



## Call for proposal for “Trans-national Access” projects within the EU project - The Network of Animal Disease Infectiology Research Facilities - NADIR”

### Call description

#### Background

The NADIR project funded by the Europe Union unites the major experimental animal facilities with capacity to undertake research on zoonoses, emerging diseases and other animal infectious diseases requiring bio-containment at level 3 (L3). NADIR is a strategic project with the objective to realise the potential European leadership in animal disease research. The project brings together 16 partners and 14 L3 animal experiment infrastructures which offer the services of these facilities to the research community in order to optimize the use and harmonise the application of the associated investigation, diagnostic and research tools. Within this framework, NADIR is opening “trans-national access” research projects that will use the services provided by these facilities

Proposals for funding to carry out research within the facilities participating in the NADIR project are thus invited from the research community. ([http://www.nadir-project.eu/nadir\\_project/call\\_for\\_access](http://www.nadir-project.eu/nadir_project/call_for_access)).

#### Proposal requirements

Expected projects can involve research on any of the livestock species (cattle, pigs, chickens, goat, sheep and fish) and may use live animals including laboratory species (e.g. mice) or cell lines. Applicants should note that a collection of cell lines is available through the NADIR project, which are available to the research community (see [www.nadir-project.eu](http://www.nadir-project.eu)). Preference will be given to projects focused on a disease or pathogen requiring L3 containment but protocols requiring specialized infrastructure at a lower level of confinement are also acceptable (See here after the list of available facilities).

Proposals may be submitted by any European (*or associated state\*\*\*)* research laboratory or consortium of laboratories (public or private). In the case of individual laboratories the proposal must be for access to a NADIR facility in a different country from the applicant laboratory; for consortia, their lead member must be in a different country from the NADIR facility.

As a rule, the support of any project requires an engagement from participants to communicate results from any protocol to NADIR, the EC and the scientific community through classical means, i.e. project reports, congress communications and scientific publications (requirements at: [http://www.nadir-project.eu/nadir\\_project/call\\_for\\_access/engagement\\_conditions](http://www.nadir-project.eu/nadir_project/call_for_access/engagement_conditions)).

#### Proposal review

A small independent steering group of experts in the field of disease research animal experimentation will be set up review the project proposals. The review will take into account the scientific quality, novelty, the feasibility and the ethical soundness of the proposal. Other selection criteria will include the expertise of the applicants, the cost and the duration of the work (all work must be completed by 01-02-2013 to fall within the funding period of the NADIR project by the EU Commission).

#### Resources

First projects are expected to start in early 2010 and the costs of individual projects will not exceed the limit of the facility unit (several units can be requested, see table 1), although competitive costing is one

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of the criteria for selection of the winning proposals and the overall permissible cost will depend on the importance of the project topic to EU needs.

As an indication each facility may require up to a total of about 200.000 Euros through NADIR, for 5-10 projects or higher according to the nature, duration and complexity of each experiment.

The Nadir project will cover both facility costs and the research group(s) travelling expenses to the selected facility according to the submitted protocol. An average of two persons from each project are expected to participate to the initiation and termination of each experiment in a foreign country.

### **Application procedure**

Information on the facilities offering Transnational access is available at the project website ([http://www.nadir-project.eu/nadir\\_project/call\\_for\\_access](http://www.nadir-project.eu/nadir_project/call_for_access)). Applicants are strongly advised to contact their preferred partner facility to discuss the project design and costs for the proposed project, before the submission of an application. However, projects that do not identify a preferred partner facility are also acceptable.

Submissions will be a two-step application procedure: Firstly, a pre-proposal of half page will be submitted in order to verify the project fulfil the minimum conditions to be retained for evaluation. If so, the applicants will be invited to complete the whole application folder (this invitation does not imply that the proposal has been accepted for funding). Applications will be then evaluated by the panel of experts

Submissions are possible by two means:

- Applications can be completed online at: <http://www.nadir-network.eu/CallForAccess>. Applicants will receive an acknowledge of receipt from NADIR coordination (no automatic answers will be generated)

or

- E-mail applications are also acceptable in case of technical troubles with call website. In this case please download the forms at [http://www.nadir-project.eu/nadir\\_project/call\\_for\\_access](http://www.nadir-project.eu/nadir_project/call_for_access) (pdf and word files). They should be completed and returned by Email to your Access contact (see table1) with copy to [frederic.lantier@tours.inra.fr](mailto:frederic.lantier@tours.inra.fr) and [ronan.pendu@paris.inra.fr](mailto:ronan.pendu@paris.inra.fr).

This call will remain open for the duration of the NADIR project, or until Transnational Access funds are exhausted. The terms of reference and eligible topics may change depending on the uptake of Transnational access, the topic of the projects selected and the availability of capacity within the individual facilities.

Projects selected by the committee will notified within 30 days of the committee meeting and will enter a negotiation phase in which the project design and costs will be agreed and the project will be subjected to an ethical review.

