



An Roinn Tithíochta,  
Pleanála agus Rialtais Áitiúil  
Department of Housing,  
Planning and Local Government



## JOINT CALL: SOURCES, DISTRIBUTION & IMPACT OF MICROPLASTICS IN THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT

### NATIONAL GUIDELINES (IRELAND)

#### GENERAL

The call will be supported and funded jointly by the Marine Institute and the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government and the Irish Government.

The Marine Institute will act as the administrative lead and information on the call will be published on the Marine Institute website at the following link:

<https://www.marine.ie/Home/site-area/research-funding/research-funding/current-funding-opportunities>

Applicants are advised to contact their National Contact Points (details below) prior to submission of any application under this call.

#### BUDGET

The maximum budget planned for this call is 600,000 Euro (up to 300,000 Euro from the Marine Institute and up to 300,000 Euro from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government).

#### ELIGIBILITY AND NATIONAL FUNDING MODALITIES

##### ELIGIBLE PARTNERS AND/OR INSTITUTIONS:

Legal entities in the Republic of Ireland with the appropriate scientific and technical qualifications and expertise can be funded as partners in a joint proposal.

The eligible partners are Higher Education Institutions, Other Public Research Bodies, Industry and Private Organisations in the Republic of Ireland.

Any proposal involving an industry partner from Ireland **must** also have an Irish partner from a Public Research Body.

The maximum Grant-Aid reimbursement for Industry is 50% for Large Scale Enterprises and 75% for Small-Medium Sized Enterprises of eligible costs. Grant-Aid reimbursement for Higher Education Institutions and Other Public Research Bodies is up to 100% of eligible costs.

##### MAXIMUM REQUESTED BUDGET PER PARTNER AND/OR PER PROJECT:

The maximum amount that an Irish partner can request is 150,000 Euro, or 300,000 Euro per project.

## ELIGIBLE COSTS

### ELIGIBLE PERSONNEL COSTS (PERMANENT/TEMPORARY)

Eligible staff costs include gross salary and employer's PRSI (pay-related social insurance) and employer's pension costs (max 20% of gross salary). Temporary or contract research staff are eligible for Higher Education Institutions and Other Public Research Bodies, but staff costs for permanent staff are not. Both temporary and permanent staff costs are eligible for Industry partners.

Master and PhD student costs (stipend and college fees) are also eligible costs.

Masters and PhD must be registered, on a full-time basis, for a higher degree at an eligible Higher Education Institute. Student stipend rates should be based on the Irish Research Council rate (or equivalent).

### OPERATING COSTS (TRAVEL AND CONSUMABLES)

Project-related travel and consumables are allowable costs e.g. travel and subsistence for project fieldwork and meetings, workshops, conferences, laboratory supplies, computer supplies, software, etc.

### EQUIPMENT

The purchase and installation of small-scale scientific equipment and instruments for the project is allowable. Depreciated cost reimbursed will be either 36 or 60 months. Personal computer and laptops purchased for staff are not allowable costs.

### OVERHEADS

Maximum overheads allowed is 30% of all costs excluding Equipment and Subcontracting.

### SUBCONTRACTING

Subcontracting to a third party for specialist resources/skills is allowable, subject to normal procurement guidelines. Subcontracting costs are limited to 20% maximum.

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