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Joint Transnational Call for Proposals (2026) for

Inequalities in access to health and care

(THCS Grant 101095654)

Pre-proposal application template

Please note:

- This template is an indicative model of pre-proposal application form. All information has to be filled in directly online via the electronic proposal submission system (EPSS) with the exception of the annexes (Section 6) <https://proposals.etag.ee/thcs/2026>.
- All Participants i.e. Consortium Partners and Collaborators must log in onto the EPSS to confirm their participation in a pre-proposal and complete their information as required;
- Proposals that do not meet the regional/national eligibility criteria and requirements will be deemed ineligible without further review.
- The content of the pre-proposal must be written in English and follow the set guidelines. The different sections of the pre-proposal should not exceed the prescribed maximum space. Incomplete pre-proposals that do not adhere to the general eligibility criteria and to the national/regional eligibility requirements will be rejected and will not be evaluated;
- Any documents other than those requested as part of the proposal will not be forwarded to the Peer-Review Panel members;
- The pre-proposal can be submitted by the Consortium coordinator multiple times before the pre-proposal submitting deadline on 2 February 2026, 14H00 CEST. Only the very last submitted copy will be used by the Joint Call Secretariat (JCS). It is not possible to edit / submit the pre-proposal after this deadline.

Checklist for the Coordinator

In order to make sure that your proposal will be eligible for this call, please collect the information required (help provided through the “Call Text”, “Guidelines for Applicants” and your regional/national contact points).

General conditions:

- The project proposal addresses the **AIM/s** of the call.
- I am aware of the **regional/national requirements** of the corresponding funding organisations.

Composition of the consortium:

- The consortium must include at least three (3) eligible partners from three different countries whose funding organisations participate in the call. At least two (2) members of the consortium should be legal entities from two different EU Member States or Horizon Europe associated countries. Each of these partners must be eligible and request funding from the respective funding organisation. All three legal entities must be independent of each other.
- The project coordinator is eligible to be funded by one of the participating funding organisations.
- Max. 2 eligible project partners request funding from the same country. For some funding agencies, the maximum number of eligible partners who can be funded in one project is limited to one (see also “Guidelines for Applicants” for individual funding rules).
- No more than two partners with own funding (i.e. collaborators) are part in the consortia with at least three partners eligible for funding or a maximum of three collaborators if one or more of the collaborators is an operational stakeholder.

Eligibility of consortium partners:

- I have checked that no partner of this consortium is a member of the THCS partnership consortium, Peer Review Panel (PRP), Call Steering Committee (CSC).
- I have checked that partners involved in the project proposal and requesting budget are eligible to receive funding from their funding organisation.
- If the consortium includes a partner on own funding: For the partner participating with its own funding, a signed (written) statement (commitment letter) should be uploaded as annex in the electronic submission tool, declaring that this partner will be able to run the project with its own resources.

1. General information

This part will have to be filled in directly in the EPSS.

Project title

Acronym (max. 15 characters)

Duration (in months)

Keywords (from 5 up to 7)

Please list 5 to 7 keywords describing your proposal, separate keywords with a comma or with a new line

Scientific abstract (500 - 2000 characters, including spaces)

Popular Science Summary (500 - 2000 characters, including spaces)

Please give a comprehensive and readable summary of the primary aims and methods of the project (why the research is being suggested, what you aim to achieve, how this may impact on the rest of the research community and society). Please note that if your proposal is selected for funding this abstract could be used for communication purposes by THCS or national funding agencies. Please remember that the text should be written in an easily readable style. You should use short, clear sentences broken up into paragraphs for readability, and avoid complex grammatical structures where possible. You should use every day English words instead of complex words.

Scientific disciplines involved

Dropdown list

Medical Domains

Dropdown list:

- Cardiology/cardiovascular diseases
- Dentistry and related pathologies
- Dermatology and related diseases
- Endocrinology and related diseases
- Gastroenterology and related diseases
- Haematology/immunology and related diseases
- Infectious diseases
- Mental Health and Social Issues
- Metabolic diseases
- Musculoskeletal diseases
- Nephrology/urology and related diseases
- Neurodegenerative diseases
- Neurology and related diseases
- Oncology/Cancer
- Otolaryngology and related diseases
- Paediatrics, Pregnancy, Gynaecology
- Pulmonary/Respiratory Diseases
- Rheumatology
- Other

Submission of the same research proposal to other calls

Is this submitted proposal subject to another evaluation process?

