

## **LATVIA**

### **State Education Development Agency (VIAA)**

**All call topics of the joint call are supported by VIAA:**

1. Call topic: Nanotechnologies
2. Call topic: Environment/Climate change
3. Call topic: S&T projects in Health
4. Call topic: Social Sciences and Humanities
5. Call topic: Robotics

### **Who can apply?**

Following legal persons (as defined under the Latvian law) are eligible for funding, except natural persons:

- ✓ R&D institutions - research institutes, universities, higher education establishments, their institutes and research centres etc.
- ✓ Enterprises and companies.

### **What types of costs are eligible for funding?**

Direct costs:

- Personnel costs,
- Other direct costs such as consumables, equipment (only depreciation costs), materials and etc.,
- Subcontracts (up to 25% of total direct costs),
- Travels costs,
- Project management costs,

Indirect costs (can reach a maximum of 20% of the total direct costs).

### **Additional national eligibility criteria for the proposal beyond the general criteria in the Terms of Reference of the joint call**

R&D institutions (research institutes, universities, higher education establishments, research centres etc.) must be listed in the Registry of Research Institutions operated by the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia.

Private entities must be registered in the Registry of Enterprises of the Republic of Latvia and provide most of its R&D&I activities in the Republic of Latvia.

### **Upper funding limits for eligible costs?**

Maximum of 70 000 euros per project year can be requested by each project participant.

National co-financing rate for project shall be determined in accordance with the Commission's Regulation (EC) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the common market in application of Articles 87 and 88 of the Treaty (General block exemption Regulation).

**Any other information relevant to the joint call**

The funding of RTD activities is provided pursuant in accordance with the Law on Research Activity (adopted on 14 April 2005 with amendments) and Regulation of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Latvia No 259 on the procedure for providing support for participation in international cooperation programs for research and technology (adopted on 26 June 2015).

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