

Microplastics & Health - Continuation MOMENTUM-NL

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1. Summary

Who can apply

This call for a proposal is on invitation. ZonMw invites prof. dr. ir. J. (Juliette) Legler (Utrecht University) – who is leading the collaboration between the ongoing projects – to initiate and submit a single grant application as main applicant on behalf of the ongoing research projects¹ in the ZonMw Microplastics & Health programme. The partners in MOMENTUM-NL will form a new consortium, that may include current and new additional partners.

What for

This call for a proposal concerns funding for knowledge development in the field of microplastics and health. The current call for a proposal is aimed at the continuation of specific areas of ongoing research. The knowledge development should focus on understanding the level and health risks of exposure to micro- and nanoplastic particles (MNP) and the effectiveness of intervention options to reduce exposure and risk. This knowledge provides the basis for further research and a perspective for action. The grant application should build on the ongoing projects in the ZonMw Microplastics & Health programme, where relevant for the specific aims of this call for a proposal.

What to request

The maximum budget that can be requested is € 2,262,000 for 1 project. The project must start no later than December 31, 2025, and must be completed by December 31, 2029. At least 5% of the budget must be allocated for communication and dissemination activities. A maximum of 10% of the budget may be reserved for project management.

When

Deadline for submitting detailed grant application	September 30, 2025, 14.00 CEST
Committee's comments received	October 27, 2025
Deadline for submitting a rebuttal	November 10, 2025, 14.00 CET
Interview meeting	November 17, 2025
Decision	End of November 2025
Latest start date	December 31, 2025

An interview is part of the review process for your grant application. An audio recording will be made of the interview. At the end of the review process, the audio recording will be deleted.

2. Aim of the call for a proposal

2.1. Microplastics & Health programme

The aim of the ZonMw Microplastics & Health (M&H) programme is to develop knowledge about the potential health consequences of MNP to inform policy and stimulate innovation².

Despite great progress in the past years, there is still a lot we need to learn about the risks of MNP for human health. At the same time, the levels of MNP in our living environment will increase in the next decades. Human exposure is evident by the detection of MNP in our environment, such as drinking water, food and air. MNP are also found in our body, for example in blood, placenta and human stool. It is unclear to what extent the exposure to these plastic particles³ has immediate to long-term health implications⁴. The World Health Organization⁵ and the Health Council of the Netherlands⁶ have addressed the lack of knowledge concerning MNP and health. The latter two organisations have recommended to investigate the potential health consequences and the effect of actions to reduce these consequences. This knowledge is fundamental in the development of innovations and strategies to prevent and manage potential health risks, and contributes to the mission of the Dutch government to reduce the health impact resulting from the living environment⁷.

¹ The 8 ongoing projects, ending around July 31, 2025, are [MOMENTUM2.0](#) and the 7 [breakthrough projects](#).

² Read more information about the ZonMw M&H programme on our [website](#).

³ Particles of varying shape, size and composition (polymers and additives), with the load of biochemical and microbial components they may carry

⁴ ZonMw [Knowledge Agenda](#) Microplastics & Health 'Wat doen microplastics in ons lichaam?'

⁵ [WHO](#): Dietary and inhalation exposure to nano- and microplastic particles and potential implications for human health

⁶ [Gezondheidsraad](#): Gezondheidsrisico's van microplastics in het milieu

⁷ [Landelijke Nota Gezondheidsbeleid](#) 2020-2024; [KIA Gezondheid en Zorg](#) 2024-2027, zie Missie 1.

Background information on the M&H programme

In 2018, ZonMw initiated the first call for proposals in the ZonMw M&H programme. In one year, 15 interdisciplinary breakthrough projects gained insight into the effects of small plastic particles in cells and tissues, and whether such particles could penetrate our body. The projects also investigated whether the MNP cause particle or chemical toxicity and whether they can carry harmful microorganisms. In 2021, 14 of the 15 breakthrough projects continued their research in the Microplastics and Human Health Consortium. The consortium, named '[MOMENTUM](#)', was funded by ZonMw and Health~Holland, and co-funded by public and private consortium partners. MOMENTUM aimed to unravel the human health effects of MNP and to propose solutions to minimise their potential health impact. The M&H programme was continued by funding MOMENTUM2.0 and 7 parallel breakthrough projects, collaborating under the MOMENTUM-NL umbrella (2023-2025).

