



Eligibility criteria

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1. Context and scope

This document describes the "ARTEMIS Joint Undertaking" (ARTEMIS JU) eligibility criteria for proposals, the eligibility criteria for ARTEMIS JU funding of individual participants, and the eligibility criteria for national funding of individual participants from ARTEMIS Member States.

These criteria are established in accordance with:

- *ARTEMIS JU's own Financial Rules;*
- *Council Regulation (EC) No 74/2008 of 20 December 2007 on the establishment of the 'ARTEMIS Joint Undertaking' to implement a Joint Technology Initiative on embedded computing systems¹ (hereinafter the "**Council Regulation**");*
- *the national eligibility criteria for national funding communicated to the ARTEMIS Joint Undertaking by the ARTEMIS Member States².*

These criteria apply to proposals submitted in response to calls for proposals launched by the ARTEMIS JU and do not apply to any public procurement procedures.

2. Eligibility checks

The following eligibility checks will be carried out by the ARTEMIS Joint Undertaking:

1. Eligibility Criteria for Proposals
2. Eligibility Criteria for ARTEMIS JU funding of individual participants
3. Eligibility Criteria for national funding of individual participants from ARTEMIS Member States

2.1. **Eligibility Criteria for Proposals**

A proposal must satisfy all of the following eligibility criteria in order to be retained for evaluation:

- It is submitted using the ARTEMIS Proposal Service (APS)
- It is received by the ARTEMIS JU before the deadline given in the call text.
- It involves at least 3 non-affiliated³ legal entities established in at least 3 ARTEMIS Member States (the list of ARTEMIS Member States is published in the Call).

¹ OJ L 30, 04.02.2008, p. 52.

² The list of ARTEMIS Member States is published in the Call for proposals

³ 'affiliated entity' means an affiliated entity as defined in Article 2 of the Regulation (EC) No 1906/2006.

- It is complete and the following elements are present in the proposal as requested in the Guide for Applicants:
 - the administrative forms
 - the proposal description with all the mandatory sections
- It is submitted in English⁴.
- The content of the proposal relates to the topic(s) described in the Annual Workprogramme of the Call.

Only proposals that satisfy the above eligibility criteria are receivable and will be evaluated by the ARTEMIS Joint Undertaking.

If it becomes clear before, during or after the evaluation phase that one or more of the proposal eligibility criteria have not been fulfilled, the proposal will be declared ineligible by the ARTEMIS JU and will be withdrawn from any further examination. Where there is a doubt on the eligibility of a proposal, the ARTEMIS JU reserves the right to proceed with the evaluation, pending a final decision on eligibility. The fact that a proposal is evaluated in such circumstances does not constitute proof of its eligibility. The results of such an evaluation shall not be taken into consideration till a final decision on eligibility has been taken. In such a case the process of the proposal will be suspended until a final decision has been taken.

2.2. Eligibility Criteria for ARTEMIS JU funding of individual participants

For participants in proposals that have passed the eligibility criteria for proposals (section 2.1 above), the ARTEMIS Joint Undertaking will carry out the necessary verifications against the following eligibility criteria for ARTEMIS JU funding, on the basis of verifications carried out by the European Commission. The ARTEMIS JU eligibility criteria for funding are the following:

- The participant has its location in an EU Member State or in an Associated Country to the Seventh Framework Programme⁵.
- Grants may not be awarded to applicants who are, at the time of the grant award procedure, in one of the following situations⁶:

⁴ Except for the additional information and forms that may be requested by ARTEMIS Member States for the verification of eligibility of national funding that can be in their respective national languages

⁵ These are currently: Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, FYR Macedonia, Malta, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom. Please consult the most recent information on the list of Associated Countries to FP7 in ftp://ftp.cordis.europa.eu/pub/fp7/docs/third_country_agreements_en.pdf

⁶ At the negotiation stage, applicants should declare on their honour that they are not in one of these situations.

- they are bankrupt or in the state of being wound up, are having their affairs administered by the courts, have entered into an arrangement with creditors, have suspended business activities, are the subject of proceedings concerning those matters, or are in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure provided for in national legislation or regulations;
- they have been convicted of an offence concerning their professional conduct by a judgment which has the force of *res judicata*;
- they have been guilty of grave professional misconduct proven by any means which the Joint Undertaking can justify;
- they have not fulfilled obligations relating to the payment of social security contributions or the payment of taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which they are established or with those of the country of the Joint Undertaking or those of the country where the contract is to be performed;
- they have been the subject of a judgment which has the force of *res judicata* for fraud, corruption, involvement in a criminal organization or any other illegal activity detrimental to the Communities' financial interests;
- they are currently subject to an administrative penalty imposed by the Community institutions as referred to in the general Financial Regulation.
- they are subject to a conflict of interest;
- they are guilty of misrepresentation in supplying the information required by the Joint Undertaking as a condition of participation in the grant award procedure or fail to supply this information;

