

## Appendix D: Eligibility checklist application - SME ABT Call 2027

### General Conditions PPP

- ☐ The consortium must consist of at least one research organization and one for-profit enterprise (company).
- ☐ 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 or experimental development and falls within TRL 5 to 7.
- ☐ The project must start between 1 July and 1 November 2027 and may last in between 1 to a maximum of 2 years (12-24 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 reimburse or invoice one another for services or products provided within the scope of the project. Services may, however, be procured from third parties that are not consortium partners. This may include organizations involved in validation activities within a healthcare setting, such as STZ hospitals, whose participation in these public-private partnership projects is strongly encouraged. Costs associated with the involvement of third parties may be included in the project budget and may account for no more than 25% of the total project budget.
- ☐ 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 not eligible to participate in the SME Call 2027 if they have submitted an application under the Science for Industry Call.
- ☐ The lead applicant is also not eligible to participate in the SME Call 2027 if they have an ongoing project resulting from an awarded application under the SME Call 2026.

### Subsidy and Contribution Criteria

- ☐ Research organizations may finance a maximum of 70% of their *in kind* costs related to industrial research and 60% of their *in kind* costs related to experimental development (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 related to industrial research and 40% of their *in kind* costs related to experimental development (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 related to industrial research and at least 30% of the total project costs related to experimental development.
- ☐ 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.

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## *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 ABT 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.
- ☐ If there is a potential conflict of interest, as defined in Appendix H 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.