Pre-Announcement of the 3rd Co-funded Call for Transnational Collaborative Research and Innovation Projects:

"Strengthening the Future of Animal Health & Welfare"

The European Partnership on Animal Health and Welfare hereby pre-announces the 3rd co-funded call for transnational research and innovation projects.

The opening of the call is expected January 2027.

Details presented in this document may be subject to change before the opening of the call. Further information:

https://www.eupahw.eu/

https://eupahw.ptj.de/

Scope of the Call & Call Topics

This call is open to proposals addressing one of the research topics described below, focusing on terrestrial and aquatic animals.

Topic 1: Prevention, Preparedness and Emerging Threats

Proposals under this Topic must contribute to the prevention, preparedness for, early detection or improved understanding of infectious disease threats affecting livestock or aquaculture. Projects may develop or improve surveillance and monitoring systems, diagnostic tools, methods for distinguishing infectious status or transmission, and less invasive or more practical sampling approaches.

Covering EUPAHW SRIA actions;

OO1-1 Research on monitoring & surveillance systems for animal infectious diseases
OO3-3 Diagnostic tools to distinguish infectious status, pathogen viability, interspecies transmission and resistance variants
OO3-4 Quantitative and multi-target diagnostics

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OO3-5 Less invasive and more convenient sample collection methods

Topic 2: Sustainable Animal Welfare Systems

Proposals under this Topic must develop or improve methods, technologies, procedures or systems for assessing, monitoring or improving the welfare of farmed terrestrial or aquatic animals. Eligible work may address on-farm conditions, transport, slaughter or killing for disease-control purposes, where covered by the selected Research Action.

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- OO4-2 Assessment of on-farm welfare through measures at the slaughter line
- OO4-6 The assessment and monitoring of animal welfare during transport
- OO6-4 Innovative systems for stunning and killing livestock and aquatic animals
- OO6-5 Innovative systems for the transport of livestock and aquatic animals

Transversal Research Actions

Proposals are encouraged to include one or more of the Transversal Research Actions (TRAs) alongside another research action from Topic 1 or 2.

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- OO9-1 The economic and societal burden of priority diseases
- OO9-2 Socio-economic consequences of the possible changes in livestock and fish farming
- OO9-3 Conduct social science research to assess the behaviour of stakeholders in maintaining and improving the health and welfare of production animals
- OO9-4 Integrated solutions that combine disease mitigation and improved animal welfare in sustainable livestock production and aquaculture
- OO9-5 Integrated strategies for policy-making and risk managers on the control of animal diseases, including emergency situations
- OO2-5 Rapid risk assessment methodologies for animal health and welfare issues

Who can apply?

Universities and other higher education institutions, public research institutions, non-profit organisations, civil society representatives and private companies can apply, subject to the national/regional regulations and eligibility criteria. Partners ineligible to receive funding from participating Funding Organisations (see below) can also be part of research consortia if they bring their own resources.

The conditions for participating in the external research calls for the Research Performing Organisations that are beneficiaries of the EUPAHW will be further defined in the Call Announcement.

Procedure

The call will follow a two-step procedure. The call launch is planned for January 2027 when also the partnering tool will be available on the submission tool homepage (https://eupahw.ptj.de/). Projects are expected to start in early 2028, depending on grant negotiations with the relevant regional or national funding organisations.

Participating Funding Organisations

Country	Funder
Austria	FWF
Belgium	F.R.S.-FNRS
	FIO
	FPS Health
	FWO
Estonia	ETAG
	REM
Finland	MMM
France	ANR
Germany	BMLEH/BLE
Ireland	DAFM
Italy	MOH (to be confirmed)
Lithuania	LMT
	ZUM (to be confirmed)
Netherlands	MINLVVN
Norway	RCN
Romania	ANC
	ANSVSA
Slovakia	CVTISR
Spain	AEI
	CDTI
Sweden	FORMAS
Türkiye	TAGEM
	TUBITAK
United Kingdom	DEFRA
	BBSRC (to be confirmed)