2.2.1. Conclusion of national grant agreements

According to the Council Regulation, project participants established in ARTEMIS Member States are eligible for funding from the ARTEMIS JU **after conclusion of a national grant agreement for such project with their corresponding national authority** following the award procedures of the ARTEMIS Joint Undertaking⁷ and provided that such national authority has signed an 'administrative agreement' with the ARTEMIS JU⁸. The ARTEMIS JU will not conclude a grant agreement with a national participant from an ARTEMIS Member State if a corresponding national grant agreement is foreseen but has not been concluded.

For the following project participants, the condition described in the preceding paragraph (previous conclusion of a national grant agreement) does not apply:

⁷ According to the ARTEMIS Joint Undertaking selection and evaluation procedures related to Calls for proposals, ARTEMIS Member States may decide to establish grant agreements and fund organisations that are full partners in projects from other EU Member or Associated States of the Framework Programme. In this case, these organisations can be considered as national participants from the ARTEMIS Member States awarding the grant agreements.

⁸ According to the Council Regulation, the ARTEMIS JU and ARTEMIS Member States will establish administrative arrangements in order to enable the implementation of projects and the granting of public funds

- legal entities established in Member States or Associated Countries to the Seventh Framework Programme that are not ARTEMIS Member States⁹
- the Joint Research Center (JRC)¹⁰
- international organisations¹¹ having a seat in EU Member States or Associated Countries to the Seventh Framework Programme

2.2.2. Verification of participants' legal status

At the negotiation stage and depending on their legal type, applicants may be requested to provide to the Joint Undertaking the following documents:

- a. Natural persons: (i) a legible photocopy of the valid identity card or passport and (ii) if, applicable, an official VAT document.
- b. Public bodies: (i) a copy of the resolution, law, decree or decision establishing the entity in question or, failing that, any other official document attesting to the establishment of the entity as a public body and (ii) if applicable, an official VAT document.
- c. Other legal entities: (i) a copy of any official document (e.g. official gazette, register of companies etc.) showing the participant's legal name and address and the registration number given to it by the national authorities and (ii) a copy of the VAT registration document, if any, and only if the VAT number does not appear on the official document referred to above.

The requested supporting documents must be provided within the deadline specified by the ARTEMIS Joint Undertaking in the invitation and/or in the framework for negotiation.

2.2.3. Verification of participants' financial and operational capacity

Participants should have the financial and technical capacity to complete the project. For this reason, at the negotiation stage, each participant should provide a declaration on its honour that it has stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain its activity throughout its participation in the project as well as that it has or will have the necessary resources as and when needed to carry out its involvement in the project.

Additionally, in compliance with the Joint Undertaking's financial rules, legal entities which are not exempted from a verification of their financial capacity¹², may be required at the negotiation stage to provide the following:

⁹ Unless stipulated otherwise in 'administrative agreement' that national authorities of these countries that are not ARTEMIS Member States may have signed with the ARTEMIS JU. Currently there are no countries in this situation.

¹⁰ Unless the JRC applies in the proposal for national funding from an ARTEMIS Member State.

¹¹ Unless the international organisation applies in the proposal for national funding from an ARTEMIS Member State

¹² See articles 173 and 176 of Council Regulation (EC) No 2342/2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of the Financial Regulation.

- Legal persons: balance sheet and profit and loss account for the last year for which the accounts are closed and, if available¹³, statutory audit report on the two above financial statements.
- Natural persons: last income tax declaration, a certified declaration of their current patrimony and an exhaustive list of their debts, broken-down in short-term debts and medium/long term debts, as certified by their creditors

Each legal entity subject to a verification of its financial capacity requesting an estimated JU financial contribution exceeding EUR 500 000 should provide, in addition to the above, an audit report produced by an approved external auditor certifying the accounts of the last financial year available.

Further information shall be provided in the ARTEMIS Negotiation Guidelines.

2.3. Eligibility Criteria for national funding of participants from ARTEMIS Member States

Participants from ARTEMIS Member States will be verified by the ARTEMIS JU, on the basis of verifications carried out by the respective national authorities, against the national eligibility criteria for national funding that have been communicated to the ARTEMIS JU by ARTEMIS Member States before the launch of the Call for proposals. These criteria are included in the following sections of this document. Some of these sections also indicate web pages; **national participants are requested to consult these web pages in order to have the complete information on the conditions they have to comply with in order to be eligible for national funding.** Where appropriate, national participants should provide in the proposal the necessary information for the national funding authorities to verify the corresponding eligibility criteria for national funding.

