

Appendix C: Eligibility checklist application - SME Call 2027

General Conditions PPP

- ☐ The consortium must consist of at least one research organization and one for-profit enterprise.
- ☐ The main applicant must be a for-profit enterprise (company) established in the Netherlands.
- ☐ Dutch SMEs and Dutch research organizations are eligible to use PPS subsidy in accordance with the financial conditions described in Section 3.4.
- ☐ The chamber of commerce number or equivalent is listed for all consortium partners.
- ☐ The project consists of industrial research (TRL4-6).
- ☐ The project must start between 1 June and 1 November 2027 and may last a maximum of 2 years (24 months).
- ☐ Effective collaboration takes place. This means, for example, that the project is realized at joint cost and risk.
- ☐ All consortium partners should make an *in kind* contribution. This means that all consortium partners should at least incur payroll costs and make an *in kind* contribution.
- ☐ In addition to in-kind contributions, cash contributions are also possible. A cash contribution from one party must be used within the project to cover costs incurred by another consortium partner. Beware: it is not permitted for the same party to both use PPS subsidy and provide a cash contribution.
- ☐ Consortium partners may not hire or reimburse each other for services or products within the project. Therefore, consortium partners may not invoice each other. Third parties may, however, be contracted for services; such parties are not considered consortium partners.
- ☐ An SME may only participate in one application within this call. Note: applicants belonging to the same corporate group are considered as one enterprise; in this case, only one company within the corporate group may submit an application.
- ☐ The lead applicant is ineligible to participate in the SME Call 2027 if they have submitted an application under the Science for Industry Call.
- ☐ The lead applicant is ineligible to participate in the SME Call 2027 if they have an ongoing funded project resulting from the SME Call 2026.

Subsidy and Contribution Criteria

- ☐ Research organizations may finance a maximum of 70% of their *in kind* costs (e.g. man hours, consumables and the use of equipment etc.) with PPP-subsidy.
- ☐ Dutch SMEs may finance a maximum of 60% of their *in kind* costs (e.g. man hours, consumables and the use of equipment etc.) with PPP-subsidy.
- ☐ The enterprise(s) must contribute at least 15% of the total project costs.
- ☐ The research organization(s) must contribute at least 10% of the total project costs.
- ☐ The requested PPP subsidy must be at least €225,000 and no more than €450,000.
- ☐ SMEs may use a maximum of €150,000 in PPP Subsidy per project year (e.g., for a project lasting 1.5 years, SMEs may use up to €225,000 in PPP Subsidy).
- ☐ Research organizations may receive a maximum of €150,000 in subsidy in total.
- ☐ The SME must incur at least one FTE (=1650 hours) per project year as payroll cost (thus 3300 hours for the full 2 years). Payment via another BV or holding company is not permitted.
- ☐ The PPP subsidy of the SME must primarily be used for one R&D FTE; any remaining subsidy may be used for other eligible costs, including material costs or additional staff.

Mandatory Documents and Annexes

- ☐ The right versions of the application form, budget form, video-pitch, letter(s) of commitment and consortium agreement specific to **SME Call 2027** have been used.
- ☐ All parties, with the exception of the main applicant, must submit a letter of commitment using the template provided by Health~Holland; a letter of intent is not sufficient.
- ☐ The consortium must submit an (unsigned) draft consortium agreement using the mandatory Health~Holland template; a blank format is not sufficient.

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- ☐ If there is a potential conflict of interest, as defined in Appendix G of the application form, this must be addressed in a separate document.
- ☐ The budgeted costs are directly related to the R&D activities, and do not include non-eligible costs, for example: bench fee costs, travel within the Netherlands, supporting/project management tasks that are not directly related to the project's R&D activities.
- ☐ All questions on the application form are answered.

Adherence to societal agenda's

- ☐ The project must make a tangible contribution to the (further) development of one or more of the ten key enabling technologies of the National Technology Strategy, thereby aligning with the Dutch Growth Markets (see Section 2.2).
- ☐ The research must contribute to the central mission and one of the five specific missions set out in the Knowledge and Innovation Agenda (KIA) 2024–2027 for the societal theme Health & Care.