



**Joint Programming Initiative
A Healthy Diet for a Healthy Life
(JPI HDHL)**

**Joint Action
“Malnutrition in the Elderly Knowledge Hub”**

Call for Expressions of Interest for Members

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<http://www.healthydietforhealthylife.eu/index.php/joint-actions/malnutrition>

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1. An introduction to the Joint Programming Initiative “A Healthy Diet for a Healthy Life”

A Joint Programming Initiative (JPI) is a European process by which Member States engage on a variable-geometry basis in defining, mapping, developing and implementing an agreed vision document with common Strategic Research Agenda (SRA) to address major societal challenges that no individual Member State is capable of handling independently.

In the context of the JPI “A Healthy Diet for a Healthy Life” (JPI HDHL), trans-disciplinary expertise, knowledge, facilities and approaches, ranging from blue sky research to large population studies and controlled trials, are needed to investigate the relationship between diet, exercise and health. In addition, there is a need to examine the influence of genotypes, individual genetic and epigenetic differences, dietary patterns and lifestyles, including their interactions and changes over the time, on health and disease susceptibility and morbidity.

The JPI HDHL entails a voluntary partnership between Member States and Associated Countries of the European Union and aims to bring major benefits to this sector by:

- Helping to coordinate the scope of research programmes across Europe and reducing duplication of efforts.
- Making it easier to address common challenges developing suitable solutions with the same objective concerning food, nutrition and active life policy in the international arena while taking into consideration cultural diversities among countries.
- Promoting scientific excellence through joint activities with common funding and peer-review processes to minimise fragmentation of research activities and to use public resources more efficiently and effectively improving the accountability and transparency of public research programmes.
- Supporting cross-border collaboration and facilitating data pooling and their collection in a uniform and standardised way.
- Sharing expertise scattered across countries or throughout Europe as a whole, promoting creation of a critical mass, cross-border mobility and training to facilitate timely dissemination and translation of research results to inform public health practice and policy.
- Increase the scientific, technological and innovative impacts of public investments in research by strengthening the coordination with other related policies through greater programme visibility and promotion of cross-border policy learning.

The vision of the JPI HDHL is that by the year 2030 all Europeans will have not only the adequate knowledge and motivation, but also the opportunity and accessibility to consume a healthy diet from a variety of foods, have healthy levels of physical activity and that the incidence of lifestyle -related diseases will have decreased significantly.

To attain the vision of the JPI HDHL and contribute significantly to the construction of a fully operational European Research Area on the prevention of diet- and sedentary lifestyle-related diseases and effectively integrate research efforts in the food-, nutritional-, exercise-, social- and health sciences, three key interacting research areas have been identified and adopted in the JPI HDHL Strategic Research Agenda (SRA):

1. Determinants of diet and physical activity: ensuring the healthy choice is the easy choice for consumers.
2. Diet and food production: developing healthy, high-quality, safe and sustainable foods.

3. Diet-related chronic diseases: preventing diet-related chronic diseases and increasing the quality of life – delivering a healthier diet.

In the [SRA](#) of the JPI HDHL the importance of research on malnutrition in the elderly and its effective management is described. Furthermore, the topic “Malnutrition in the Elderly” has been described as a joint action in the [Implementation Plan](#).

2. Joint Action “Malnutrition in the Elderly Knowledge Hub”

2.1 Introduction

Numerous reports show that many people, especially in the elderly population, suffer from under- or malnutrition which as a consequence can worsen a person’s overall physical and health status.

Among older individuals admitted to hospitals, one out of four is malnourished. Most of those not consuming their daily needs do not get any substitution for the loss of energy, protein and micronutrient intake, which results in prolonged recovery from disease or medical interventions and is often accompanied by increased complications during convalescence and also causes higher mortality rates. In elderly home care patients, the prevalence of under-nutrition is estimated to range between 17 and 35%. Unfortunately, the nutritional status is only assessed in 16% of the home care patients and for only 5% a validated screening instrument is used. Malnutrition is even more prevalent among residents of nursing homes.

In order to tackle the increasing problem of malnutrition in the elderly population research is needed to develop and test harmonized European standards for the definition and detection of malnutrition, to develop and validate reliable instruments for quick and easy screening of malnutrition, to improve existing or develop new medical nutrition therapies for chronic disease patients that do not compromise their nutritional status. Pilot projects of continuous data collection and feedback in different settings, from the community to the tertiary hospital, that have started as local initiatives need to be extended across Europe to increase validity and impact. Benchmarking between health care institutions will be possible with the evidence based selection of quality indicators of nutrition care. It is also imperative to gather information on the benefits achieved by specific measures to prevent and/or treat malnutrition. In this way, futile interventions shall be avoided and effective, evidence-based approaches can be proposed for implementation through the different levels of care.