¹³ The JU may require from the legal person a synthesis of the data of its balance sheet and profit and loss account in a specific format. The requirement on the statutory audit reports however can be waived for those legal entities which are exempted from audit under their national legislation.

2.3.1. Austria

Eligibility criteria for funding

The following text is a summary. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FULL VERSION OF THIS DOCUMENT CAN BE FOUND AT: www.ffg.at/artemis

1) Type/nature of participants

The following legal entities are eligible for funding:

- enterprises
- research organisations (universities and other non-profit research institutions)
- associations

Entities that are part of the Austrian federal administration are excluded from funding

2) Legal/administrative/financial conditions

- For companies, commercial register number and balance sheets of the last three years will be verified.
- Financial viability and business soundness is verified by means of an internal check. Companies that are in danger of insolvency cannot be funded.

3) Consortium configuration

There must be at least one enterprise in the consortium of a co-operative project.

2.3.2. Belgium

Eligibility criteria for funding

For the national funding authority: www.iwt.be . For further information please contact Carine Lucas (cl@iwt.be) or Anne Van den Bosch (avb@iwt.be).

1) Legal/administrative/financial conditions

The beneficiary must be a company established in the Flemish region¹⁴, with a sustainable activity in this region, based upon a sound business model. They have received no other public funding for the same activities.

2) Consortium configuration

Projects should be introduced by companies and primarily executed to the benefit of these entities.

3) Conditions on exploitation/impact

- Have the (financial) means to execute the project and a potential to use the results.
- The project should foresee in socio-economic effects which can be quantified by activities or investments by the partner after the completion of the project, which equal at least 15 times the project funding.
- In case of potential military applications (including dual use), support can be restricted.

¹⁴ In case of a multinational company this should be the local branch or subsidiary.

2.3.3. Czech Republic

Eligibility criteria for funding

Principal legal rules and regulations and documents on research and development in the Czech Republic:

<http://www.vyzkum.cz/FrontClanek.aspx?idsekce=15607>

<http://www.vyzkum.cz/FrontClanek.aspx?idsekce=858>

<http://www.mvcr.cz/sbirka/2008/sb025-08.pdf>

1) Type/nature of participants

- Private enterprises
- Research institutions
- Universities

2) Legal/administrative/financial conditions:

The funding of R&D activities is provided pursuant to the R&D Act No. 130/2002 Coll., on the support of research and development from public funds and on the amendment to some related acts (the Act on the Support of Research and Development) as amended, Government Regulations No. 461/2002 Coll. As amended and No. 462/2002 Coll. As amended.

Public research institutes must be listed in the Registry of Public Research Institutes, operated by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic.

Private entities must be registered in the Czech Republic and provide its R&D&I activities in the Czech Republic.

The proof of applicant's capacity must be in conformity with section 18 of the R&D Act No. 130/2002 Coll.

3) Consortium configuration

Public research institutes and/or universities must be accompanied in the same project by at least one industrial company registered in the Czech Republic.

4) Conditions on the technical content/scope

Projects can be supported from public financial sources only if the following results can be expected: new/innovated technologies, higher degree of innovation, patents and/or other types of results relevant for industry (and listed in the Czech R&D Council Methodology of R&D Evaluation). Publications, articles or other scientific papers are not regarded as eligible result in this type of projects.

2.3.4. Denmark

Eligibility criteria for funding

No specific criteria

2.3.5. Estonia

Eligibility criteria for funding

No specific criteria (no national funding will be available for this Call)

2.3.6. Finland

Eligibility criteria for funding

Finland's national ARTEMIS public funding authority is Tekes. Tekes general terms and conditions for funding are:

- For enterprises (in Finnish only): http://www.tekes.fi/rahoitus/yritys/yleiset_ehdot.html
- For Public Research and Universities (in Finnish and partly in English): http://www.tekes.fi/rahoitus/laitos/yleiset_ehdot.html

1) Type/nature of participants

All, except natural persons.

