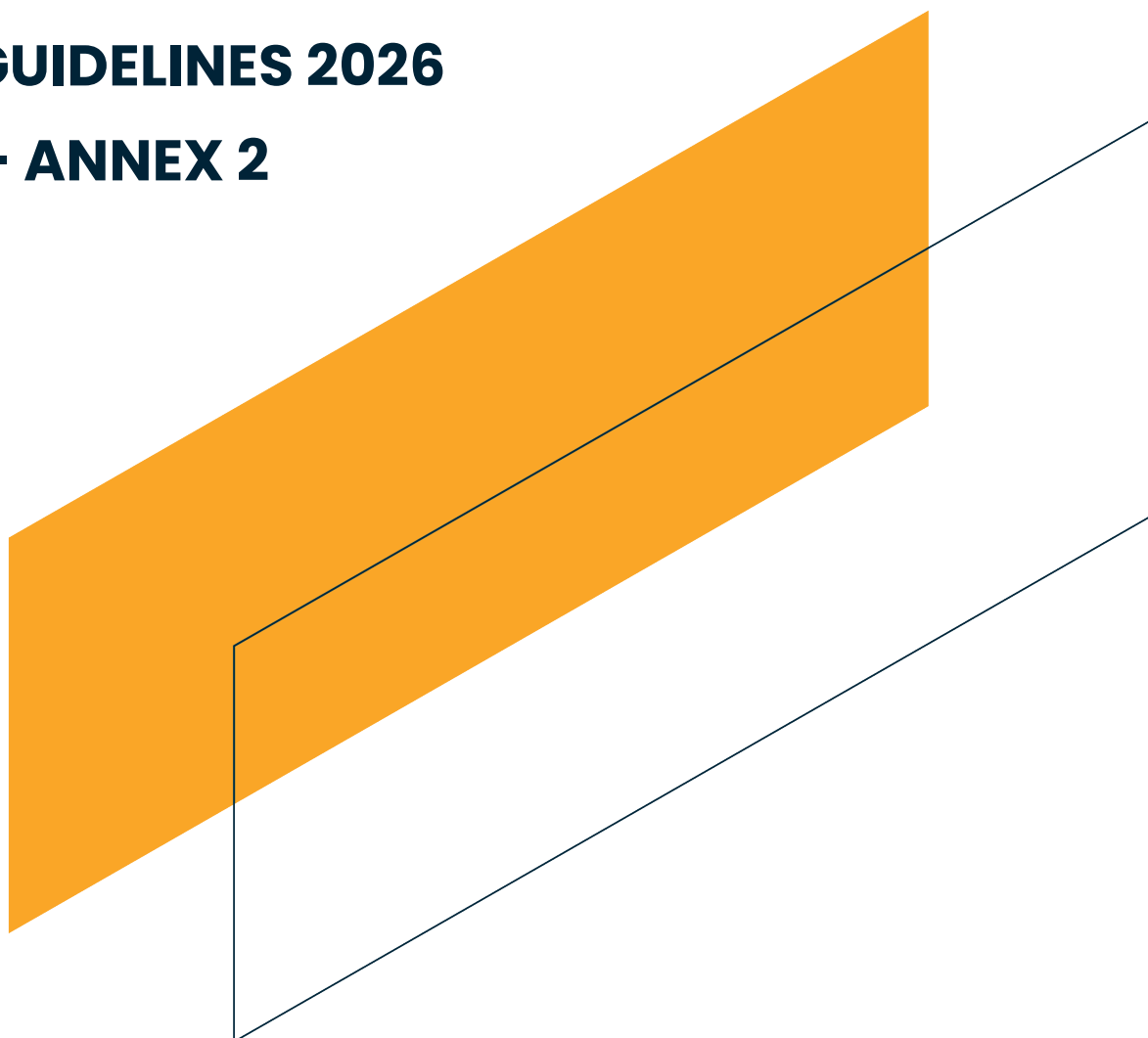


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- ANNEX 2



Annex 2 – Funding rules

The table below summarises the funding rules of the Seed Programme for each ECIU Institution