2.2 Objectives

The main objective of the Joint Action “Malnutrition in the Elderly Knowledge Hub” is to support transnational networking activities on:

1. The definition of malnutrition in the elderly.
2. Integration and harmonisation of currently available valid and reliable screening instruments to enable identification of groups of elderly people that will benefit from nutrition interventions in different settings (e.g., home care, nursing homes, hospitals) and countries.

The purpose of the Knowledge Hub (KH) is the increase and facilitation of transnational communication, cooperation and coordination between individual researchers, research groups and research organisations in order to build a productive and sustainable competence network in the field of malnutrition.

The KH will also be instrumental for researchers participating in H2020 calls, in particular the call on “Tackling malnutrition in the elderly”. One of the first activities of the KH is to organise a joint

workshop in early 2016 with researchers involved in both initiatives to exchange information and knowledge of ongoing or planned activities.

To achieve these goals, the organisations funding the Malnutrition in the Elderly KH (see Table 1) will provide resources – *in cash* and/or *in kind* – to research groups and their scientists in order to develop a transnational network and a joint research programme proposal as a first milestone.

Table 1. Participating countries, respective funding organisations

Countries	Funding organisations
Austria	Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy (BMWFV)
Belgium	Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO)
Belgium	Fund for Scientific Research (FNRS)
France	The National Institute for Agricultural Research (INRA)
Germany	Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL) <i>represented by</i> Federal Office for Agriculture and Food (BLE)
Ireland	Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine (DAFM)
The Netherlands	The Netherlands Organisation for Health Research and Development (ZonMw)
Spain	National Institute of Health Carlos III (ISCIII)

3. Facts and rules of the Malnutrition in the Elderly Knowledge Hub

3.1 Eligibility

Funding organisations participating in the Malnutrition in the Elderly KH will fund new activities and/or redirect existing funding/capacities (i.e., an in kind contribution) towards the needs of the KH. Each funding organisation will be responsible for deciding which of the national researchers and research groups are eligible to join the KH and the type (new or in kind) and level of funding it makes available to the selected members. Therefore, applicants are advised to check their respective funding organisations' eligibility regulations (see ANNEX 1). The aim for the selection process is to result in a well balanced network of members providing all the necessary expertise required by the KH.

Researchers or research groups from countries that do not participate in the call (i.e., collaborators) may participate in the KH if they are able to secure their own funding. They must clearly state that funds are secured in advance of the project start. However, the majority of research groups in a consortium and the coordinator must be from countries participating in the call.

3.2 Participation and membership

The members of the KH should represent the very best expertise in their countries on the thematic area in question. Valid members are only researchers and research groups that have the formal support of their respective research organisations and/or institutions. Consortia of research groups that are represented by one coordinating researcher may as well be valid partners. Within the KH, one or several research organisations from each of the participating countries may join. From each research organisation, one or more researchers and research groups may participate in the KH according to national eligibility criteria.

The governance structure of the Malnutrition in the Elderly KH comprises a Hub Coordinator (HC), who can be supported in his/her activities by Thematic Area/Work Package Leaders (TAL/WPLs). The HC will be a member of the KH and will be elected by the members of the KH during the Networking Meeting. The elected person must have received the majority of KH members' votes (>50%, either in a single or multiple voting rounds, each member has a single vote) during an open vote procedure. The TAL/WPLs as coordination support team are elected in a similar procedure. Afterwards, the HC and the TAL/WPLs have to be confirmed by the Steering Board (SB), as costs associated with the role of HC or TAL/WPLs should be considered eligible costs by their respective funding organisations.

The HC will have the overall as well as scientific responsibility and will be accountable for all affairs and the scientific progress of the KH. The HC will take a broad view across the thematic areas/work packages in order to ensure maximum coherence of the scientific vision that acts as the thrust of the KH. The TAL/WPLs will be working in close collaboration with the HC and will be responsible for the coordination and integration of all activities within the thematic areas/work packages they are responsible for. They will generate and provide the necessary inputs to the HC from their thematic areas. The roles and responsibilities for the HC and the TAL/WPLs are explained in more detail in ANNEX 2. The members of the KH will be expected to design and implement a valid overall governance structure to guide the work of the KH and between the HC and the TAL/WPLs within the KH.