2) Legal/administrative/financial conditions

- a company is registered in Finland and has considerable business and R&D&I activities in Finland,
- a company has a clear financial record (N.B. as already stated in other documents) and it has financial capability to cover its own expenses during the project,

3) Consortium configuration

- a public research institute or a university shall be accompanied in the same project by at least two eligible Finnish companies
- the project volume by a public research institute or a university shall not exceed the sum of the project volumes of the Finnish companies

2.3.7. France

Eligibility criteria for funding

Reference website : <http://www.telecom.gouv.fr/artemis>

1) Legal/administrative/financial conditions

- The work done by the partners must neither have already benefited from public funding (excluding generic fiscal aid) nor be redundant with similar projects already funded by French authorities.
- The financial situation of each private partner must be validated (financial structure, cash flow, operating accounts) and considered compatible (activity volume, workforce, financial capability) with the amount and the content of the eligible costs as well as with the amount of the demanded aid and of the already granted public aid.

2) Consortium configuration

The part of the private partners in the total eligible costs of the French participants must represent at least two thirds of this total amount.

La part des partenaires privés dans l'assiette totale admissible au financement des autorités françaises doit représenter au moins les deux tiers de cette assiette.

3) Conditions on exploitation/impact

1. The partners must contribute to achieve one or several significant technological breakthroughs with a view of designing or improving products, services or processes that can be put by them on the market and that have a sufficient potential impact on their activity in the European Union and in particular in France, in terms of employment, competitiveness, value creation and growth at short- or medium-term.
2. The tasks assigned to partners must be well specified and should consist in « experimental development » or « industrial research » as defined in the R&D&I framework. « Fundamental research » will not be considered as eligible. In accordance with the R&D&I framework, the aid to each company must have an incentive effect on its R&D&I innovation.
3. Each partner has to provide to the Joint Undertaking, together with the project proposal submission, the documents specified in the reference website.

The application submitted must contain all elements which allow the French authorities to assess and justify the eligibility of the aid demanded by the partners. In particular the application must include, besides the documents required for application to the Joint Undertaking call and all documents listed in the reference website, information specifying for each partner the potential economical impact in the European Union in terms of employment, competitiveness, value creation and economic activity, as well as the positioning of the partner on the targeted markets and the timeframe of this impact.

Le dossier soumis doit présenter les éléments permettant aux autorités françaises d'apprécier et de justifier l'admissibilité de l'aide demandée par les partenaires. En particulier, le dossier

doit comprendre, outre les documents requis au titre de l'appel à projets de l'entreprise commune et les documents mentionnés à l'alinéa vi, une fiche précisant, pour chaque partenaire, les perspectives de retombées économiques sur le territoire de l'union européenne, en termes d'emploi, de compétitivité, de création de valeur et d'activité économique, ainsi que le positionnement du partenaire sur les marchés visés et l'horizon temporel de ces retombées.

2.3.8. Germany

Eligibility criteria for funding

Reference weblinks where German partners can consult the national eligibility criteria for funding:

- Förderprogramm IKT 2020 des BMBF <http://www.bmbf.de/pub/ikt2020.pdf>
- Hightech-Strategie der Bundesrepublik Deutschland
http://www.bmbf.de/pub/bmbf_hts_lang.pdf
- <http://www.pt-it.pt-dlr.de/de/artemis.php>

1) Type/nature of participants

- Commercial companies
- Universities, research establishments and similar institutions

2) Legal/administrative/financial conditions

- The work planned by the partners must neither have already benefited from public funding nor be redundant with similar projects already funded.
- R&D projects shall relate to societal relevant questions. An essential ambition of funding is to strengthen the position of German project partners and companies exploiting research results in Germany and Europe as well as an accelerated technology transfer from the prior to competition area into the practical application. Projects should illustrate the added value of R&D results on the basis of an appropriated application, e.g. a demonstrator.

3) Conditions on the technical content/scope

Subjects to be funded in the ICT sector are high-risk industrial research projects and development projects prior to competition which focus on cross-border technologies and an application oriented approach, meet a sufficiently high level of innovation and could not be accomplished without funding.

4) Conditions on exploitation/impact

- The German Public Authority requires that the research project will make a relevant contribution to the High-Tech Strategy of the Federal Republic of Germany and to the ICT research programme “IKT 2020” of the BMBF.
- Funding will be allocated to application oriented research projects with sustained economic benefit for Germany and Europe in terms of safeguarding and creating employment, maintaining competitiveness and increasing added value.

2.3.9. Greece

Eligibility criteria for funding

National website describing the national eligibility criteria for funding: <http://www.gsrt.gr>

1) Type/nature of participants

Legal entities.

2) Legal/administrative/financial conditions

Eligible enterprises are those which have been operating for at least two (2) economic years and have published at least two (2) balance-sheets.

3) Consortium configuration

Private contribution covers at least 50% of the total budget of the project.