YES NO

If YES, please specify:

Submission of the research proposal to the previous THCS call

This application is:

- a new proposal
- a derivate from the previous THCS call 2025
- a derivate from the previous THCS call 2024
- a derivate from the previous THCS call 2023

2. Project consortium

This part will have to be filled directly in the EPSS.

For the Consortium coordinator and each scientific partner (others than the coordinator, including also partners participating on own funding), please fill in the following table.

Reminder on eligibility criteria and consortium composition: maximum number of partners is 9, including the coordinator (no more than 2 partners from the same country).

2.1 Partners details

Details of the Principal Investigator

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| First name | |
| Last name | |
| Title | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CEO• CTO• COO• Dr• MD• Mr• Mrs• Ms• MSc• PhD• Prof. |
| Nationality | |
| Gender | |
| PI identifier | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Google Scholar• ORCID• Researcher ID• Scopus ID |
| PI identifier link | |
| Phone number | |
| Email | |
| URL / Website of the PI | |
| Professional status | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assistant professor• Associate professor• PhD-student• Post-Doc• Professor• Senior scientist• Other: |

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| Career stage | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Category A Top grade officer/researcher: the single highest grade/post at which management/research is normally conducted. Example: Director/Head of Unit/Full professor or Director of research. • Category B Senior officer/researcher: Managers/Researchers working in positions not as senior as top position but more senior than newly qualified doctoral graduates (IsCED level 8). Examples: Programme Managers, associate professor or senior researcher or principal investigator. • Category C Recognised officer/researcher: the first grade/post into which a newly qualified doctoral graduate would normally be recruited. Examples: Project Manager, assistant professor, investigator or post-doctoral fellow. • Category D First stage officer/researcher: Either training contracts or doctoral students at the IsCED level 8 who are engaged as junior project managers, researchers, or researchers working in posts that do not normally require a doctorate degree. Examples: junior training contracts, PhD students or junior researchers (without a PhD). |
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Details of the Institution

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| Legal full name of the institution | |
| Department | |
| Short name (acronym), if any | |
| Participant Identification Code (PIC) | <p>If you want to participate in a project proposal, your organisation need to be registered and have a 9-digit Participant Identification Code (PIC). Please find details at the following link: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/how-to-participate/participant-register</p> |
| Type of entity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academia • Healthcare and/or social welfare service provider • Large enterprises • Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) • Patient organisations • Non-profit private partner (for instance NGO's) • Other: |
| Status | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private • Public |
| Statistical Classification of Economic Activities (NACE) | <p>For more information: https://nacev2.com/en</p> |
| Participant Organisation Type | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Bodies (PUB) • Research Organisations (REC) • Private for-profit entities (PRC) |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Higher or Secondary Education Establishments (HES) Other (OTH) |
| SME status if private | YES/NO |
| Enterprise other than SME | |
| Organisation website | |
| Address Street Name | |
| Address Number | |
| PO Box | |
| Postal Code | |
| Cedex | |
| City | |
| Town | |
| Country | |
| Department has same address | Tick box: YES/NO. If NO, need to fill Department address fields |
| Department Address Street Name | |
| Department Address Number | |
| Department PO Box | |
| Department Postal Code | |
| Department Cedex | |
| Department Town | |

