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CALL 01/C05-I02/2022 INTERFACE MISSION

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR THE BASE FUNDING PROGRAM

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Interface Mission is part of RRP Component 5 “**Business Capitalization and Innovation**” and has as main goals:

- Expand and consolidate the network of interface institutions between the academic, scientific and technological system and the Portuguese business fabric,
- Enhance the impact of this network in promoting R&D investment,
- Promote innovative investment in companies, namely in terms of their export potential.

Investment: 186M€

Time frame: 30 jun 2026

Focus: CTI e CoLAB

Contribute to a level of R&D investment of 3% of GDP by 2030

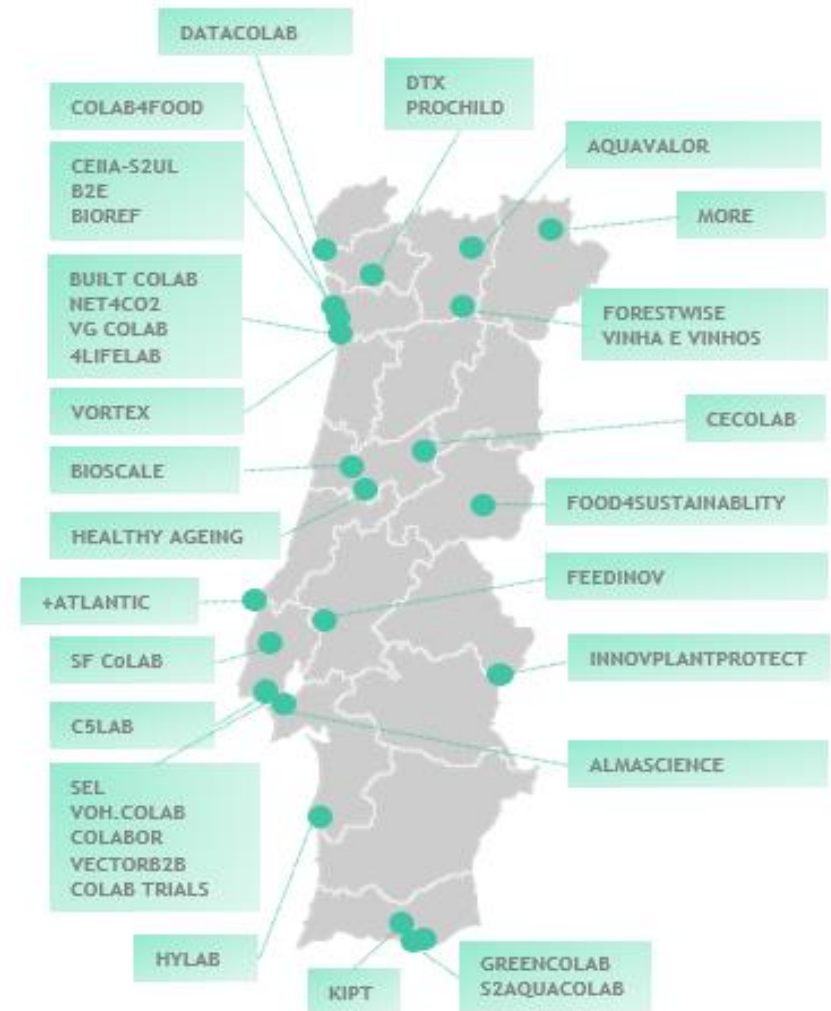


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- Simplified procedure for the evaluation and selection of applications of the Collaborative Laboratories (CoLAB);
- Public base funding support general expenditures, the hiring and qualification of human resources, the modernization of equipment, the technical training of assets and highly qualified resources
- Call addressed to the 35 CoLABs recognized until December 31, 2021.