3.3 Financial modalities

The Malnutrition in the elderly KH will be funded for a period of up to 2 years. The eligibility of costs (e.g., personnel, material, consumables, equipment, travel expenses) are subject to the national regulations of the individual funding organisations (see ANNEX 1). Therefore, KH members are advised to check their respective funding organisations' rules and eligible costs to decide on their putative role and activities in the KH (e.g. HC). While one KH proposal will be submitted jointly by the KH members from the different participating countries, the scheduled research activities of the individual researchers and research groups within the KH will be funded by their respective funding organisation according to their own eligibility criteria. Furthermore, each partner is responsible for financial administration towards its national funding organisation.

3.4 Legal modalities

Consortium agreement. Before commencement of the project, a consortium agreement has to be signed by all researchers and research groups, including their corresponding organisations and/or institutions participating in the Malnutrition in the Elderly KH. The consortium agreement will specify at least the following issues: decision making, monitoring, reporting, intellectual property rights, open access and sharing data/knowledge and resources. Further guidance and model consortium agreements can be found at the [European IPR Helpdesk](#) and [DESCA](#) websites. There is a shared responsibility between all KH members for progress of the project.

Intellectual property rights, open access and data/knowledge sharing. Ownership and transfer of newly developed intellectual property, as well as access to existing intellectual property are a core part of project success and contribution to society, and therefore, should be properly managed from the beginning of a project. Any particular protection and exploitation strategy should be agreed before the research activities start, and arrangements need to comply with the relevant national and/or European legislation. More information can be found in the [Quick guide for dissemination of the JPI research projects results](#).

4. Implementation and execution of the Malnutrition in the Elderly Knowledge Hub

The Malnutrition in the Elderly KH will be implemented in a three-stage procedure. Following the submission of the Expression of Interest (Eoi) letters via the Electronic Submission System (www.healthydietforhealthylife.eu) and the national eligibility check and evaluation to select the members, the work of the KH will start during the Networking Meeting to facilitate the design, development, writing and submission of one proposal. The KH proposal will be evaluated by independent external peer reviewers. Details on the procedure are listed below.

4.1 Expression of Interest

Within the first stage of implementation of the KH, interested research groups or consortia have to submit an Eoi before 16.00 CET the 21st of May 2015. The Eoi must be written in English following a pre-defined format (see ANNEX 3) and submitted via the JPI HDHL Electronic Submission System. The system will be opened by the 15th of April 2015.

The Eoi should express the willingness and ability of the applicant(s) to join the Malnutrition in the Elderly KH as an active and contributing member. In addition, applicants should state the following:

- Their scientific expertise in the areas of the KH.
- Their putative role and planned activities in the KH, i.e., how and by what means and activities they plan to achieve the objectives of the KH.
- Their motivation and added value of work within the KH.
- Their most significant previous and ongoing research projects related to the KH, publications and patents that can be considered as in kind contribution to the KH.

Moreover, applicants should state whether they would like to become HC or TAL/WPLs. In addition, they have to state that they have full institutional support to fulfil their tasks within the KH. The Eoi has to be signed by the applicant and by the legal representative of the respective institution/organisation.

The selection and appointment of members of the Malnutrition in the Elderly KH will be based on a national selection process. The Eois will be checked for the coherence with both, the eligibility criteria of the national funding organisations (see ANNEX 1) and the following KH selection criteria:

1. Overall high scientific quality of the intended contribution of the research group/organisation and how it matches the objectives of the KH.
2. High quality of the planned activities in the Malnutrition in the Elderly KH
3. High quality of the currently running and funded research projects as documented by given facts, figures, papers, patents, etc.
4. Good balance among the members and their different expertises, to guarantee the objectives of the KH can be achieved.

The selection and appointment of members will be performed by the respective national funding organisations. The final list of eligible researchers and research groups has to be validated and approved by the members of the KH Steering Board (see information below). The final list of eligible KH members will be communicated to the interested researchers and research groups via email by 9th of June 2015. A formal letter stating the decision will be attached.

4.2 Networking process and setup of the Malnutrition in the Elderly KH structure

The appointed KH members will be brought together in a Networking Meeting scheduled to take place on the 2nd and the 3rd of July 2015 (Brussels, to be confirmed). Participation in this Networking Meeting is mandatory for all KH members. The meeting will be used to present, explain and discuss

the background and specific objectives of the KH and the major objectives of the JPI HDHL. Furthermore, the HC and TAL/WPLs will be elected. The meeting will mark the starting point for the preparation of the KH proposal.

