



## **ISRAEL**

*Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (300,000 €)*

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### **Minimum and/or maximum project duration:**

*Proposed projects may last from 12 to 36 months*

### **Minimum and/or maximum funding per project:**

*150,000 € for the entire project duration, total for all the Israeli participants.  
Please note that an extension for the research period will not be possible due to agricultural seasons or any other as such and research projects must be planned accordingly within the fixed duration of the call and its predetermined timeline.*

### **Who can be eligible for funding:**

Applications to this call will be based/established/designed on Collaborative Research Projects as defined in ERA-CAPS Second Transnational Call Documents. MOARD funding will be exclusively available for supporting the Israeli part of any successful transnational collaboration as research project grants, according to MOARD regulations and criteria as published in "MOARD 2015 Chief Scientist Call for Proposals". Commercial companies / entities may participate under MOARD regulations and conditions but will not be eligible for grant reward from MOARD funds assigned for this call. MOARD financial support will be closely related to its funding activities and priorities within the "MOARD Chief Scientist National Fund".

***Additional national regulations and guidelines:*** *Research themes, application and evaluation of research proposals will follow the procedure as defined in the ERA-CAPS Second Transnational Call notice and annexes.*

***Kindly note that in ERA-CAPS 2<sup>nd</sup> Call MOARD will fund only research projects included in the following objective:***

- **Food Security:** research that contributes to the sustainable and secure supply of safe and nutritious food for an increasing global population. Within this objective, MOARD will support only investigation of commercial crops important the Israeli agriculture and **is limited to only the following 3 fields of interest:**
  1. Biennial bearing of important horticultural crop plants in Israeli Agriculture.
  2. Incompatibility studies in graft/scion cross talk in fruits and vegetables.
  3. Environmentally green pesticides: Identification of new potential molecules.

**Applicants should note also the following:**

- Research must have a significant molecular aspect (including, but not limited to, genetics, 'omics technologies, molecular breeding, molecular evolution, developmental biology, molecular plant pathology etc.).
- As mentioned above, plants under investigation can be only commercial crops of importance to the Israeli agriculture.
- It is of central importance that proposals **demonstrate** the added value of collaborative research throughout the project.
- **The application of the proposal should follow all terms and conditions included in the specific call announcement for ERA-CAPS 2<sup>nd</sup> Transnational Call in MOARD Chief Scientist website: <http://www.science.moag.gov.il>.**

*For any further clarification, applicants are advised to contact their National Contact Person before starting to prepare proposals for application.*

*MOARD terms and conditions are specific for Israeli applicants within the ERA-CAPS Collaborative Research consortia and are specified in this National Annex and in the "MOARD Chief Scientist Call for Proposals for 2015". Final approval of the funds will be made by MOARD Chief Scientist's board. MOARD grant holders shall follow the MOARD application, reporting, IPR and general rules of funding procedures. According to MOARD general policy, applicants must be aware that all information, resources and results obtained from the research projects will be publically published. In general, projects funded by MOARD are made publicly available within a reasonable period of time after their termination.*

It is expected that applications to this call will be Collaborative Research Grants with the consortium composition as defined in the call document, and MOARD will fund the Israeli partner of any successful trans-national collaboration.