In 2020 ZonMw published a [Knowledge Agenda](#) on Microplastics and Health. The Knowledge Agenda provides an overview of the knowledge questions raised by policy, research and practice, and identifies promising research directions and innovations. Currently, the knowledge agenda is being updated, and is expected to be published in October 2025.

2.2. Specific aims for this call

The aim of the call for a proposal is to continue the current research programme on specific focus areas. Not all current research activities can be continued, as different and new emphases are being introduced. These new emphases are based on a broad assessment of needs carried out by ZonMw as part of the current update of the knowledge agenda, including the needs identified by the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport (VWS) and the Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management (IenW). This call for a proposal invites the current 8 projects, collaborating as the MOMENTUM-NL cluster, to provide a grant application to strengthen and extend the collaboration on specific areas.

The grant application has to address each of the following focus areas:

- 1) **Contamination pathways:** to improve **understanding of contamination pathways** of inhaled air and food and water systems, on how MNP enter the human diet (including beverages and drinking water) and indoor and outdoor air. The improved understanding provides a base for mitigation of human exposure;
- 2) **Health effects:** extension of past and ongoing efforts to understand toxicological mechanisms, with a focus on immunomediated inflammatory responses and health outcomes. This includes the toxicity of MNP-associated chemicals, with a focus on nanoplastic particles and long term effects. A dose-response approach is important, based on realistic dosing (in ways of application, and based on relevant internal exposure levels in concentration, size, shape, material), allowing for establishment of no effect dose and lowest observed effect dose;
- 3) **Microbial hazards and risks:** further exploration of the microbiota (relevant pathogens and antimicrobial resistance) on MNP and associated health implications;
- 4) **Risk assessment and mitigation:** further application of the previously developed risk assessment framework(s) and development of risk mitigation strategies, with up-to-date input from the proposed research and other relevant sources;
- 5) **Interventions:** insights into the (potential) efficacy of at least 3 interventions to reduce health-relevant MNP emissions and/or exposures. For example by preventive measures in water or food systems and/or the plastics chain, by filtration of water/air, or by influencing consumer behaviour. Interventions should be scientifically substantiated, align with current or emerging needs in policy, practice, or industry, and demonstrate potential for applicability and future implementation.

Collaboration and dissemination

Through the continuation of the MOMENTUM-NL cluster, the consortium is expected to build on the existing knowledge and expertise, both within and beyond the previous ZonMw-funded microplastics projects. Alignment and coordination with other relevant national and international (e.g. EU Horizon Europe, Brigid) initiatives and networks is essential. Knowledge exchange and collaboration is particularly relevant in the developing field of MNP and health, where exchange of experience, reference materials, methods, transparent approaches, results and data are crucial for solid research output. Efforts for continued dissemination of past and present research outcomes of the ZonMw M&H programme (e.g. as currently through momentummicroplastics.nl) are required. The outcomes are expected to inform end users such as policy makers, companies, and citizens on what

role they can take to reduce the potential health effects. The MOMENTUM-NL cluster has organised all kinds of events in the past years to strengthen collaboration and share knowledge. These events, such as consortium meetings, stakeholder dialogues, discussions and conferences, are incredibly valuable. They create a way of knowledge sharing that is transdisciplinary, quick and useful. The continuation of these kinds of activities is part of this call.

Inter- and transdisciplinary research

The consortium is expected to be interdisciplinary and should not only include toxicologists, but also scientists from for example the medical, environmental, public health, social and behavioural sciences. The consortium should involve societal stakeholders (such as companies and NGOs), to stimulate that the research is well aligned with practical questions and that outcomes can be implemented in practice.

Parties who are interested in participating in this consortium can contact the consortium leader by sending an email to j.legler@uu.nl, and are required to do so by August 22, 2025 at the latest. Please refer to 'Microplastics & Health - Continuation MOMENTUM-NL' in the email subject.

If MOMENTUM-NL decides not to include a party that has expressed interest by email, this will be motivated by the consortium leader by email.