4) Financial conditions:

Private contribution covering factor (f) should be ≤ 0.4

The factor (f) is calculated by the following formula:

$$(f) = \frac{p}{ABM}$$

Where p = Private Contribution and

ABM = Annual Budget Mean.

2.3.10. Hungary

Eligibility criteria for funding

National website describing the national eligibility criteria for funding:

The reference web link where the Hungarian partners can consult the national eligibility criteria for funding is: <http://www.nkth.gov.hu/artemis>

1) Type/nature of participants

Eligible applicants shall include:

- Business enterprises with legal entity and cooperatives registered in Hungary;
- Foreign-registered enterprises with branch office in Hungary;
- Non-profit organisations with legal entity;
- Public bodies or their institutes with legal entity.

2) Legal/administrative/financial conditions:

Any applicant who:

- Is subject to bankruptcy or liquidation proceedings, or dissolution procedure;
- Has been guilty of making false declarations during earlier calls under the Research and Technology Innovation Fund or under the targeted allocations provided by paragraph (2) of section 16. of Act XC. of 2003 on the Research and Technology Innovation Fund, or has been breached its obligations arising from an earlier funding contract;
- Has had expired public dues for more than 60 days;
- Has been expired liabilities to the Fund or to the Fund or to the targeted allocations provided by paragraph (2) of section 16. of Act XC. of 2003 on the Research and Technology Innovation Fund more than 60 days.

Shall be ineligible, shall be excluded from the evaluation and shall not receive financial contribution.

Applicants are expected to contribute their own financial resources to the project costs – this amount depends on the project activities and the applicant's organization form. The own financial resources shall determined by prevailing law.

2.3.11. Ireland

Eligibility criteria for funding

www.enterprise-ireland.com/JTIs

1) Type/nature of participants

- Companies that are eligible to receive R&D funding from one of the following agencies will be considered for national funding; Enterprise Ireland, IDA Ireland, Udaras na Gaeltachta, Shannon Development.
- Irish third level research performing organisations will be eligible for national funding.

2) Other conditions:

The relevant national funding agency should be satisfied that a company seeking national funding has the potential to derive a benefit, proportionate to the national funding being sought, through the exploitation of the results of the proposed project or otherwise.

3) Consortium configuration

Projects should be introduced by companies and primarily executed to the benefit of these entities.

Note that Irish companies must clearly state in the proposal the following points:

1. From which of the four Irish agencies (Enterprise Ireland, IDA Ireland, Udaras na Gaeltachta or Shannon Development) it is eligible to receive national R&D funding
2. Explain how it has the potential to derive a benefit, proportionate to the national funding being sought, through the exploitation of the results of the proposed project or otherwise.

2.3.12. Italy

Eligibility criteria for funding

National website describing the national eligibility criteria for funding:

The Italian laws applicable to ARTEMIS projects are the following:

- Decreto Legislativo n. 297 of 27/07/1999
- Decreto Ministeriale n. 593 of 8/08/2000

The only version legally valid is the Italian text published on the Italian Official Journal. These laws can be found on the web site:

http://www.miur.it/0003Ricerca/0139FAR - /index_cf3.htm

1) Type/nature of participants

- a. companies which do industrial activities aimed at production of goods and/or services.
- b. companies which do activities in the field of transportation.
- c. artisan companies as of law n. 443 of 8/08/1985.
- d. research centres promoted by one or more of the organizations mentioned on the previous points a, b and c.
- e. any kind of consortium, providing that the partners falling in the above mentioned points a, b, c and d owns more than 50% of the financial share. In case the consortium is located in underdeveloped areas of the country this threshold is lowered to 30%.
- f. The "Parchi scientifici e tecnologici" listed in the resolution MURST of 25/03/1994.
- g. Universities, public research organizations (art. 8 of DPCM n. 593 of 30/12/1993), ENEA and ASI can send an application only jointly with one or more partners falling in one of the above mentioned points a, b, c, d and e. These latter partners, however, must have a financial share of the cost of the Italian part of the project higher than 50%. In case the Italian part of the project is entirely performed in the underdeveloped areas of the country this threshold is lowered to 30%.

Any organisation, to be eligible, must be steadily located in Italy.

2) Legal/administrative/financial conditions:

- The participant must not be defaulting with regard to other funding received by the Ministry.
- The participant must not have requested/got any other funding for the same project.
- The participant must respect the Italian law against "mafia".

3) Consortium configuration

Projects should be introduced by companies and primarily executed to the benefit of these entities (see point 1.g).

4) Conditions on exploitation/impact

- Have the (financial) means to execute the project and a potential to use the results.
- The partner should foresee, after the end of the project, the exploitation of the results of the project so to guarantee the return of the investment.

