

## 1.1. *Romania*

### 1.1.1. National contact person for ECSEL JU programme

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### 1.1.2. Legal requirements for eligibility of a partner or a project

#### 1) Type or nature of participants

All Romanian entities which are legally set and which meet eligibility requirements may participate in calls for proposals.

Organizations eligible for funding are: public and private accredited universities, national R&D institutes, other research organisations, SMEs, large industrial enterprises.

#### 2) Legal, administrative and financial conditions

The topics of the project proposals with Romanian partners fall within the priority domains promoted by the National RDI Strategy 2014-2020 and, respectively, the National Plan of Research, Development and Innovation 2014-2020.

The applicants to the program must meet the general eligibility criteria of potential contractors respectively:

- The coordinator of Romanian team must hold a PhD degree. This condition does not apply if the Romanian host institution is an enterprise according with the specific European and national laws. A person cannot submit more than one project proposal in the same call as coordinator of the Romanian team;

- The coordinator of Romanian team is full time employed within the host institution, with permanent position, or with fixed term contract covering at least the duration of the project or has an agreement with the host institution for his / her employment at least for the duration of the contract;
- It is forbidden to submit a proposal which seeks to fund activities which are already funded by other public sources;
- The host institution does not have a seizure on its accounts; it has not been declared bankrupt or wound up; it has not made false declarations concerning its economic and legal statute; it has not broken other contract previously signed with a public contracting authority;
- The host institution agrees to ensure the necessary administrative support, to provide access to all necessary resources / infrastructures, to support the project implementation in good conditions and to employ the members of the Romanian team, in respect of all legal provisions in force, if the project is selected for funding;
- The host institution agrees to comply with the terms and conditions to submit the required documents to the national funding agency and to comply with the law of the state aid scheme for R&D activities.

### **3) Consortium configuration**

In the case that several Romanian organisations participate in a project, only one national funding contract will be concluded. It will then be up to the consortium of Romanian project partners to decide how the funding is allocated among them, within the mentioned limits for the individual organisations, in full compliance with the obligations assumed in the international project, informing the national funding agency.

### **4) Other conditions**

It is not the case

## **1.1.3. Eligibility of the costs and funding**

The following activities are eligible for funding:

- research and development activities ( e.g. technical and industrial research; experimental development; fundamental research)
- technical feasibility studies
- activities for obtaining and protecting intellectual property rights for SMEs

## 1) Eligibility of costs

The following categories of expenses are eligible:

A. *Staff costs* (Personnel costs -researchers, technicians and support staff, including all corresponding state and social contributions; these contributions are subject to national regulations in force);

B. *Consumables* (materials, supplies or similar);

C. *Equipments* (in full compliance with state aid regulations);

D. *Subcontracting* (max. 25% of the total funding from the public budget);

E. *Travel expenses* (in Romania or abroad, only for project teams members);

D. *Overheads* (calculated as a percentage of direct costs: staff costs, logistics costs (excluding capital costs and travel expenses).

Indirect costs will not exceed 20% of direct costs, excluding subcontracting.  
Expenses are eligible if incurred after signature of the contract.

## 2) Funding rates

- Total financial contribution to Romanian partners participating to ECSEL calls is maximum 150.000 euro per project and maximum 460.000 euro per year;
- Funding is granted in compliance with the EU State Aid Rules / framework (excluding amounts provided by JU).