3. Conditions and obligations

You must take account of certain rights, conditions and obligations when applying for a ZonMw grant. The rights, conditions and obligations of a grant applicant are based upon the [Dutch General Administrative Law Act \(Awb\)](#). Article 4.2 of the Awb contains specific provisions applying to ZonMw grants. [General Terms and Conditions Governing Grants of ZonMw](#) also apply.

3.1. Conditions

Please carefully review the terms and conditions listed below, as your grant application must comply with these requirements in order to be considered for evaluation.

3.1.1. Who is eligible for a grant?

Eligibility for submission is by invitation only. For this call, ZonMw invites the project groups of MOMENTUM2.0 and the 7 breakthrough projects to form a new consortium and draft one joint application. ZonMw invites prof. dr. ir. J. (Juliette) Legler (Utrecht University) – who is leading the collaboration between the ongoing projects – to initiate and submit the joint application as main applicant on behalf of the ongoing research projects⁸ in the ZonMw Microplastics & Health programme. Prof. Legler will invite the leaders of the 7 breakthrough projects to participate in formation of the new consortium.

Parties who are interested in participating in this consortium can contact the consortium leader by sending an email to j.legler@uu.nl, and are required to do so by August 22, 2025 at the latest. Please mention 'Microplastics & Health - Continuation MOMENTUM-NL' in the email subject.

If the consortium decides not to include a party that has expressed interest by email, this will be motivated by the consortium leader by email.

Only Dutch research organisations as defined under EU state aid legislation⁹ are eligible to receive funding through this grant. Universities and university medical centres automatically meet this definition. Other organisations are only eligible if they qualify as research organisations under the EU state aid framework. These organisations must submit a written statement confirming their compliance with this definition.

3.1.2. Avoiding State aid

No grants will be awarded by ZonMw if this would or could constitute unlawful state aid¹⁰. Therefore, the following state aid measure applies to this funding round:

⁸ The 8 ongoing projects, ending around July 31, 2025, are [MOMENTUM2.0](#) and the 7 [breakthrough projects](#).

⁹ Framework for state aid for research and development and innovation (R&D&I Framework) (2014/C 198/01), Section 15(ee).

¹⁰ Section 107 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU (TFEU).

Actual collaboration

If undertakings and research organisations collaborate¹¹ on the project, there is a risk that the grant will be regarded as unlawful state aid. According to Section 2.2.2¹² of the Framework for state aid for research and development and innovation (R&D&I Framework), there is no unlawful state aid if the collaborating parties fulfil certain conditions. If they fulfil these conditions, there is 'actual collaboration'. See for conditions and an explanation [Annex 1 – State aid – Actual collaboration](#).

To meet the conditions of actual collaboration, the project activities can only start after a collaboration agreement has been accepted by ZonMw and signed by all parties involved. Therefore, the project activities may not start earlier.

You can find more information about state aid on the ZonMw web page [State aid exemption decrees](#).

3.1.3. Third-party collaboration and contributions

ZonMw encourages the participation of different partners in collaborative projects. Such projects will, however, not receive a grant if the agreements would or could lead to the provision of unlawful state aid or if ZonMw's [General Terms and Conditions](#) or the conditions of the call for a proposal cannot be met.

The grant application and budget must make it clear:

- Which parties are participating. Describe how each party will be actively contributing to the project; these should in any case be parties who appear in the budget as a party intending to claim a portion of the grant. Also include parties that will be making an active contribution as partners in the collaborative project for their own account and at their own risk.
- With which party or parties a sponsorship agreement will be concluded and what their donation in kind or monetary contribution will be.
- Which parties will be hired, or, if this is not yet known, which activities are forecast as being performed by third parties, plus the related costs that will be incurred (including VAT). For more information and the conditions of hire/terms of contract, see the [ZonMw web page](#).

Collaborations and sponsorship must be finalised before presenting the detailed grant application.

Letters of Commitment

Because ZonMw requires assurance that a project party or sponsor will be legally bound to provide the agreed amounts, each project party or sponsor must provide a Letter of Commitment, which is to be submitted together with the detailed grant application. Please use the template letter which you can find on the ZonMw web page [Grants and collaborations/contributions from third parties](#).