PHASE 1

Submission of expressions of interest/application

15th of March 2022

PHASE 2-A

Analysis of access and eligibility conditions

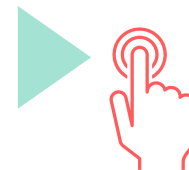
31st of March

PHASE 2-B

Evaluation, decision and contracting

30th of June

Indicative Budget: 80M€



<https://www.ani.pt/pt/valorizacao-do-conhecimento/interface/laborat%C3%B3rios-colaborativos-colab//>

Access Conditions



CoLAB recognized by the Foundation for Science and Technology

Proposals must focus on the intervention areas 021 and 022

Proposal must guarantee compliance with the Do No Significant Harm (DNSH) principle

Proposal must comply with the rules applicable to State aid

Each CoLAB may submit only one expression of interest

Eligibility Conditions



Entity legally constituted

Have the tax and contributory situation regularized

Regularized situation in terms of certified activity reports and accounts

Possess or be able to ensure the technical, physical and financial means necessary for the implementation and realization of the contracted investments

Regularized situation in terms of replacements, within the scope of financing from European funds



Expression of Interest



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In addition to filling the form, the Expression of Interest must include:

- **Technical Annex**, written in English with a maximum length of 30 pages (Arial 11, A4), including:

Part 1: Strategic Vision

- Presentation and update of the Research and Innovation Agenda for the period to be contracted.
- Analysis of the main strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats.

Part 2: Action Plan for the duration of the program contract

- Detailed action plan indicating the activities and expected results.
- Internationalization plan.
- Strategy for human resources.
- Plan for integrating collaborative activities with other entities.
- GANTT chart.

Part 3: Strategic Vision

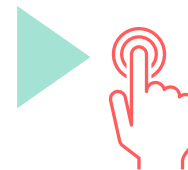
- Presentation of CoLAB's governance and management model, as well as the role of each associate.

Part 4: Investment and Business Plan

- Global investment plan and budget associated with the planned activities, distributed by investment items.
- Annual projection of results for the duration of the program-contract.
- Detailed plan for diversifying funding sources, considering the evolution of the funding model based on the 1/3+1/3+1/3 distribution.

Part 5: Expected potential impact

- Presentation of key indicators and justification of proposed targets.



FORM

SUPPORT GUIDELINES



Expenses – Eligibility Rules



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Human resources

Expenses associated to monthly remuneration (including social obligations), work insurance, among other.

Travel, accommodation and other related with missions

Expenses related with missions and participation in national and international networks and platforms

Materials and consumables

Acquisition of materials and consumables

Equipment and Infrastructures

Renovation and adaptation of infrastructures, as well as the acquisition and modernization of equipment

Subcontracts

Expenses related with the subcontracting of experts and/or subcontracting specific actions/tasks.

Other goods and services

Other expenses associated with Action Plan implementation, such as intangible investments, training and capacitation of human resources, integration in national and international platforms, among other.

Real costs incurred with the operation and within the established deadlines

- The financing rate to be applied to the eligible expenses is **100%**.
- The investment in **equipment and infrastructures must not exceed 50%** of the total eligible expenses.
- Expenses associated with intangible investment, equipment and infrastructures are only considered eligible expenses if it is shown that they were **acquired under market conditions and from third parties unrelated to the acquirer.**
- Expenses must be **fully executed by the 31st of March 2026 and effectively paid by the 30th of June 2026.**



Further information



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- CoLABs with ongoing operations to hire highly qualified human resources can and should apply for this notice, ensuring that resources financed by other sources of funding do not incur double funding.
- Agreements with other entities are not mandatory but recommended to validate and confirm the CoLAB funding sources complementary to public base funding.
- Value Added Tax (VAT), recoverable or not by the beneficiary, is not eligible under this support.
- Regarding the acquisition of tangible and intangible assets and the recovery of facilities, both the acquisition or amortization costs are eligible.

- Expenses are eligible, if actually paid, from the 20th of February 2020.
- The program-contract has a duration of 3 years from the date of execution and payment of the first expense.
- FCT support only exists to complement PT2020 support to highly qualified human resources and will only be maintained until the end of current contracts.
- The PRR Interface Mission finances the total base public funding of CoLABs for this new funding period until 2026.
- The terms of the funding delivery model will be included in the program-contract, namely about the frequency of payments, reporting requirements and deadlines.

- Contributions “in-kind” from partners, for example the donation or lease of a building, use of equipment and/or allocation of human resources can be counted for the calculation of the funding model based on the 1/3+1/3+1/3 distribution, as long as the contributions are duly accounted under the legal terms in force and included in the official accounts of the CoLAB duly certified.
- The Interface Mission finances 100% of the expenses considered eligible and which necessarily correspond to the development of non-economic activities.



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Q&A

