PerMed meetings and may be invited to attend at least two status seminars. Travel expenses to attend these mandatory meetings should be included in the proposal budget plans. In case of events being organised online, all partners of the consortia will be encouraged to participate. Funded project consortia shall participate in follow-up surveys up to two years after the project has officially be ended.

The coordinator must promptly inform the JCS in case of ANY significant changes in the work plan or in the consortium composition. The JCS will inform the relevant funding organisations, who will decide upon the proper action to be taken.

Upon notification, project coordinators are required to deliver a project abstract suitable for communication and dissemination purposes.

In addition, the funding recipients are expected to participate in, and contribute to, any communication activity or evaluation surveys initiated by EP PerMed during the funding period (mandatory) and beyond.

Publication of the scientific outcomes of the project is mandatorily subject to open access (see also section 8 of the "Guidelines for Applicants"), and a corresponding budget should be allocated for this in the proposal's budget plan. Research projects funded through EP PerMed are eligible to publish on Open Research Europe (ORE)[8], an open access publishing platform of the European Commission (EC).

Importantly, all funding recipients must ensure that all outcomes (publications, etc.) of transnational EP PerMed-funded projects include proper acknowledgement of the EP PerMed and the respective funding partner organisations:

"This project received funding from [name of funding organisations, or an acknowledgment as requested by your regional/national funding organisation] under the frame of the European Partnership for Personalised Medicine, EP PerMed, (GA N° 101137129 of the EU Horizon Europe Research and Innovation Programme)".

[8] **https://open-research-europe.ec.europa.eu/**

14 Annex I. Regional/National Contact Details

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15 Annex II. Indicative funding commitments of the participating organisations of the EP PerMed JTC2026

(This table is provided for initial overview only. Please refer to the regional/national guidelines for details.)

Name of participating organisation	*Country / Region*	*Funding academic or clinical/ academic partner**	*Funding private partners**	*Tentative initial funding commitment (M€ for 3 years)*	*Envisaged number of teams potentially funded with the tentative initial funding commitment*
Austrian Science Fund, (FWF)	Austria	✓	✓	1.5	3-4
The Research Foundation – Flanders, (FWO)	Belgium (Flanders)	✓	× For-profit ✓ Not for-profit	0.7	2-3
Fund for Scientific Research – FNRS, (F.R.S.-FNRS)	Belgium (Wallonia-Brussels Federation)	✓ academic partner × clinical partner	×	0.3	1
The Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic / Czech Health Research Council, (MZCR/AZVCR)	Czech Republic	✓	✓	0.25	2
Innovation Fund Denmark, (IFD)	Denmark	✓	✓	1.3	4-6
Estonian Research Council, (ETAG)	Estonia	✓	✓	0.3	1
Research Council of Finland, (AKA)	Finland	✓	× For-profit ✓ Not for-profit	1.5	4-6

Name of participating organisation	*Country / Region*	*Funding academic or clinical/ academic partner**	*Funding private partners**	*Tentative initial funding commitment (M€ for 3 years)*	*Envisaged number of teams potentially funded with the tentative initial funding commitment*
Business Finland, (BFRK)	Finland	✓	✓ For-profit × Not for-profit	1.0	3
Agence Nationale de la Recherche, (ANR)	France	✓	✓	3.5	13
Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space, (BMFTR)/ German Aerospace Center e.V. – Project Management Agency, (DLR)	Germany	✓	✓	3.0	10
Federal Ministry of Health, (BMG) / German Aerospace Center e.V. – Project Management Agency, (DLR)	Germany	✓	✓	2.0	6-8
General Secretariat for Research & innovation, (GSRI)	Greece	✓	✓	1.0	4-5
National Research, Development and Innovation Office, (NKFIH)	Hungary	✓	✓	0.5	2
The Icelandic Centre for Research, (RANNIS)	Iceland	✓ academic partner × clinical partner	× For-profit ✓ Not for-profit	0.3	1
Taighde Éireann-Research Ireland, (TE-RI)	Ireland	✓ academic partner × clinical partner	×	0.8	2-3
Chief Scientist Office, Ministry of Health, (CSO-MOH)	Israel	✓	×	0.32	2