Collaboration and sponsorship agreement

You can find more information about the various types of collaboration and contributions (sponsoring/assignment) with sample agreements on the ZonMw web page [Grants and collaborations/contributions from third parties](#) as an aid to drafting the relevant agreement; the accompanying explanation contains the conditions the agreement must meet. The conditions specified on this web page and in the explanation form an integral part of this call for a proposal. Where ZonMw requests draft collaboration and/or sponsorship agreements, it awards the grant on the condition that the agreements are found to be acceptable.

3.1.4. What is the amount of the grant I can apply for?

In this call for a proposal, a maximum of € 2,262,000 (including VAT) can be requested in a single grant application. The project can start directly when the grant application is awarded. However, the starting date is no later than December 31, 2025. The latest possible end date is December 31, 2029.

Budget requirements:

- The project budget, in the [ZonMw DAEB format](#), has to be submitted;
- Within the budget, salary tables VSNU July 2025 and NFU July 2025 must be used, that are available on the [webpage](#): 'What must I submit?';

¹¹ An undertaking as defined under EU state aid legislation means any entity that performs economic activities, regardless of its legal form or means of financing.

¹² [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:52014XC0627\(01\)&from=NL](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:52014XC0627(01)&from=NL)

- Provide a budget specification. Please include the budget per work package or deliverable in this specification;
- The consortium is required to provide a contribution of 10% of the total budget, either in cash or in kind;
- Reserve at least 5% of your project budget for communication and implementation.
- A maximum of 10% of the budget can be reserved for project management, including the continuation of the current MOMENTUM-NL cluster;
- The amendment to the General Terms and Conditions Governing Grants of ZonMw as of April 1, 2022 means that after completion of a project of € 125,000 or more, an auditor's report must be provided in addition to the final report and financial accounts. Also for project partners receiving funding of €125,000 or more, an auditor's report must be provided. Auditing costs (max € 3,500 per partner) may be included in the budget. Universities and university medical centres may not include auditing costs in the budget. Separate agreements have been made with these institutions regarding the required auditor's report. Please contact your financial department for more information.

If you publish according to the full golden Open Access route, you may include the cost of Open Access publications in the project budget. The maximum amount of this allowance is € 5,000. Please include 'Open Access' as a separate line in your budget. For more information about Open Access, see Section 3 and the ZonMw web page [Open Access](#).

3.1.5. Practical conditions

Please take the following points into account when writing your grant application:

- The grant application addresses all the focus areas mentioned in the section 2.2;
- Write your grant application in English;
- You are required to include a budget with your grant application;
- The following annexes are mandatory:
 - [Letters of Commitment](#) of each project party or sponsor (see Section 3.1.3);
 - A declaration of qualifying as a research organisation is required for organisations (other than universities and university medical centres) that apply for funding. These must declare on what grounds they qualify as such under the EU definition of a research organisation within the state aid framework. This declaration may be included in their Letter of Commitment;
 - A project budget in [ZonMw DAEB format](#) (see Section 3.1.4);
 - Consortium budget specification (see Section 3.1.4);
- The following optional annexes may be added:
 - Maximum 10 sheets of A4 size with figures and tables;
- The [Grant conditions and Finances page](#) of the ZonMw website explains which conditions your grant application must meet.

Only the grant application, the budget, and the optional annexes will be included in the assessment of your grant application.

3.2. Obligations

General Terms and Conditions Governing Grants of ZonMw

In addition to the [General Terms and Conditions Governing Grants of ZonMw](#), the following conditions also apply:

- **Open Access**
All publications resulting from scientific research fully or partially funded by ZonMw must be made available in Open Access, in accordance with the ZonMw Open Access policy. ZonMw accepts various Open Access routes. In addition to articles, ZonMw encourages researchers to make their results available in other formats via Open Access, such as monographs, books, conference proceedings and grey literature, but also research data and knowledge products for practice-oriented research, such as models, protocols, prototypes, digital tools and demonstrations. For more information about the ZonMw Open Access policy, conditions and opportunities, please visit [our website](#).
- **Conditions for valorisation**
As ZonMw is committed to making the projects it funds widely accessible, the [ten principles of Socially Responsible Licensing](#) (SRL) should be applied to the licensing of results. Please

describe, where applicable, how intellectual property rights will be arranged with partners and any third parties. Also indicate how these parties will comply with the ten principles.