Details of the Teams Members

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|-------------------|--|
| First name | |
| Last name | |
| Title | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CEO CTO COO Dr MD Mr Mrs Ms |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MSc • PhD • Prof. |
| Nationality | |
| Gender | |
| PI identifier | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Google Scholar • ORCID • Researcher ID • Scopus ID |
| Email | |
| Career stage | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Category A Top grade officer/researcher: the single highest grade/post at which management/research is normally conducted. Example: Director/Head of Unit/Full professor or Director of research. • Category B Senior officer/researcher: Managers/Researchers working in positions not as senior as top position but more senior than newly qualified doctoral graduates (IsCED level 8). Examples: Programme Managers, associate professor or senior researcher or principal investigator. • Category C Recognised officer/researcher: the first grade/post into which a newly qualified doctoral graduate would normally be recruited. Examples: Project Manager, assistant professor, investigator or post-doctoral fellow. • Category D First stage officer/researcher: Either training contracts or doctoral students at the IsCED level 8 who are engaged as junior project managers, researchers, or researchers working in posts that do not normally require a doctorate degree. Examples: junior training contracts, PhD students or junior researchers (without a PhD). |

2.2 Collaborators details

Maximum of two (2) collaborators per consortium are permitted or a maximum of three (3) collaborators if one or more of the collaborators is an operational stakeholder. Collaborators are self-funded partners that do not request funds from one of the participating funding organisations (i.e. partners from non-funding countries or partners who are not eligible according to national/regional regulations of the participating funding organisations), i.e. partners that do not request funds in this JTC provided from one of the participating funding organisations (i.e. partners from non-funding countries or partners who are not eligible according to national/regional regulations of the participating funding organisations).

Details of the Principal Investigator

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| First name | |
| Last name | |
| Title | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CEO • CTO • COO |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr • MD • Mr • Mrs • Ms • MSc • PhD • Prof. |
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| PI identifier link | |
| Phone number | |
| Email | |
| URL / Website of the PI | |
| Professional status | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistant professor • Associate professor • PhD-student • Post-Doc • Professor • Senior scientist • Other: |
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| Type of entity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academia • Healthcare and/or social welfare service provider • Large enterprises • Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) • Patient organisations • Non-profit private partner (for instance NGO's) • Other: |
| Status | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private • Public |
| Statistical Classification of Economic Activities (NACE) | <p>For more information: https://nacev2.com/en</p> |
| Participant Organisation Type | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Bodies (PUB) • Research Organisations (REC) • Private for-profit entities (PRC) • Higher or Secondary Education Establishments (HES) • Other (OTH) |
| SME status if private | YES/NO |
| Enterprise other than SME | |
| Organisation website | |
| Address Street Name | |
| Address Number | |
| PO Box | |
| Postal Code | |
| Cedex | |
| City | |
| Town | |

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| Country | |
| Department has same address | Tick box: YES/NO. If NO, need to fill Department address fields |
| Department Address Street Name | |
| Department Address Number | |
| Department PO Box | |
| Department Postal Code | |
| Department Cedex | |
| Department Town | |

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| | <p>Managers, associate professor or senior researcher or principal investigator.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Category C Recognised officer/researcher: the first grade/post into which a newly qualified doctoral graduate would normally be recruited. Examples: Project Manager, assistant professor, investigator or post-doctoral fellow. • Category D First stage officer/researcher: Either training contracts or doctoral students at the ISCED level 8 who are engaged as junior project managers, researchers, or researchers working in posts that do not normally require a doctorate degree. Examples: junior training contracts, PhD students or junior researchers (without a PhD). |
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2.3 Consortium at glance

| No. | Name and Surname of the Principal investigator / Collaborator | Institution, Department, full Affiliations | City, Country | Type of entity (University, Hospital, Research Institute, SME, Large Industry, Associations, other) |
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| 1 | | | | |
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| Col1 | | | | |
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3. Project description (20 000 characters, spaces including)

This part will have to be filled in directly in the EPSS.