Name of participating organisation	*Country / Region*	*Funding academic or clinical/ academic partner**	*Funding private partners**	*Tentative initial funding commitment (M€ for 3 years)*	*Envisaged number of teams potentially funded with the tentative initial funding commitment*
National Technological Innovation Authority, (IIA)	Israel	✓ academic partners (according to IIA's guidelines) × clinical partners	✓ For-profit × Not for-profit	0.5	2
Italian Ministry of Health, (IT-MoH)	Italy	✓ academic partners × clinical partners	× For-profit ✓ Not for-profit	1.5	3-4
Fondazione Regionale per la Ricerca Biomedica, (FRRB)	Italy (Lombardy)	✓	× For-profit ✓ Not for-profit	0.5	2
Tuscany Region, (RT)	Italy (Tuscany)	✓	× For-profit ✓ Not for-profit	0.3	2
Latvian Council of Science, (LZP)	Latvia	✓	✓ For-profit × Not for-profit	0.6	2
Research Council of Lithuania, (LMT)	Lithuania	✓	✓	0.3	1-2
National Research Fund, (FNR)	Luxembourg	✓ academic partner × clinical partner	× For-profit ✓ Not for-profit	0.3	1-2
The Research Council of Norway, (RCN)	Norway	✓	✓	1.5	4-5
National Centre for Research and Development, (NCBR)	Poland	✓	✓ For-profit × Not for-profit	1.1	1-3
Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia, (FCT)	Portugal	✓	✓	0.3	2-3 consortia
Vice-Presidency of Azores Regional Government, (VP-GRA)	Portugal (Azores)	✓	× For-profit ✓ Not for-profit	0.1	1

Name of participating organisation	*Country / Region*	*Funding academic or clinical/ academic partner**	*Funding private partners**	*Tentative initial funding commitment (M€ for 3 years)*	*Envisaged number of teams potentially funded with the tentative initial funding commitment*
Comissão de Coordenação e Desenvolvimento Regional do Centro, (CCDRC)	Portugal (Centro Region)	✓ academic partner × clinical partner	× For-profit ✓ Not for-profit	0.3	2-3
Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding, (UEFISCDI)	Romania	✓	✓	1.0	4-5
Centrum vedecko-technických informácií Slovenskej republiky, (CVTI SR)	Slovak Republic	✓	✓	0.6	2-4
The South African Medical Research Council, (SAMRC)	South Africa	✓	✓	0.45	3
National Institute of Health Carlos III, (ISCIII)	Spain	✓	× For-profit ✓ Not for-profit	3.0	10
Consejería de Salud y Consumo de la Junta de Andalucía, (CSCJA)	Spain (Andalusia)	✓	× For-profit ✓ Not for-profit	0.25	1-2
Health Department – Generalitat de Catalunya, (DS-CAT)	Spain (Catalonia)	✓	× For-profit ✓ Not for-profit	0.7	3-4
Government of Navarre, (CFN)	Spain (Navarre)	✓	✓	0.2	3-4
Swedish Research Council, (SRC)	Sweden	✓	×	1.3	4-6

Name of participating organisation	*Country / Region*	*Funding academic or clinical/ academic partner**	*Funding private partners**	*Tentative initial funding commitment (M€ for 3 years)*	*Envisaged number of teams potentially funded with the tentative initial funding commitment*
The Netherlands Organisation for Health Research and Development, (ZonMw)	The Netherlands	✓	× For-profit ✓ Not for-profit	2.8	9-10
The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey, (TUBITAK)	Turkiye	✓	✓	0.4	1-2

* subject to regional/national eligibility criteria and funding rules. All applicants and partners must comply with the State Aid rules (http://ec.europa.eu/competition/state_aid/overview/index_en.html). Please see more information from each individual funding agency in the "Guidelines for Applicants".

16 Annex III. Definition of early career researcher/scientist

Early career researchers/scientists must have been awarded their first PhD or equivalent medical degree (MD), at least 2 and up to 8 years' prior to the proposal submission deadline of the EP PerMed JTC2026 (after 1st January 2018). Extensions to this period may be allowed in the event of eligible career breaks, which must be properly documented and could be subject of verification by EP PerMed. However, there is no need to attach additional documentation when submitting the project proposal. Eligible career breaks are:

- For maternity: the effective elapsed time since the award of the first PhD/MD will be considered reduced by 18 months for each child born before or after the PhD/MD award;
- For paternity: the effective elapsed time since the award of the first PhD/MD will be considered reduced by the actual amount of paternity leave taken for each child born before or after the PhD/MD award;
- For long-term illness (over ninety days), clinical qualification or national service, the effective elapsed time since the award of the first PhD/MD will be considered reduced by the documented amount of leave taken for each event which occurred after the PhD/MD award.

Eligible events that take place within the extension of the eligibility window may lead to further extensions. However, the cumulative eligibility period should not, under any circumstances, exceed 11 years and 6 months following the award of the first PhD/MD. No allowance will be made for principal investigators working part-time.

Please refer to the regional/national guidelines for details and eligibility criteria (also see Annex III in "Guidelines for Applicants").