



HDHL-INTIMIC

New Joint Transnational call: Knowledge Platform on Food, Diet, Intestinal Microbiomics and Human Health

Preliminary Announcement

The HDHL-INTIMIC partners are pleased to announce the launch of the 2nd joint funding activity “Knowledge Platform on Food, Diet, Intestinal Microbiomics and Human Health” expected on **September 4th 2018**.

With this new activity JPI HDHL aims to establish a Knowledge Platform on Food, Diet, Intestinal Microbiomics and Human Health. The Knowledge Platform provides the unique possibility to connect all funded JPI HDHL researchers with other existing initiatives and relevant stakeholders in the human microbiome and health research area.

The Knowledge Platform will be implemented under the umbrella of the JPI HDHL 2nd ERA-Net Cofund, named HDHL-INTIMIC. HDHL-INTIMIC aims at coordinating national and regional research programmes in the areas of diet, intestinal microbiomics and human health as well as nutrition and human health in general, thereby contributing to the implementation of JPI HDHL objectives.

Aims of the call

The overall aim of the Knowledge Platform on Food, Diet, Intestinal Microbiomics and Human Health is to foster transnational and multidisciplinary collaboration and networking in order to accelerate, further develop and increase the impact of intestinal microbiome research related to human health.

For this, participating funding agencies will bring together research groups from various disciplines to form an international consortium that will design and implement the Knowledge Platform. The platform will for example carry out joint multidisciplinary activities aiming at integrating expertise, knowledge, facilities and databases in areas such as biology, medicine, nutrition and (bio) informatics.

The activities of the platform should focus on the current research challenges in the field, for example:

- **Standardisation and harmonisation**
- **Data handling, knowledge and data sharing**
- **Move from association to causality**

Activities of the Knowledge Platform

Networking activities to foster **multidisciplinary research and transnational collaboration** and **reduce fragmentation** in the research field are the focus of the Knowledge Platform. In addition to this, the JPI HDHL may also support **transnational, multidisciplinary collaborative research activities** that address and contribute to the above-described research challenges.

Participating countries and respective funding organisations

Table 1 lists the countries, respective funding organisations that provide funding for the activities of the Knowledge Platform.

Country	Funding Organisation	Short name
Austria	Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research. Call implemented by the Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG)	BMBWF
Belgium	Flanders Research Institute for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food	ILVO
Israel	Ministry of Science, Technology and Space	MoST
Italy	Ministry of agricultural, food and forestry policies	MiPAAF
France	French National Institute for Agricultural Research	INRA
France	French National Institute of Health and Medical Research	Inserm
Germany	Federal Ministry of Education and Research, represented by the Project Management Agency in the German Aerospace Center	BMBF represented by DLR-PT
Germany	Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture represented by the Federal Office for Agriculture and Food	BMEL Represented by BLE
The Netherlands	The Netherlands Organisation for Health Research and Development	ZonMw
Spain	National Institute of Health Carlos III	ISCIII

Table 1: overview funding organisations that intend to provide funding for activities of the Knowledge Platform

In addition to this funding, the following research organisations intend to participate with their already funded projects in the HDHL-INTIMIC cofunded call (2017). Please note that these research organisations have no funding available to support additional activities of the Knowledge Platform. However, travel money for the meetings of the Knowledge Platform is already included in the budget of the already funded projects.

Table 2: Overview of countries/funding organisations participating in the Knowledge Platform with projects funded in the HDHL-INTIMIC cofunded call “Interrelation of the Intestinal Microbiome, Diet and Health” (2017)

Country	Funding Organisation	Short name
Italy	Ministry of Education, University and Research	MIUR
Spain	Ministry of Economy, Industry and Competitiveness	MINECO
Sweden	The Swedish Research Council Formas	FORMAS

* The French National Research Agency (ANR) participated in the HDHL-INTIMIC cofunded call “Interrelation of the Intestinal Microbiome, Diet and Health. Research groups granted by ANR in the cofunded call can use their mission budget to participate in the Knowledge Platform.

General conditions for application

JPI HDHL aims at connecting all funded JPI HDHL projects that are related to the research of food, diet, intestinal microbiomics and human health. In addition to this, the call will be open for other related initiatives (not funded by JPI HDHL). Table 3 summarises the different eligibility rules for this call.

Table 3: Overview eligibility rules Knowledge Platform

Type of projects/partners	Eligibility
Projects funded under the HDHL-INTIMIC cofunded call “ Interrelation of the Intestinal Microbiome, Diet and Health ” (2017)	Formally eligible for participation.
Projects funded under the Joint Action (JA) “ Intestinal Microbiomics ” (2015)	Formally eligible for participation (participation depending on the availability of funds from

	national funding agency and/or own funds).
Other JPI HDHL funded projects	Eligibility depending on national funding rules.
Other related projects/initiatives/research groups	Eligibility depending on national funding rules.

Interested researchers or research groups from academia and other research institutes from the participating countries can submit an Expression of Interest (EoI) to join the platform until **October 9th, 2018**. The EoI focuses mainly on the scientific expertise, the motivation to participate in the network and the contribution the researcher or the research group can make to the platform.

The selection and appointment of members will be performed by the respective national funding organisations. The successful researchers and research groups will be invited to a Network Meeting in November 2018 to start the development of one joint network proposal. The network proposal needs to be submitted by February 2019 and will then be evaluated by the Scientific Evaluation Committee to reach a final funding decision.

Tentative Call time schedule

When	What
September 4th 2018	Publication of the call
October 9th 2018	Deadline submission Expression of Interest
October 26th 2018	CSC meeting selection platform members
October 30th 2018	Communication of selected platform members + invitation to Network Meeting
November 20th 2018	Network meeting
February 5th 2019	Deadline submission joint network proposal
February 28th 2019	SEC and CSC meeting for proposal evaluation
Early March 2019	Communication of final decision to platform coordinator (revision of proposal or no revision required)

More information will soon be available online:

<https://www.healthydietforhealthylife.eu>

Please note: The content of the call described in this pre-announcement may be subject to changes and is not legally binding to the funding organisations.