### **Engagement conditions**

After the end of a project achieved within the framework of NADIR transnational access activities, the appointed group leader should:

1. Submit a short report
2. Fill a questionnaire available on-line at:  
[http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/capacities/questionnaire\\_en.html](http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/capacities/questionnaire_en.html)

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3. The applicant group is entitled to publish the results of its work at the infrastructure in the open literature. All publications resulting from the project should acknowledge the access facility to the EC-support by mentioning : "The access to [name of your preferred facility] was founded by the European Community's Seventh Framework Programme (FP7/2007-2013) under grant agreement n° 228394"
4. Proprietary research (research where results are not generally available to the public or only made available under confidentiality arrangements) cannot be supported.
5. Travel and subsistence expenses linked to the access will be reimbursed upon approval of the report. Reimbursements will be done according to administrative rules of each hosting organisation.
6. For more information about transnational access conditions, see the [ANNEX III to the Grant Agreement - Infrastructures](#)



Table 1: List of open facilities available for access

Facility	Location	Unit of access	Unit cost (€)	Website address	Access Contact
Experimental Infectiology Platform Plate-forme d'infectiologie expérimentale, PFIE	Nouzilly, France	1 month	22 000	<a href="http://www.tours.inra.fr/Pole_Sante_Animale/plate_forme_d_infectiologie_experimentale">http://www.tours.inra.fr/Pole_Sante_Animale/plate_forme_d_infectiologie_experimentale</a>	<a href="mailto:Bertrand.Schwartz@tours.inra.fr">Bertrand.Schwartz@tours.inra.fr</a>
University of Aarhus Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, Institute of Animal Health, Welfare and Nutrition	Foulum, Denmark	2 months	47 000	<a href="http://www.agrsci.dk/">http://www.agrsci.dk/</a>	<a href="mailto:Helle.JuulMadsen@agrsci.dk">Helle.JuulMadsen@agrsci.dk</a>
ANSES - LERAPP	Ploufragan France	1 month	29 500	<a href="http://www.anses.fr">www.anses.fr</a>	<a href="mailto:roland.cariolet@anses.fr">roland.cariolet@anses.fr</a>
Fundació Centre de Recerca en Sanitat Animal (CRESA) BSL.3	Bellaterra, Barcelona, Spain	1 month	24 500	<a href="http://www.cresa.es">http://www.cresa.es</a>	<a href="mailto:Mariano.Domingo@cresa.uab.cat">Mariano.Domingo@cresa.uab.cat</a>
Friedrich-Loeffler-Institute FLI	Greifswald - Insel Riems, Germany	2 months	35 500	<a href="http://www.fli.bund.de">http://www.fli.bund.de</a>	<a href="mailto:martin.groschup@fli.bund.de">martin.groschup@fli.bund.de</a>
Institute for Animal Health, Pirbright laboratory, Animal Containment	Pirbright, Woking, Surrey, UK	1 week	15 000	<a href="http://www.iah.bbsrc.ac.uk">www.iah.bbsrc.ac.uk</a>	<a href="mailto:Bryan.charleston@bbsrc.ac.uk">Bryan.charleston@bbsrc.ac.uk</a>
Institute for Animal Health Lab facilities	Pirbright, Woking, Surrey, UK	1 week	350	<a href="http://www.iah.bbsrc.ac.uk">www.iah.bbsrc.ac.uk</a>	<a href="mailto:Bryan.charleston@bbsrc.ac.uk">Bryan.charleston@bbsrc.ac.uk</a>
Centro de Investigación en Sanidad Animal CISA - INIA	Valdeolmos, Madrid, Spain	1 month	16 500	<a href="http://www.inia.es">www.inia.es</a>	<a href="mailto:blanco@inia.es">blanco@inia.es</a>



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Kimron Veterinary Institute	Bet Dagan, Israel	2 weeks	1 500	<a href="http://www.vetserveng.moag.gov.il/vet_serveng">http://www.vetserveng.moag.gov.il/vet_serveng</a>	<a href="mailto:hagaiy@moag.gov.il">hagaiy@moag.gov.il</a>
Kimron Veterinary Institute	Bet Dagan, Israel	2 months	9 500	<a href="http://www.vetserveng.moag.gov.il/vet_serveng">http://www.vetserveng.moag.gov.il/vet_serveng</a>	<a href="mailto:hagaiy@moag.gov.il">hagaiy@moag.gov.il</a>
Moredun Research Institute,	Pentlands Science Park, Edinburgh, UK	1 month	21 000	<a href="http://www.moredun.org.uk">http://www.moredun.org.uk</a>	<a href="mailto:keith.ballingall@moredun.ac.uk">keith.ballingall@moredun.ac.uk</a>
DTU National Veterinary Institute -	Lindholm, Denmark	1 month	24 500	<a href="http://www.vet.dtu.dk">www.vet.dtu.dk</a>	<a href="mailto:jeni@vet.dtu.dk">jeni@vet.dtu.dk</a>
DTU National Veterinary Institute – Dpt for Poultry, Fish and Fur Animals	Aarhus, Denmark	1 month	26 500	<a href="http://www.vet.dtu.dk">www.vet.dtu.dk</a>	<a href="mailto:njol@vet.dtu.dk">njol@vet.dtu.dk</a>
Veterinærmedisinsk Oppdragscenter AS VESO - Vikan	Namsos, Norway	1 tank month	2 500	<a href="http://www.veso.no">http://www.veso.no</a>	<a href="mailto:anne.ramstad@veso.no">anne.ramstad@veso.no</a>
Veterinary Laboratories Agency VLA	Addlestone Surrey, England	1 month	24 000	<a href="http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/vla">www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/vla</a>	<a href="mailto:h.a.simmons@vla.defra.gsi.gov.uk">h.a.simmons@vla.defra.gsi.gov.uk</a>
Central Veterinary Institute of Wageningen UR - CVI DLO	Lelystad, The Netherlands	1 month	16 500	<a href="http://www.cvi.wur.nl">www.cvi.wur.nl</a>	<a href="mailto:henk.sloetjes@wur.nl">henk.sloetjes@wur.nl</a>
Parco Tecnologico Padano FPTP	Lodi, Italy	1 lab day	3 000	<a href="http://www.tecnoparco.org">http://www.tecnoparco.org</a>	<a href="mailto:john.williams@tecnoparco.org">john.williams@tecnoparco.org</a>