4.3 Malnutrition in the Elderly KH Proposal

One joint proposal written in English must be submitted before 16.00 CET the 1st of October 2015.

4.4 Evaluation of the Malnutrition in the Elderly KH proposal

The Malnutrition in the Elderly KH proposal will be evaluated by 5-7 independent external peer reviewers. The evaluation will be supported by the CS and monitored by the SB and will be carried out according to the following criteria:

1. **Relevance to the aim(s)** of the call.
2. **Scientific excellence** of the proposal (innovation potential, methodology).
3. **Feasibility of the project** (adequacy of the work plan, budgetary and other resources, time schedule, management, in case of partners from countries that do not participate in the Joint Action: evidence of funding).
4. **Quality of the transnational collaboration** (added value of the research consortium, on both scientific and transnational levels, multidisciplinary approach, in case of partners from countries that do not participate in the Joint Action: role of partners).
5. **International competitiveness** of participating research groups in the field(s) of the proposal (expertise relevant for the field, expertise of the research groups).
6. **Translational impact** of the expected results for future clinical and other health relevant applications.

As a result, the review panel will elaborate a funding recommendation for the SB including suggestions for revisions – if necessary.

4.5 Funding decision and contract negotiation

Based on reviewers' evaluation of the KH proposal and the recommendations, the SB will make one of the following decisions:

- a. In case of a positive evaluation, to fund the KH proposal as it is.
- b. In case of a conditional recommendation, to ask for revisions deemed necessary by the review panel.
- c. In case of a negative evaluation, not to fund the KH proposal.

In case of no revision, the HC will be informed by the CS about the outcome of the evaluation and the funding decision no later than 16th of November 2015.

In case of necessary revisions, the CS will ask the HC to improve the proposal according to the reviewers' recommendations. The HC will be provided with specific items and specific information on which parts of the proposal have to be re-designed and improved. Afterwards, the HC will be given time to improve and resubmit the proposal until the 23rd of November 2015.

The compliance of the resubmitted final proposal with the reviewers' recommendations will be evaluated by the Chair of the review panel and the members of the SB. In case of compliance, the SB will recommend the KH to be funded by the national funding organisations. Final decisions and negotiations will be made by the national funding organisations and will be subjected to budgetary considerations. The HC will be informed by the CS about the outcome of the evaluation and final decision no later than the 7th of December 2015.

After a positive funding recommendation, the KH members will be directly contacted by their national funding organisations in order to start the contract negotiation.

5. Responsibilities and reporting requirements

5.1 Progress report

The HC is required to submit an annual scientific progress report on behalf of all KH members to the CS in December of each year. Furthermore, a final scientific and financial report has to be sent to the CS within a period of three months after the project ends.

The TAL/WPLs are responsible for delivering the reports on their thematic area to the HC. All members of the KH are jointly responsible for the delivery of the reports and the main progress report. The SC will only accept complete reports delivered by the HC on behalf of the entire KH.

National funding organisations may also request annual progress reports and a final report on the project from the different KH members from their respective country.

The progress and final results of each individual contract (ministry decree, letter of grant, etc.) will be monitored by the respective national funding organisations.

The intermediate and final reports will be sent out for peer review and will be evaluated by the SB. The HC will be responsible for taking corrective actions if required.

5.2 Communication

The HC represents the KH externally and is responsible for the communication with the CS, SB and the JPI HDHL. For effective contribution to the objectives of the JPI HDHL and the Joint Action “Malnutrition in the Elderly Knowledge Hub”, the HC and TAL/WPLs should be available to participate in meetings with the aim to:

- Exchange results.
- Develop a joint strategy to coordinate and facilitate integration of the planned activities of the JPI HDHL.
- Communicate results across the JPI HDHL.
- Monitor the progress of the activities and coordinate the exploitation of results;
- Interface and build collaborations with the other JPI HDHL Joint Actions and relevant organisations within Europe and worldwide.

