

EU CO-FUNDED M-ERA.NET3 CALL 2021, INFO ON REQUIREMENTS

- Both M-ERA.NET3 criteria (<https://m-era.net/joint-calls/joint-call-2021>) and Business Finland (BF) Co-Innovation criteria (<https://www.businessfinland.fi/en/for-finnish-customers/services/funding/cooperation-between-companies-and-research-organizations/co-innovation>) are applied to the funding applications. Applications must meet the requirements of both sets of criteria.
- For research organizations to be eligible for BF funding, project consortia must include at least two companies from Finland. In addition, consortia must include at least one company from another country.
- Although Business Finland does not require funding applications from Finnish companies participating in a consortium, according to the M-ERA.NET3 criteria the consortium must ensure that at least three partners apply for funding from their national funding organization.
- BF funding levels are as follows: research organizations 70%, SMEs max. 65% grant, large companies max. 40% grant.
- There is no explicit upper limit in the number and size of the projects that can be funded. The project budget should be derived from its goals and the scope of planned activities. Crucial is that the project and the budget constitute a major R&D –project.
- It is recommended to contact Business Finland before the pre-proposal application is submitted in M-ERA.NET3 portal (pre-eligibility check of the consortium).
- Application to Business Finland is not needed at the pre-proposal stage. Application will be requested later from those applicants who will be successful in the evaluation of the full proposals.
- More information and the contact persons of the Academy of Finland can be found here: (<https://www.aka.fi/en/research-funding/apply-for-funding/calls-for-applications/international-calls/m-era.net-co-funded-call-2021-materials-research/>).