4. Assessment criteria

4.1. Assessment procedure

In this call for a proposal, the standard ZonMw assessment procedure has been adapted as follows:

1. Submission deadline and eligibility check by ZonMw

The deadline for submitting a grant application is September 30, 2025, 14.00 CEST. On the day of submission, ZonMw will verify whether the grant application meets the formal eligibility requirements as specified in Chapter 3. The main applicant must be available on this day to respond promptly to any questions or requests for clarification from ZonMw.

2. Assessment by the evaluation committee

The evaluation committee will assess both the quality and relevance of the grant application. The assessment criteria for relevance and quality are described in section 4.2 and 4.3.

3. Written rebuttal (right of reply)

The committee's preliminary assessment will be provided to the main applicant on October 27, 2025. The applicant will be offered the opportunity to submit a written rebuttal (right of reply) in response to the committee's assessment. The deadline for submission of the rebuttal is November 10, 2025, 14.00 CET.

4. Interview and assessment meeting

The main applicant will be invited to participate in an interview with the evaluation committee on November 17, 2025, and can bring 3 colleagues to the interview. An audio recording of the interview will be made for internal purposes. This recording will be deleted upon completion of the assessment procedure. During the interview, the applicant(s) may elaborate on the written rebuttal and address questions from the committee. Following the interview, the committee will finalise its assessment of the grant application's relevance, quality and budget. In order to be eligible for funding, the grant application must be assessed as at least 'Relevant' and of 'Sufficient quality'. The applicable relevance and quality criteria are given below.

4.2. Relevance criteria

- **Contribution to the aims of the M&H programme and the aims of the call**
Describe how the grant application is addressing the specific aims of this call, including the five focus areas of this call for a proposal (see Section 2.2). Make sure to include at least 3 interventions within focus area 5. Explain how the grant application builds on the ongoing MOMENTUM-NL projects.
- **Added value**
Explain the added of your project compared to existing knowledge and ongoing national and international research projects. Describe how your research relates and contributes to it.

ZonMw employs a number of [general relevance criteria](#):

- **Diversity**
Consider how attention is given to [diversity](#) and target group differentiation by characteristics such as [sex and gender](#), age, socioeconomic situation, educational level, migratory and cultural backgrounds, and sexual inclination, inasmuch as these are relevant to the theme of the project.
- **Participation of end users**
Describe how you will involve stakeholders in the project. Stakeholders include the ultimate target group or end users, whose knowledge is based on practical, personal experience. By 'involve' we mean consulting, asking for advice, collaborating with and/or involving end users in project decisions.
- **Access to data**
ZonMw promotes the optimal use of data. In your detailed grant application, describe the possibilities of making use of existing data files and substantiate any stated need for new data collection. Also indicate your plans regarding sharing and making your future results FAIR. When

planning your project and its budget, take into account the opportunities and requirements set out at [FAIR data & data management](#). If you do not intend to collect any data, please mention this in your grant application.

- **Implementation and impact**

Describe how you expect to achieve and demonstrate impact. Projects funded by the ZonMw must have impact. New knowledge and expertise must be used in practice, policy, education and/or further research. On our website we explain what impact is, how we work to achieve and demonstrate it and what we expect from project managers. You can find more information on the ZonMw web page [Implementation](#).

4.3. Quality criteria

- **Objective and research question/mission statement**

Describe the objective and research question or remit. In your outline, pay attention to clarity, scope and originality.

- **Action plan**

Describe the chosen methods and analyses, including theoretical and/or empirical support. Provide a roadmap with division in work packages, tasks, milestones and deliverables

- **Feasibility**

Make it plausible that the objective of the grant application can be achieved within the established timeframe and with the expertise, staffing, facilities and resources available.

- **Project group or person**

Describe how the composition of the project group will contribute to the quality of your research or project.

You can find more information about these criteria on the [ZonMw webpage Assessment](#).

5 Submitting your grant application

5.1. Submission through Mijn ZonMw

Grant applications can only be submitted by the main applicant in ZonMw's online submission system ([Mijn ZonMw](#)). The closing date for submitting a detailed grant application is September 30, 2025, at 14.00 CEST.

5.2. Tips

We advise you to print out a Word version of your grant application (via Mijn ZonMw) and carefully review it for errors before you submit it digitally. This is especially important if you have created your grant application in Word and then copied it to Mijn ZonMw, as some characters (such as quotes) may not be converted correctly. You can correct this yourself in Mijn ZonMw. For further information, see the [Mijn ZonMw manual](#).