5) Financial conditions

The following financial criteria, calculated using the data reported in the last approved balance sheet, must be fulfilled

a. $CN > (CP - I)/2$

Where:

CN = net assets

CP = sum of the costs of all the projects for which public funding has been requested by the participant during the year

I = sum of the contributions received, approved or requested for the same projects

b. $OF/F < 8\%$

Where:

OF = debts

F = turnover

2.3.13. Netherlands

Eligibility criteria for funding

For information see on the web-site: www.senternovem.nl/pointone. The **complete text in Dutch** on this web-site takes precedence over the **abbreviated** English text below:

1) Admission conditions

The Netherlands will support the Dutch partners in Artemis projects when:

- the project concerns industrial research, experimental development or a combination of these;
- in the project one or more Dutch partners are involved which include minimal one industrial partner. In the case of only one Dutch partner it has to be a SME;
- the project fits within the Strategic Research Agenda (SRA) of the Innovation Programme Point One (see the above mentioned web-site);
- the project complies with the “Algemene wet bestuursrecht” and the “Kaderwet EZ-subsidies”;
- the project is selected by the Public Authorities Board (PAB).

2) Rejection conditions

An application is rejected when:

- in the case of more than one Dutch partner, the partner that submits the application on behalf of all Dutch partners is not an enterprise;
- it is not credible the Dutch partners can finance their share in the project;
- it is not credible that the project can be completed within 4 years;
- it is credible that the project without subsidy would have been finished without substantial delays;
- there is insufficient trust that Dutch partners have the necessary capacities to fulfil the project as submitted;
- the project has insufficient positive effects on the Dutch economy;
- the project contributes insufficiently to the targets/SRA of the Programme Point One (participation SME, ect.).

2.3.14. Norway

Eligibility criteria for funding

National website describing the national eligibility criteria for funding:

<http://www.forskningsradet.no/ictjti>

1) Type/nature of participants

- Enterprises (companies)
- Industry associations
- Universities and & Higher Education Institutions
- Public research institutes and similar research organisations

2) Legal/administrative/financial conditions

- Enterprises must be established in Norway and perform RTD activities in Norway.
- General eligibility criteria and conditions for receiving project funding from the Research Council of Norway will apply (i.e. the recipient must be a registered legal entity, demonstrate financial viability, and provide transparency as to funding requested or received from other sources)

3) Consortium configuration

If there is no Norwegian enterprise or industry association involved as a partner in the project, the industrial relevance of the involvement of a research organisation must be justified by declarations from some eligible (according to criteria 2 above) Norwegian enterprise(s).

4) Conditions on exploitation/impact

- Enterprises (companies) must provide specific information on the possible industrial impact and justify that they have the necessary means to exploit the project results.
- Universities and other research organisations must specify national industrial impact in terms of exploitation opportunities for Norwegian companies.

2.3.15. Portugal

Eligibility criteria for funding

<http://alfa.fct.mctes.pt/jti/artemis/>

1) Type/nature of participants

- Institutions of higher education, their institutes and R&D centres;
- State Laboratories;
- Associated Laboratories;
- Non-profit private institutions which the main purpose is to undertake R&D activities;
- Companies, when they form part of consortia with R&D institutions or are involved in integrated R&D programs;
- Other public or private institutions with S&T activities.

2) Legal/administrative/financial conditions

One of the Portuguese Partners participating in a consortium will act as the Portuguese Leading Partner. The Principal Investigator of the leading Portuguese Partner must dedicate at least 25% of time to the project. The total time dedicated to FCT-funded projects must not exceed 100%.

3) Consortium configuration

One of the Portuguese Partners participating in a consortium will act as Portuguese Leading Partner. The leading Portuguese partner must be a Research Institution. Companies can participate as non-leading partners.

2.3.16. Romania

Eligibility criteria for funding

No specific criteria (no national funding will be available for this Call)

2.3.17. Slovenia

Eligibility criteria for funding

Those interested may consult the national eligibility criteria for funding and national funding rates in the document entitled "Programme for the promotion of technological development and information society for the period 2007-2012" at the following WWW site (in Slovene: "Program za spodbujanje tehnološkega razvoja ter informacijske družbe za obdobje 2007-2012"):

http://www.mvzt.gov.si/si/zakonodaja_in_dokumenti/veljavni_predpisi/tehnologija/

MEASURE: Collaboration in programmes of the European Union

TARGET GROUPS AND CONDITIONS

The ministry provides for co-financing research and development projects which are connected with transnational research and development projects in the EU. Co-financing is provided to organisations which are included in the said transnational projects.