5.3 Utilisation of knowledge

In order to enhance visibility of the JPI HDHL, the KH consortium should adhere to the following JPI HDHL dissemination guidelines:

- Appropriate measures should be taken to engage with the public and the media about the project.
- The JPI HDHL should be referred to appropriately in reports, articles or any other documents as part of the KH. The JPI HDHL should be referred to as the “European Joint Programming Initiative “A Healthy Diet for a Healthy Life” (JPI HDHL)”. The following link to the website can be used: <http://www.healthydietforhealthylife.eu/>;
- The JPI HDHL should be acknowledged appropriately in reports, articles or any other documents as part of the JPI HDHL supported project. The acknowledgement should address

the support provided to the project by JPI HDHL and the appropriate national funding organisations.

- The JPI HDHL should be referred to and acknowledged appropriately in any promotional material including event programmes, invitations, press releases, reports, presentations and external websites.
- Whenever possible and useful, the JPI HDHL logo should be used.

6. Management of the call

6.1 Call Secretariat

The call will be coordinated by the Call Secretariat (CS), ZonMw. The CS will be supported by the Steering Board (SB). The CS is responsible for the overall organisation of the call and the management of the review procedure according to the rules agreed upon by the SB. Specifically, the CS acts as the primary contact point for interested researchers and research groups for information on general issues of the Joint Action and its technical aspects. It will take care of managing and administration of the submission procedures (proposal submission, evaluation, selection).

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6.2 Steering Board

The Steering Board (SB) is composed of representatives of the funding organisations that have signed the Malnutrition in the Elderly KH Memorandum of Understanding. The SB will supervise the selection of the EoIs, the evaluation of the KH proposal and the overall progress of the KH. Additionally, the SB will make the final funding recommendation to the national funding organisations on the KH successful proposal and participating researchers and research groups to be funded, based on the assessment and final conclusions reached by the EP.

7. Ethical issues

Research supported by the JPI HDHL must respect fundamental ethical principles. Applicants must ensure that the proposed research respects all national rules and procedures. It is the responsibility of the applicant to identify if their proposed research requires ethical approval. Where ethical approval is required, applicants must inform their national contact point and may be requested to provide further detail. Ethical approval must be obtained from the relevant national or local ethics committee prior to the start of the project.

8. Confidentiality

The JPI HDHL CS takes all reasonable steps to ensure that information provided in the application is

treated as confidential subject to submission to the members of its committees and merit review and to any obligations under law.

9. Time schedule

When	What
25 th of March 2015	Pre-announcement of the Joint Action
15 th of April 2015	Launch of call
16.00 CET 21 st of May 2015	Deadline submission EoI
4 th of June 2015	Formal + national eligibility check finished
9 th of June 2015	Invitation of selected Knowledge Hub members
2nd and 3rd of July 2015	Networking meeting + opening ESS for project proposal
16.00 CET 1 st of October 2015	Deadline submission project proposal
10th of October 2015	Formal + national eligibility check finished
6th of November 2015	Evaluation panel meeting
9th of November 2015	In case of revision decision communicated to project coordinator
16th of November 2015	In case of no revision final funding decision communicated to applicants
16th of November until end of December	In case of no revision final funding national administrative procedures between partners and funding organisations
23th of November 2015	In case of revision deadline revision
28th of November 2015	In case of revision evaluation of revision
7th of December	In case of revision final funding decision communicated to applicants
7th of December until end of December	In case of revision national administrative procedures between partners and funding organisations
From the 25th of December 2015 until the 31 st of March 2016 the latest	Start project

ANNEX 1 National contact points and regulations

Funding organisation	National contact point	National eligibility criteria	Eligible Costs	Anticipated amount of funding for this call
<p>Austria</p> <p>Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy (BMWFV)</p>	<p>BMWFV, Administrative Sector Science and Research</p> <p>Dr. Oliver Mayer (oliver.mayer@bmwfv.gv.at) +43 1 53120 7145</p>	<p>Austrian universities, Austrian non-university research institutes/ organisations, SMEs and industry registered in Austria</p> <p>Only consortia of at least two Austrian partners can apply for KH Membership by submitting a joint EoI.</p> <p>Applicants have to demonstrate the necessary expertise and track record and have to be engaged in respective research activities nationally and internationally.</p> <p>Applicants from private companies are requested to provide their own funding for KH activities – no funding by the BMWFV will be provided.</p> <p>Potential applicants are strongly recommended to contact the national contact point before submitting an</p>	<p>Relevant direct project expenses such as personnel, travel, communication and dissemination costs.</p>	<p>€ 150.000.</p> <p>The allocated budget for initial KH networking activities (e.g. Networking Meeting) is max. €25.000 .</p> <p>In case of a positive evaluation and funding decision on the KH Proposal the remaining budget of max. €125.000 will be granted.</p>