ECIU Institution	Specific eligibility criteria	Max contribution per project	Eligibility of external partners for funding? (Y/N)
DCU	SP1: maximum No. 2 projects will be funded (max 1 within one research field) SP2: maximum No. 3 projects will be funded (max 1 within one research field). Possible transfer of funds between categories (SP1 vs SP2) may occur if insufficient applications are received.	Maximum contribution per project: SP1 – 6.000 €/each project SP2 – 11.000 €/each project	N
INSA	(SP2 only), – Max 1 project per INSA institution after approval by each involved INSA Research Director by the end of August 2025	35.000 € maximum for SP2 (5.000 € per INSA) to cover the cost of Master's internships	N
KTU	i) The participation of PhDs and/or Master students is mandatory ii) Maximum one project (SP1 or SP2) will be funded in each of the 7 research fields indicated in Annex 1	Max contribution per project: SP1 – € 7.000 per project coordinated by KTU – € 5.000 per project with KTU participation SP2 – € 13.000 per project coordinated by KTU – € 10.000 per project with KTU participation	N

ECIU Institution	Specific eligibility criteria	Max contribution per project	Eligibility of external partners for funding? (Y/N)
TAU	SP1: maximum No. 2 projects will be funded (max 1 within one research field) SP2: maximum No. 2 projects will be funded (max 1 within one research field). Possible transfer of funds between categories (SP1 vs SP2) may occur.	Maximum contribution per project: SP1 – 6.000 €/each project SP2 – 12.000 €/each project SP1 total: € 12.000 SP2 total: € 24.000 Total: € 36.000	N
TUL	SP1: maximum 2 projects will be funded (max 1 within one research field) SP2: maximum 3 projects will be funded (max 1 within one research field). Possible transfer of funds between categories (SP1 vs SP2) may occur ¹	Maximum contribution per project: SP1 – 6.000 €/each project SP2 – 11.000 €/each project	N
UAB	The participation of Ph.D. and/or master's students is mandatory. At maximum, the total contribution of the call is 34.000€, considering both SP1 and SP2	Max contribution per project: <u>SP1:</u> - € 7.000 per project coordinated by UAB - € 5.000 per project with UAB participation <u>SP2:</u> - € 12.000 per project coordinated by UAB	Y: Travel and subsistence costs of regional external stakeholders are eligible

¹ Transfer possible under the following circumstances: (i) lack of submitted and eligible proposals within a category; (ii) insufficient number of proposals within one of SPs (e.g. 1 in SP1; 4 in SP2). In the case of the latter the financial resources may be reallocated from SP1 to SP2 to cover the costs of 1 of the 4 the cheapest eligible and selected proposals. If the cost of the proposal exceeds the maximum value of SP1 contribution, the remaining costs may be covered by TUL upon the grantee's request with reasonable justification, not exceeding the amount of € 3.800. Vice versa, if SP1 has three proposals and SP2 has two proposals, the transfer should be based on a proportion basis. In case of a smaller number of eligible proposals in both SPs (four or less), there is an option to increase the financial contribution for those eligible. Each time the increase is conditioned upon the reasonable justification of additional costs by all grantees. The final decision about additional financial support from TUL shall be taken by TUL and be final and binding; (iii) there are no submissions in one research field and there are more submissions in another field that are highly rated.

ECIU Institution	Specific eligibility criteria	Max contribution per project	Eligibility of external partners for funding? (Y/N)
		- € 10.000 per project with UAB participation	
UAveiro	i) The participation of PhDs and/or Master students is mandatory. ii) Maximum – up to the highest ranked 2 SP1 and 3 SP2 projects, independently of the research fields (indicated in Annex 1)	Max contribution per project: <u>SP1</u> - € 7.000 per project coordinated by UAveiro - € 5.000 per project with UAveiro participation <u>SP2</u> - € 13.000 per project coordinated by UAveiro - € 10.000 per project with UAveiro participation	Y: Travel and subsistence costs of regional external stakeholders are eligible under UAveiro budget.
UT	The participation of Ph.D. and/or master's students is mandatory. SP1: maximum 2 projects will be funded (max 1 within one research field) SP2: maximum 3 projects will be funded (max 1 within one research field). Funded projects must be aligned to the UT's impact domains.	Max contribution per project: <u>SP1:</u> € 7.000 per project coordinated by UT € 5.000 per project with UT participation <u>SP2:</u> € 11.000 per project coordinated by UT € 9.000 per project with UT participation	N