Enterprises shall not be entitled to incentives from this programme which:

- are subject to bankruptcy proceedings, compulsory settlement proceedings, or liquidation proceedings,
- were on 31 December in the year prior to publication of the public tender for granting state aid insolvent according to Article 14 of the Financial Operations, Insolvency Proceedings, and Compulsory Dissolution Act - ZFPPIPP (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No. 126/07),
- have acquired from the year 2000, or are in the procedure of acquiring, State aid for rescue and restructuring enterprises in difficulty,
- have acquired for the same costs, or are not in the acquisition procedure of co-financing from other resources from the state or local budget,
- have unsettled liabilities towards the state.

The allocation of state aid is subject to the general rules laid down in the chapter 2 - "Rules on the allocation of direct development state incentives within the framework of the programme" ("Pravila dodeljevanja neposrednih razvojnih spodbud države v okviru programa") of the document referenced in the heading.

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2.3.18. Spain

Eligibility criteria for funding

Detailed information on the eligibility criteria for funding applicable to ARTEMIS projects, including the participation of Spanish entities, will be available through the AyudaTEC website: <http://WWW.MITyC.ES/PortalAyudas>

1) Type/nature of participants

Beneficiaries must belong to one of the following categories:

- Enterprises.
- Research Organizations.
- Groups and Associations of Enterprises.

Research organisations include:

- Public R&D Centres, including Public Universities.
- Private Academic R&D Organizations, including Private Universities.
- “Technological Centres” according to Spanish Royal Decree 2609/1996 of December 20th, Spanish Official Journal No. 15 17/1/1997.
- Non-Profit R&D Private Centres.

2) Legal/administrative/financial conditions

2.1) Administrative requirements

- Every national participant has to be established in Spain.
- To be eligible, every Spanish participant must include the Spanish “Entity Identification Code” (*CIF: Código de Identificación Fiscal*) in the proposal, and in the documentation provided to the Spanish Public Authorities.
- To be eligible, every Spanish participant must be registered in the Registry for R&D entities of the Spanish Ministry of Industry, Tourism and Trade, according with Ministerial Order ITC/570/2006.

2.2) Legal requirements

It will be mandatory to fulfil all Spanish current legal requirements for applying for public grants:

- In particular, the requirements of article 13 of the Spanish General Law of Grants and its Rules, according to the Royal Decree 887/2006, in order to obtain the condition of beneficiary. Such as, the fulfilment of the obligations of payment of social security contributions and taxes.
- In addition, articles 29 and 31 of the Spanish General Law of Grants establish several requirements related to the amount of subcontracting and means of guaranteeing competition and transparency in the award of contracts, such as:
 - When the amount of the contract exceeds 30.000 € in the case of realization of civil works, or 12.000 € for equipment supplies and services, the beneficiary must obtain a minimum of three bids. Contracts have to be awarded to the bid offering best value for money, under conditions of transparency and equal treatment.

- The cost of subcontracting must not exceed 50% of the total cost for the Spanish participants.
- A written contract must be signed when the subcontracting exceeds 20% of the grant awarded by Spanish Public Authorities and the total amount of the contract is higher than 60.000 €.
- Subcontracting with any other participant in the same project is not allowed.
- Subcontracting costs from Public Research Institutes and Universities at marginal costs will be not eligible for Spanish National Authorities.

It will be mandatory as well to fulfil other applicable legal requirements ruled in the following legal texts:

- Community Framework for State Aid for Research and Development and Innovation (2006/C 323/01).
- Ley 38/2003, de 17 de noviembre, General de Subvenciones.
- Real Decreto 887/2006, de 21 de julio, por el que se aprueba el Reglamento de la Ley 38/2003, de 17 de noviembre, General de Subvenciones.
- Leyes anuales de Presupuestos Generales del Estado.
- Ley 47/2003, de 26 de noviembre, General Presupuestaria.
- Ley 30/1992, de 26 de noviembre, de Régimen Jurídico de las Administraciones Públicas y del Procedimiento Administrativo Común.
- Ley 30/2007, de 30 de octubre, de Contratos del Sector Público.
- According to the Article 13.6. (b) of the Statutes of the ARTEMIS JU, other financial and legal requirements in force at the moment of the adoption of a particular administrative decision.

The Spanish legal texts can be found on <http://WWW.BOE.ES>

2.3) Financial requirements

- Eligible costs will be those defined in the Community framework for State Aid for Research and Development and Innovation, adopted by the Commission on 22 November 2006 and published in the Official Journal of the European Union on 30 December 2006 (OJ C 323, 30.12.2006, p. 1).
- To be eligible, each Spanish participant has to demonstrate clearly in the proposal its solvency and financial capacity to carry out the project, and the Spanish Public Authorities have to assess it positively.

