Country/Region	United Kingdom
Funding Organisation	Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) as part of UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) – henceforth referred to as ESRC. Website: https://esrc.ukri.org/
National contact person	For UK-specific enquiries please contact: Eve Forrest, Senior Portfolio Manager E-mail: JPIBetterLives@esrc.ukri.org Standard ESRC research funding terms and conditions apply as set out in the ESRC Research Funding Guide
Data Protection	Personal data included in the proposals and national application forms will be processed by the Call Secretariat and by funding organisations participating in this call according to the rules and regulations available at the following link which also includes details on how to exercise your rights: privacy notice.
Open Access Policy	ESRC-funded researchers are expected to comply with the UKRI open access policy (UKRI open access policy – UKRI) on research publications and outputs. You are required to make your data available in line with ESRC policies. More information can be found at: https://www.ukri.org/manage-your-award/publishing-your-research-findings/making-yourresearch-data-open/#contents-list
Resubmission Policy	ESRC does not allow the resubmission of any previously unsuccessful proposal. More information can be found on the ESRC website: https://www.ukri.org/councils/esrc/guidance-for-applicants/how-tosubmit-your-proposal/resubmissions-policy/#contents-list
General information	- All UK applicants are required to apply directly through the Joint Call submission platform in the first instance and **not** through ESRC's own submission platform (TFS). Only proposals which are successful will be required to submit via ESRC's systems once outcomes are issued. - The link to the Joint Call submission platform is here: https://ssl.vdivde-it.de/positrons-en/calls/2401 - Projects can start no earlier than 01/03/25. - The UK component of proposals **must fall within ESRC's remit**. For information on ESRC's scientific remit please refer to our discipline classifications (Remit, portfolio and priorities – ESRC – UKRI).The UK component of **proposals will be deemed ineligible** if it does not satisfy ESRC's remit requirements. Proposals where the UK element is ineligible will likely lead to rejection of the entire proposal. - The UK has up to 900,000k Euro available for this call. Use of the full budget will be contingent on the quality of the applications received. - All funding associated with the UK component of projects will be paid in Pound Sterling. The UK component of projects should initially be costed in Pound Sterling following usual procedures and in consultation with your local Research

	Office. You are required to submit your costs in Pound Sterling using the 'UK Funding Template – Mandatory Attachment' spreadsheet. Costs provided in the attachment should be at 100% full Economic Costing (fEC). • ESRC will meet 80% of fEC on successful proposals. • The costs of the UK component of projects will need to be reported in Euro as part of the main application. These should be calculated at the exchange rate of 1 GBP equalling 1.167EUR. Costs should be included at 100% fEC.
Maximum Funding per awarded project	• **The UK maximum amount per proposal that will be awarded by ESRC is £360,000 at 80% fEC. This is £450,000 at 100% fEC. Using the above defined exchange rate, the UK maximum amount per proposal that may be submitted to this call is €420,840 at 80% fEC (€526,050) at 100% fEC.** • We expect to see a balanced workload among the participants in the project and expect that the costs will reflect this. • We anticipate funding a maximum of 3 projects with UK components. Use of the full budget will be contingent on the quality of the applications received.
Eligible Partners	• You can apply for funding if you are an established member of an approved research organisation, or you have an agreement with a recognised research organisation to work there and have access to appropriate research facilities for the duration of the grant. • UK funding is available for individuals based at approved universities and independent research organisations in the UK. Please see the ESRC Research Funding Guide for further details. One lead applicant for the UK should be identified, who will be the UK Project Lead. Please note that international co-leads cannot be included in the UK component of the proposal. • The UK component of a project may include additional academic partners. For successful proposals, ESRC will list these additional academic partners as Co-Leads on the UK Award. • The UK component of a project may also include co-leads from UK business, third sector or government bodies. There is no requirement for the UK business, third sector or government partner to hold a PhD or equivalent qualification. Applicants should consult ESRC standard guidance for further information (https://www.ukri.org/publications/including-project-co-leads-from-business-third-sector-or-government-bodies/). • ESRC's normal international co-lead policy does not apply to this call as international co-leads are not permitted in the UK component of the application.

	• There is no upper limit on the number of partners that can be involved in a project. However, we expect to see balance in the number of partners across the countries participating in a project.
Eligibility of Costs	• "Eligible Costs" are limited to the full Economic Costings of a project, in line with ESRC's normal funding rules. • Costs for the UK component of a project must be provided in the 'UK Funding Template – Mandatory Attachment' spreadsheet at 100% fEC. • **ESRC will meet 80% of fEC on successful proposals**. • The UK component of any project should not exceed more than 50 percent of the overall cost of the project. • The combined costs for partners that ESRC will list as UK business, third sector and government body Co-Investigators on the UK Award must not exceed 30% of the total fEC of the UK component of a project. • In line with standard ESRC funding rules, there are specific categories of funding that ESRC will potentially fund in full (at 100% fEC) rather than at 80% fEC. These "exceptions" include costs of partners that ESRC will list as UK business, third sector or government body co-lead costs on successful UK Awards. Details are provided in the ESRC Research Funding Guide (see link below). • Associated studentships cannot be included in UK costs. • Please see the ESRC Research Funding Guide for full eligibility of costs (ESRC research funding guide – UKRI). You should also consult your local Research Office. • We recommend that applicants pay close attention to the main body of call text and the Guidance for Applicants document for this call noting the requirement that applicants include costs for participating in specified JPI MYBL activities throughout the lifetime of their Award.
Additional Information - Guidance for UK applicants	• We encourage applicants to proactively engage with a range of stakeholders from the outset, including those from the public, third and private sectors, to ensure that evidence the project produces is both useful to, and used by, those who need it. We encourage applicants to think about expertise that is needed within the project to achieve this. • We recommended that applicants pay close attention to the requirements set out in the main body of the Guidance for Applicants document for this call and

	note where these requirements differ from typical ESRC applications. In particular, applicants should note the scoring criteria and system. • ESRC uses 'ResearchFish', a research outcomes collection and evaluation system, to collect information on the inputs, activities, outputs and outcomes that have resulted from the research that we fund. Award holders will be expected to provide information through this system during and beyond the lifetime of their Award. • The lead of the UK component of successful projects will be required to submit a Final Expenditure Statement when the grant comes to an end. Financial sanctions apply if this is not completed.
Submission of Proposal at National Level (if applicable)	• Once final decisions have been agreed, the lead of the UK component of each successful project will be required to submit their proposal through TFS in order that ESRC can administer the Awards. • **To reduce the administrative burden on applicants during the initial application stage, you will not be required to upload additional UK-specific attachments to the submission platform at this time, except for the 'UK Funding Template – Mandatory Attachment'. This may differ from other calls you have applied to.** • Successful applicants will instead be required to input relevant information from the Joint Call submission platform into UKRI's platform once decisions have been made. • Applicants should expect to undertake this action swiftly after being notified of their successful outcome in order that ESRC can make the Awards in a timely manner and in line with other national funders. Further guidance will be made available following final decision stage.
Link for additional information	Please visit the JPI MYBL website for further information