

The Netherlands

Name of the programme
“Materials to innovate industry”
Funding agency
M2i
Beneficiaries
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Universities ▪ Research organisations ▪ Industry: large enterprises and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)
Thematic restriction
Proposals must fit within the High Tech Materials roadmap (HTM) ¹ . Proposals related to additive manufacturing of metals will receive priority.
Type of research eligible for funding
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fundamental research (TRL 3-5); ▪ Applied research/ Industrial research (TRL 4-6); ▪ Experimental development (TRL 5-7).
Maximum duration of projects
Maximum duration set in the MANUNET Call 2017 (24 months) applies. Exceptionally, a third year can be funded separately from MANUNET, provided the industrial commitment for the project is extended accordingly.
Eligible costs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff (salaries) ▪ Materials ▪ Equipment
Limits of funding
The funding is limited to max. 300.000 euro per project.
Other eligibility requirements
<p>Dutch consortia formed by one university and at least one industrial partner are eligible for funding (provided the other MANUNET rules are complied with), for the following funding rates and under the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 85% for research organizations², provided that the remaining 15% is funded from industrial sources. Only temporary research positions (postdoc, PDEng) can

¹ <http://www.hollandhightech.nl/nationaal/innovatie/roadmaps/high-tech-materials>

² According to the *Commission Regulation (EU) No. 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty (Text with EEA relevance)*: an entity (such as universities or research institutes, technology transfer agencies, innovation

be applied for. The match funding must be covered by the industrial partner(s) in the Dutch consortium and needs to be confirmed at the submission in the form of a signed commitment letter attached to the application. Proposals which do not include a letter of commitment for the co-financing will not be considered eligible.

- **40% funding for the industrial participants (companies)** of a maximum eligible budget of 50.000 euro. The companies with **SME status³** can receive **60% funding** of a maximum eligible Budget of 50.000 euro.

At least one company in the consortium must have already contributed to the “PPS (formerly TKI) grondslag” for HTM⁴. The other Dutch companies will commit to contributing to the “TKI grondslag” for HTM as of 2017, for the full duration of the project. This will have to be stated in the letter of commitment.

The administrative costs related to project monitoring at national level, amounting to 10.000 euro/project*year*company for large enterprises and 5.000 euro/project*year*company for small and medium-sized enterprises (SME) will be fully covered by the industrial participants and will be clearly indicated in the letter of commitment, but will not be included in the proposal budget.

Type of funding (grant/loan/mixed/other)

Grant

Funding rate

- 85% universities and research institutes);
- 40% large enterprises;
- 60% SMEs

Geographical coverage

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National/regional deadlines

Stage-1 proposals with Dutch participation will undergo an evaluation in the TKI HTM Roadmap council. The Council will evaluate the fit within the HTM Roadmap, as well as the commitment to report the external research expenditure as contribution to the TKI Grondslag.

The deadlines will be closely aligned to the MANUNET Call deadlines and published on the M2i website www.m2i.nl.

More information available at

intermediaries, research-oriented physical or virtual collaborative entities), irrespective of its legal status (organised under public or private law) or way of financing, whose primary goal is to independently conduct fundamental research, industrial research or experimental development.

³ http://ec.europa.eu/growth/smes/business-friendly-environment/sme-definition_nl

⁴ <http://www.rvo.nl/subsidies-regelingen/tki-toeslag/tki-projecttoeslag-2015-2017>

<http://www.m2i.nl/portfolio-items/manunet-iii-era-net-manufacturing-technologies/>

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