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Belgium Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO)	Olivier Boehme Science Policy Advisor + 32 (0)2 550 15 45 Toon Monbaliu Advisor Research Affairs jpi@fwo.be +32 0(2) 550 15 70	<p>The FWO considers JPIs as an instrument for the coordination of transnational research, hence it chooses to finance only ongoing research projects of the FWO for joint calls.</p> <p>In a first phase interested researchers should submit an expression of interest at the HDHL call secretariat. In a second phase FWO will perform an eligibility check on the submitted proposals and verify whether the expertise is adequate for this knowledge hub theme.</p>	Financing involves an extra budget (a so-called top-up) which should enable the research group to integrate itself in the international knowledge hub.	Total available budget of €200.000. Each FWO project can apply for top-up funding (meaning on top of the already existing funding for the project itself as provided by FWO) of €10.000 euro/year and €20.000 in total.
Fund for scientific Research (FNRS)	Freia Van Hee Policy officer Freia.vanhee@frs-fnrs.be +32 (0)2 504 93 09 Arnaud Goolaerts Scientific Officer Arnaud.goolaerts@frs-fnrs.be +32 (0)2 504 93 28	The applicant must be affiliated to a research institution from the Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles. Further details are given at: http://www.ncp.fnrs.be/index.php/appels/programmation-conjointe	The following networking costs are eligible - Coordination meeting costs - Scientific meeting costs: workshops, conferences - Grants for short and exchange visits (travel costs: transportation, accommodation and per diem)	The maximum amount for the total networking costs of all eligible participants from the Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles is 12.500 EUR per year.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dissemination costs: website and publications (paper and digital limited to 500 EUR), - Database costs (preparation and computing) - Consumables 	
<p>France</p> <p>The National Institute for Agricultural Research (INRA)</p>	<p>INRA Dr B.Darcy-Vrillon, deputy head of the Human nutrition & consumer behaviour division bdarcy@paris.inra.fr tel +33 1 42 75 91 49</p>	<p>Research groups working in universities (or other higher education institutions), public research institutes, hospitals and other health care settings, if relevant together with private partners.</p>	<p>Relevant project expenses, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Salary-related costs - Travel costs - Direct running costs <p>Dissemination and knowledge exchange costs</p>	<p>French applicants will have to provide in-kind contribution for their participation.</p>
<p>Germany</p> <p>Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL) represented by Federal Office for Agriculture and Food (BLE)</p>	<p>BLE – Unit 315 European Research Affairs</p> <p>Dr. Annika Fuchs annika.fuchs@ble.de +4922868453746</p>	<p>German applicants may be research groups from academia, universities or research organisations domiciled in Germany.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Research costs (e.g. staff, consumables, etc.) - Travel / Networking costs - Training costs - Communication and Dissemination costs <p><i>Note: Overhead costs are <u>not</u> eligible</i></p>	<p>€400.000</p>
<p>Ireland</p> <p>Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine (DAFM)</p>	<p>James Conway James.conway@agriculture.gov.ie or jpihdhl@agriculture.gov.ie T: +353 (1) 6072710</p>	<p>All public research performing institutions based in Ireland that can demonstrate the necessary research capabilities and track record.</p>	<p>Relevant project expenses, such as: Salary costs, Consumables, Travel and Overheads, that meet the terms and</p>	<p>€ 150.000.</p>

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			conditions of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine research funding programmes.	
<p>The Netherlands</p> <p>The Netherlands Organisation for Health research and Development (ZonMw)</p>	<p>Dr. Wilke van Ansem/ Ilona de Jager +31 (0)70 3495164 jpihdhl@zonmw.nl</p>	<p>- Application is open to researchers from organisations situated in the Netherlands.</p> <p>- Only researchers working in a consortium existing of maximum 4 organisations amongst which at least 2 academic groups and 1 group within a University of Applied Science can apply for the KH. It's allowed to create a new consortium for this KH.</p> <p>- In any case, Dutch applicants must obligatorily contact the Netherlands National Contact Point before applying to this call.</p> <p>The national selection of Dutch consortia will be done</p>	<p>Relevant project expenses, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Salary-related costs - Travel costs - Direct running costs - Dissemination and knowledge exchange costs. <p>- In case your consortium is recommended for funding, we will ask you to submit the ZonMw budgetary table of the Dutch partners in ZonMw ProjectNet describing the budget needed in the preparation stage of the proposal (max. 25000 euro) no later than the 16th of June 2015.</p> <p>- In case the joint proposal is recommended for funding, we will ask you to submit general information and upload the consortium proposal and the ZonMw</p>	<p>€250.000.</p> <p>- Funding for the KH preparation stage is max 25.000 euro. In case of a positive decision on the full proposal, the remaining budget of max 225.000 euro will be provided. The total budget cannot exceed 250.000 euro. Funding will be provided according to eligible costs and ZonMw Grant Terms and Conditions (see www.zonmw.nl).</p>