3) Consortium configuration

- The participation of the Spanish industry in a given project must be over 50% of the budget of all Spanish participants.
- At least one Spanish Partner must be an enterprise.
- Projects with the participation of research centres or universities alone will not be funded.
- When there is more than one Spanish participant in a project, one of them will act as Spanish Co-ordinator. The Spanish Co-ordinator must be an enterprise.
- The Spanish Public Authorities can make all payments to the Spanish Co-ordinator. In such case, the Spanish Co-ordinator will distribute the funding among the other Spanish participants in the project. In this case, the Spanish Co-ordinator will be responsible for the technical and financial reporting to the Spanish Public Authorities of all Spanish participants in the project.

4) Conditions on the technical content/scope

- The Technical Description has to include, for each Spanish participant, a breakdown and a schedule of the activities to be carried out, detailed at task level, comprising the researchers engaged in those tasks.
- A short résumé of all key researchers must also be included.
- The technical scope should accomplish the definition of “industrial research” or “experimental development” given in the Community Framework for State Aid for Research and Development and Innovation.
- Fundamental research activities will not be funded by Spanish National Authorities.
- Large enterprises should describe the incentive effect of the aid on their R&D activities, according to the Community Framework for State Aid for Research and Development and Innovation.
- The Technical Description will include for each Spanish participant a budget breakdown (per concept and per year), according to the categories of eligible costs of the Community Framework for State Aid for Research and Development and Innovation.
- To be eligible, a project must account for some kind of Spanish leadership. The fulfilment of one of the following criteria may be used to demonstrate it:
 - Leadership of the whole project.
 - Leadership of two work-packages.
 - Leadership of four tasks.
- Participants which have received any other national public funding for the same project, activities or tasks will not be considered eligible.
- Spanish entities subcontracted by non-Spanish consortium members will not be considered eligible.

5) Conditions on exploitation/impact

- To be eligible, the Technical Description has to include for each Spanish participant a detailed explanation at European and Spanish levels about:
 - The future exploitation of the results of the project.
 - The estimation of its potential impact in terms of competitiveness, employment, market position, return on investment and added value.

6) Financial conditions

- To be eligible, the total amount of the whole Spanish participation in a single project must have a minimum budget of 300.000 Euros, in terms of eligible total costs.

7) Specific requests for Spanish participants in the selected proposals

- After the evaluation and selection procedure of the ARTEMIS Joint Undertaking, the Spanish participants in the selected proposals must complete all the forms and documents requested by the Spanish Public Authorities, in order to conclude national grant agreements.
- These forms and documents must be electronically submitted to the Spanish Public Authorities before a specific deadline set by the Spanish Public Authorities. The submission should be made using an electronic signature.
- Every Spanish participant in the selected proposal must be registered and updated in the Registry for R&D entities of the Spanish Ministry of Industry, Tourism and Trade, according with Ministerial Order ITC/570/2006.

2.3.19. Sweden

Eligibility criteria for funding

<http://www.vinnova.se/finansiering>

1) Type/nature of participants

Only legal (juridical) persons, as defined under the Swedish law, are eligible for funding.

2) Legal/Administrative/Financial Conditions:

- A participating company is registered in Sweden, as a joint-stock (aktiebolag), and has a considerable business along with a recognisable record of R&D and industrial activities in Sweden

- A participating company has a stable financial status and is able to cover its own expenses for the duration of the project

- A participating company must provide a credible proof for the positive impacts of the project outcome on the participant's growth and future assets

3) Consortium Configuration:

- A participating academic organisation (from university or public research institute) will be considered only if there are at least two eligible Swedish companies participating in the same project consortium

- The work volume to be performed by the academic participant will not exceed the sum of the work volume performed by the participating Swedish companies

2.3.20. United Kingdom

Eligibility criteria for funding

National website describing the national eligibility criteria for funding:
www.technologyprogramme.org.uk

1) Type/nature of participants

Projects are open to UK businesses of all sizes, small, medium and large, as defined under EU definitions, as well as UK academic institutes providing there is also a UK industrial partner within the consortium.

2) Legal/administrative/financial conditions

Specific rules applying to Research Technology Organisations (RTOs) and to Micro companies can be found at the website above.

3) Conditions on exploitation/impact

The aims of the project must align with the UK Government's Innovation Strategy and with the Technology Strategy Board's criteria for support.