1. *Explain how the proposal fits in the scope of the call highlighting the transformative dimension of the proposed work for health and care systems and the ecosystem approach;*
2. *Describe the background, the current state of the art, the scientific objectives and the hypothesis, theories and/or main research questions highlighting the novelty of the proposed concepts, organisational and business models, solutions, services of the project;*
3. *Explain the soundness and feasibility of the proposed methodology and research design to achieve the proposed objectives;*
4. *Describe the added value of the transnational collaboration as well as the multidisciplinary and inter-sectorial collaboration.*
5. *Describe your plan of impact and to what extent it is ambitious to improve equity and access to health and care systems. Indicate how the proposal could influence or change the way that healthcare is delivered and the effect of the projects' outcomes on the patient/citizen, public health, industry or other socio-economic health-relevant applications. Indicate how your proposed work have a strategic impact on solving access inequalities at the European and international levels;*
6. *Explain the suitability and quality of the measures to maximise expected outcomes and impacts (dissemination, exploitation, communication plan, literacy, training)*
7. *Relevance for society and/ or policy and/or industry: explain to what extent your project could lead to novel/original contribution for tackling societal and/or policy and/or industrial challenges, including your approach/ambition towards stakeholder and/or end-user engagement to achieve the expected impact on society and/or policy and/or industry.*
8. *Stakeholders and End-users engagement: explain to what extent your project implies that societal actors (researchers, healthcare systems, citizens, policy makers, industry, third sector organisations, etc.) work together during the whole process (co-creation, co-design and co-production) in order to better align both the process and its outcomes with the values, needs and expectations of society.*

| | Partner 6 | | Partner 7 | | Partner 8 | | Partner 9 | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| PI (group lead) | | | | | | | | |
| Institution | | | | | | | | |
| Country | | | | | | | | |
| Funding organisation | | | | | | | | |
| PROJECT COSTS (€) | Total = <i>requested + in-kind</i> | Requested |
| Person Months | | | | | | | | |
| Personnel € | | | | | | | | |
| Consumables € | | | | | | | | |
| Equipment € | | | | | | | | |
| Travel € ¹ | | | | | | | | |
| Other direct costs € ² | | | | | | | | |
| Overheads € ³ | | | | | | | | |
| Subcontracting € ² | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | | | | | | | | |

| | Collaborator 1 | Collaborator 2 |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| PI (group lead) | | |
| Institution | | |
| Country | | |
| Funding organisation | | |

| PROJECT COSTS (€) | Total = <i>requested + in-kind</i> | Requested | Total = <i>requested + in-kind</i> | Requested |
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| Person Months | | | | |
| Personnel € | | | | |
| Consumables € | | | | |
| Equipment € | | | | |
| Travel € ¹ | | | | |
| Other direct costs € ² | | | | |
| Overheads € ³ | | | | |
| Subcontracting € ² | | | | |
| TOTAL | | | | |

¹ Travel expenses should include the participation of the coordinator and regional/national partner leads for at least two status seminars to present the project results.

² e.g. subcontracting, provisions, licensing fees; may not be eligible costs in all countries (will be handled according legal framework and funding body regulations).

³ Overhead costs: funding according to regional/national legal framework and funding body regulations. Check the respective funding organisation Annex II “Guidelines for Applicants” or contact your relevant funding agency for further information.

5. Brief CVs of each principal investigator (PI)

This part will have to be filled in directly in the EPSS, using the CV template below.

Please provide a brief CV for the Project Coordinator (partner 1) and each Project Partner's Principal Investigator (PI) including collaborators.

Please be reminded that partners participating on own funding and patient organisations/representatives added as consortium partners should be also presented.

When relevant, please specify in the CVs, the Partners' capacity to involve stakeholders.

| Partner | Please indicate what applies: coordinator (partner 1), partner 2, partner 3, etc. |
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| Name | |
| Nationality | |
| Institution, City, Country | |
| URL / Website | (including complete list of publications if any) |
| Professional Status | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Professor - Assistant professor - Associate professor - Senior scientist - Post-Doc - PhD-student - Other |
| Education | Year; type of education; organisation; country |
| Positions | Year; Position; organisation; country |
| Awards received / other responsibilities | (max 1,000 characters including spaces) |
| General expertise and its relevance for the project | (max 1,000 characters including spaces) |
| Publications | Up to 5 most important achievements, publications, IP (e.g. patents) relevant to the proposal over 2020-2025, if any |
| Additional information | Honours, awards, memberships or references; up to 5 relevant third-party funded projects conducted in the area in the past 5 years |

6. Annexes (page limits per optional section as indicated below)

The annexes have to be uploaded as single PDF on the EPSS. Please note that letters of support are NOT requested and will NOT be considered for the evaluation.

- *List of references (max. 1 page)*
- *Page with diagrams, figures, etc. to support the project description (max. 1 page)*