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		<p>by an expert committee of national experts in the field of malnutrition.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Applicants submit a joined EoI for the consortium that wants to participate in the KH and in which the individual researchers as well as the Dutch consortium is described. - Criteria for selection are described in the call, additional criteria for the Dutch consortium are: - Good balance among the members and their different expertises with respect to science and good clinical practice. - Added value of the Dutch consortium to the KH. 	<p>budgetary tables of the Dutch partners in ZonMw ProjectNet before the 15th of December 2015.</p>	
<p>Spain</p> <p>National Institute of Health Carlos III (ISCIII)</p>	<p>Laura Mohedano (lmohedano@eu-isciii.es) Sara García (sgrodriguez@eu-isciii.es)</p>	<p>Only research groups from a CIBER, CNIC or IIS are eligible to send an EoI. An additional statement declaring the eligibility and ensuring funding if awarded, signed by the Scientific Director and the Management Director of the CIBER, CNIC or IIS must be</p>	<p>Research costs (e.g. staff and consumables); Travel costs; Communication & dissemination costs; Coordinators' costs; Training & capacity building; Mobility.</p>	<p>In kind (provisional indicative budget 50.000).</p>

Funding organisation	National contact point	National eligibility criteria	Eligible Costs	Anticipated amount of funding for this call
		<p>sent by each PI applicant to any of the ISCIII NCP's and received prior to the deadline of the EoI closing. Proposals not accompanied by this statement will be considered ineligible.</p>		

ANNEX 2 Roles and responsibilities of the Hub Coordinator and Thematic Area/Work Package Leaders

A. Hub Coordinator

The Malnutrition in the Elderly KH members will elect the HC, domiciled in a KH participating country. The HC must have received more than 50% of all votes in a single or more election rounds during the Networking Meeting. The result of the election has to be confirmed by the SB. The HC will be overall responsible and accountable for the affairs of the KH and provide/ascertain its strategic scientific leadership. The HC will take a broad view across the thematic areas/work packages of the KH in order to ensure coherence of the scientific vision that maintains the thrust of the KH.

The HC's main responsibilities will be to:

- Develop a joint programme of activities for the Malnutrition in the Elderly KH, as well as a strategy for its implementation.
- Coordinate and facilitate integration of the planned activities across the thematic areas/work packages.
- Ensure that results arising from the activities are communicated promptly and regularly across the KH.
- Attend KH meetings to monitor the progress of the activities.
- Coordinate the exploitation of results interface and build collaborations with relevant organisations within Europe and worldwide.
- Provide means to build and strengthen the research communities in the KH thematic areas at the regional, national and European level.

Other management duties of the HC will include to:

- Complete the electronic submission of the proposal on behalf of the partners.
- Be the primary point of contact for the SB.
- Deliver regular reports and products to the SB on behalf of the partners.
- Communicate with the SB any event that might affect the sound implementation of the project.
- Be responsible for the overall justification of resource expenditure.

Criteria for election of the HC:

1. Scientific vision and scientific expertise

- Capacity of the applicant to deliver a strategic research plan of activities and an innovative programme for its implementation.
- Skills and knowledge necessary to pursue the Malnutrition in the Elderly KH objectives
- Ability and experience to stimulate the development of new tools, techniques or methods across the KH.

2. Contribution to the KH

- Scientific leadership of the applicant and relevance to the JPI HDHL mission.
- Proven ability to communicate with relevant stakeholders.
- International competitiveness and previous experiences in coordination of large EU consortia.

3. Institutional and external commitment

- Institutional funding: direct contribution of institutional funds to the applicants' centre/department/group.

- Links to stakeholders (including government, industry) in the KH thematic areas.

4. Leadership

- Proven outstanding leadership skills and proven outstanding managerial skills.

B. The Thematic Area/Work Package Leaders (TAL/WPLs)

During the Networking Meeting the TAL/WPLs will be elected.

