

Network call on Diagnostics and Surveillance: Live webinar for applicants, 25 April 2022

Selection of Q & A's

This is a selection of questions and answers from the JPIAMR Network call 2022 webinar. For more information, please visit the call webpage:

www.jpiamr.eu/calls/network-call-2022

Q: Is there a limit of age in early career researchers?

No. The only limit is the timeframe after receiving PhD. An Early Career Researcher (ECR) is an individual who is within a time span of up to 8 years from the date he/she obtained PhD/doctorate; this period can be extended for any career break(s) for example parental leave, long term illness, clinical qualification or national service.

Q: Do ECR partners need to be from different institutions or countries?

Not necessary. ECRs can be from the same country even from the same institution as long as the eligibility requirements for the composition of the network is respected.

Q: Is it correct that laboratory consumables cannot be funded at all by the JPIAMR?

Laboratory consumables are not eligible costs for a network call, since network funding cannot provide support for direct research laboratory activities. This type of cost can only be covered within JPIAMR joint transnational calls for research projects.

Q: Are costs of transportation or sharing of reference materials (strains) eligible for this call?

No. The costs of transportation or sharing of reference materials (strains) are not eligible costs for this network call, as network funding does not provide support for direct research laboratory activities.

Q: Can the proposal be used to support an ongoing activity?

Networks may build on existing collaborations as part of network activities focusing on AMR in one or more focal areas of the call.

Q: Do you expect a proposal to cover both diagnostics and surveillance or may the application focus on one or the other?

The network proposal can focus on diagnostics and/or surveillance (please refer to the focus areas of the call)

Q: Can the application be submitted only by the network coordinator?

Yes, only a network coordinator may submit an application.

Q. Is it possible to submit proposals for various pathogens or related-subjects with coordinators in different countries but using the same network partners?

The eligibility rules allow that the same partner(s) can be part of more than one (1) JPIAMR network in the present call.

Q: Would antimicrobial surveillance such as antifungal, antiviral, antiparasitic as well as antibacterial qualify for the call instead of an antibiotic specific study?

The aim of this call within the context of the JPIAMR SRIA is identification of research questions and problems which need to be addressed to facilitate the development, optimisation and use of diagnostics and surveillance tools, technologies, and systems to detect bacterial and/or fungal infections and antimicrobial susceptibility could ultimately lead to a reduction in the global burden of antimicrobial resistance. If the proposal addresses surveillance of antiviral or antiparasitic topics in relation of bacterial and/or fungal infections then it is in the scope of the call. Please contact your national funding agency or the joint call secretariat if your topic includes antiviral or antiparasitic resistance studies and you are unsure whether the topic is eligible.

Q: If you are already working as part of a consortium with partners from different countries across the globe, can you still apply and nest the study within your existing project work?

Absolutely. Networks may build upon new or existing global collaborations/partnerships and may align with projects already conducted by previous JPIAMR actions in the areas of diagnostics and surveillance.

Q: Can you work on retrospective samples data sets or would the funding be specifically prospective work?

Retrospective data sets can be used that could bring new insights and prospective views to the chosen area(s) of focus.

Q: How broad can the topic of a network be?

The topic can be as broad as the network has the capacity to cope with and contains the necessary expertise. The broader the topic does not mean the better the application, as all the proposals in all relevant topics for the call will be assessed according the same evaluation criteria. See the call text for the evaluation criteria.

Q: Regarding data sharing, are there any limitations?

No, there are no limitation for data sharing. Networks which are planning to manage data should provide a short Data Management Plan (section VI of the application form).

Q: Is the additional funding only available to the network coordinator or can this be allocated to a partner?

Applicants should express their willingness to organise these additional activities in the Section IX of the application. For up to two (2) networks additional funding of up to € 50.000 could be allocated to organise start-up meeting and final workshop for all funded networks. Only after the funding decision is taken the additional budget will be allocate to hold those two events, taking into consideration the willingness of the

fundings to support these activities and the willingness of networks to organise them, the available funds, the format of events (in person or online) and countries of coordinators or possibly partners. The additional funding can be allocated only to those individuals through their institutions which comes from the countries participating in the call and are eligible to respective funding organisations. In such cases the funding may be awarded to a willing network partner, if the funder, coordinator and network partner are in agreement.

Q: As I am not from the country listed, I will apply as a partner. So, being as a partner my main duty is to fill up the form and wait for a response?

If an interested person is coming from the country not participating in the call there is a possibility to take part as network partner. Find the network to join by using the partner search tool either by proposing yourself or contacting the coordinators searching for partners.

Q: Can an institution such a National Public Health institute be a partner?

In the framework of this call, a partner is defined as a natural person having a specific role in the network activities. The partner can be representative of National Public Health institute. However, only the institution of the coordinator can be granted funding to cover all the eligible costs for implementation of the network project.

Q: Can a Public Ministry of Health apply?

The eligibility of institution is the subject to specific terms and conditions of relevant participating funding organisation (Annex A of the Call Text). A network coordinator should be an expert in the development, optimisation, or use of diagnostic and/or surveillance tools, technologies, and systems. The network coordinator and affiliated institution must be eligible to receive funding from a funding organization participating in the call. However, the representatives of any relevant stakeholder(s) can join the network as partners.

Q: Can some of the funding be used to cover salary of the coordinator/partners?

Networks can hire a resource to cover administrative tasks related to the management of their network and/or, for example writing reports and overviews, organising meetings etc, subject to specific terms and conditions of each participating funding organisation. This should be a temporary position contracted by the coordinator's affiliated institution.

Q: Is there a maximum size for a network? Any recommendations?

There is no limit set, but the size may be constrained by the maximum grant amount. The recommendation would be to gather manageable network with the needed expertise in place and balanced composition in regard to available budget for the planned activities.

Feel free to contact your national contact for any question