The TAL/WPLs' main responsibilities will be to:

- Contribute to develop a joint programme for the KH and a strategy for its implementation in collaboration with the HC and the other TAL/WPLs.
- Manage the research activities within the thematic area and work packages.
- Communicate results arising regularly through the HC and across the KH.
- Attend KH meetings and report on their progress.
- Design a strategy for the exploitation of results in consultation with the other TAL/WPLs and the HC.
- Interface and build collaborations with relevant organisations, within Europe and internationally.
- Provide means to build and strengthen the research communities at the regional, national and European level.

Other management duties of the TAL/WPLs will be to:

- Provide regular reports and deliverables to the HC for reporting to the JPI HDHL SB.
- Inform the HC of any event that might affect the sound implementation of the work plan
- Be responsible for the overall justification of resource expenditure within the thematic area/work package.

ANNEX 3 Template Expression of Interest and proposal

SUBMISSION OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN KNOWLEDGE HUB

Before the start of the submission process (preferable a couple of weeks before the submission process, so all researchers or research groups have sufficient time to perform the following actions):

- ⇒ **Step 1:** All individual/main researchers submitting an Expression of Interest must register on the JPI HDHL website and fill out the requested profile information before the submission.
- ⇒ **Step 2:** If applicable, all partners of the national consortium (i.e., researchers/organisations involved within the consortium from the countries that are partners in the call and that are eligible to their national funding organisations and thus, can request funding) and collaborators (i.e., researchers/organisations involved within the consortium that are not eligible to their national funding organisations or that are not from countries that are partners in the call and thus, cannot request funding) of the KH must register on the JPI HDHL website and fill out the requested profile information.
- ⇒ **Step 3:** By logging in on the JPI HDHL website the submission process can be started. Providing all the requested information is mandatory for a successful submission.

Expression of Interest template

Individual/main researcher:

Individual researcher submitting the expression of interest in the knowledge hub or the main researcher that is in charge of a national consortium and the online submission of the expression of interest in the knowledge hub.

Name

Title

Function

Institution/Department

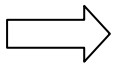
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[Upload the letter of Expression of Interest]

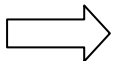


Step 4: The individual researcher or main researcher should select all partners within the consortium. The partners will appear in the list if they are registered on the website of the JPI HDHL.

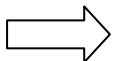
Partners of the national consortium (this part can be skipped by individual researchers):

Researchers/organisations involved within the national consortium and that are eligible to their national/regional funding organisations and thus, can request funding.

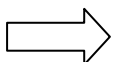
No.	Name	Details	Validation partnership and upload letter of Expression of Interest
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Step 5: Each partner should logon to the website of the JPI HDHL and validate their partnership.



Step 6: The project coordinator should upload partners' Eols and check (and if necessary update) partners' details.



Step 7: The project coordinator should select all collaborators within the consortium. The collaborators will appear in the list if they are registered on the website of the JPI HDHL.

Collaborators:

Researchers/organisations involved within the national consortium that are not eligible to their national/regional funding organisations.

No.	Name	Country	Validation partnership and upload letter of Expression

			of Interest
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➔ **Step 8:** Each collaborator should logon to the website of the JPI HDHL and validate their partnership. Furthermore, they declare that they have funds to participate in the consortium and explain secured funding.

➔ **Step 9:** The project coordinator should upload collaborators' Eols and check (and if necessary update) collaborators' details.

➔ **Step 10:** The individual researcher should fill out the rest of the template and when finished press submit.

Description of expertise and scientific excellence of individual researcher or members of the national consortium with regard to the knowledge hub (max. 300 words for each individual, 1500 for the consortium as a whole):

Intended contribution of the individual researcher or the national consortium to the knowledge hub (max. 300 words for each individual, 1500 for the consortium as a whole):

Description of capacity (infrastructures, databases, etc.) and list of ongoing projects that individual researchers/organisation/consortium whose activities can contribute (in kind) to the establishment of the Knowledge Hub (max. 300 words):

Please provide a statement about the motivation to participate in the Knowledge Hub, the added value of the proposed contribution and the willingness to share data according to Open Access Policies and Strategies (max. 300 words)

Please indicate if individual researcher or members of a national consortium is/are willing to coordinate the Knowledge Hub or be a WP/Task leader

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hub Coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> Hub Deputy Coordinator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WP Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Task leader |

Please also explain (max. 250 words):