5.3. Statement of agreement for submission of detailed grant application

The '[Statement of agreement for submission of detailed grant application](#)' must be signed by the individual with administrative responsibility and the main applicant. The signed declaration can be added to the grant application in Mijn ZonMw or sent to ZonMw by email at microplasticshealth@zonmw.nl. The declaration must have been received no later than one week after submission of the grant application.

5.4. Substantive questions

For questions regarding the contents of the grant application, please contact: Frank Pierik, senior programme manager, +31 70 349 54 77, microplasticshealth@zonmw.nl.

5.5. Technical questions

If you have any technical questions about using ZonMw's online submission system, please contact the Service Desk from Monday to Friday between 8.00 and 17.00 (+31 70 349 51 78, servicedesk@zonmw.nl). Please include your telephone number in your email so that we can call you back if necessary.

5.6. Downloads and links

- [General Terms and Conditions Governing Grants of ZonMw](#)
- [Applying for funding in 10 steps](#)
- [What must I submit?](#)
- [Conditions and obligations](#)
- [The assessment](#)
- [Grants and collaborative third-party contributions](#)
- [State support exemption](#)
- [Data management and FAIR data](#)
- [Open Access](#)
- [Implementation and impact](#)
- [Mijn ZonMw manuals](#)
- [Statement of approval for submission of a detailed grant application](#)
- [Programme page](#)

6. Annexes

- [Annex 1 – State Aid – Actual collaboration](#)

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Actual collaboration must be reflected in a recorded substantive commitment to the collaboration. Participants should be actively involved in the collaboration by having an influence on the design and implementation of the collaboration, sharing the financial risks, being at arm's length (independence) and actively contributing to management of the collaboration. Contract research and the provision of research services – and outsourcing – by their very nature do not qualify as actual collaboration.

Conditions of actual collaboration [Section 2.2.2 Framework for state aid for research and development and innovation \(R&D&I Framework\)](#):

1. This concerns collaboration between
 - a. at least two independent parties;
 - b. of which at least one party fulfils the definition of research organisation¹³ and one party qualifies as an undertaking, which
 - c. pursue a common objective on the basis of a division of tasks (project governance) described in the project application, and
 - d. jointly define the scope of the collaborative project and contribute to its implementation, and
 - e. share the associated financial, technological, research and other risks, and
 - f. provide a clear description of the activities of each party involved in the project in work packages and a corresponding clear budget, which clearly indicates which part of the grant is related to which part of the activities and work packages; and
 - g. share the project results, and
 - h. where the activities fall within the primary activities of a research organisation, being:
 - i. educational programme
 - ii. independent research or development.
2. One or more parties may bear the full project costs (including through obtaining a grant) and thereby relieve the other parties of the financial risks associated with the project.
3. The envisaged activities fall within the categories of fundamental, industrial research and/or experimental development¹⁴.
4. The above components must be laid down in a collaboration agreement that meets the above conditions before the project starts.
5. Excluded from this are definitive agreements on the market value of the resulting intellectual property rights and the value of contributions to the project.
6. Contract research and the provision of research services are not considered to be forms of cooperation.

Conditions of the grant application

Your grant application must clearly describe the following aspects. Clearly indicate which parties are participating in the actual collaboration and which parties are applying for a grant for its activities.

Please describe for each party in the collaboration:

- whether it is a research organisation or an undertaking (non-research organisation)
- which roles and tasks the party has within the collaboration.
- which activities will be carried out by each party
- what part of the grant is intended for which party (budget)

AND

- how the activity or main activity meets the criteria of fundamental or industrial research or experimental development.
- in a declaration that the parties are financially and legally independent of each other

¹³ Section 1(3)(ee) [R&D&I Framework](#)

¹⁴ Section 1(3)(j) [R&D&I Framework](#)

Conditions of the collaboration agreement

To meet the conditions of actual collaboration, the project activities can only start after the collaboration agreement has been approved by ZonMw and signed by all parties involved in the collaboration.

You can find more information about the conditions and a sample agreement [on the ZonMw website](#). We strongly advise that you use the sample agreement, which has been prepared in line with the requirements for actual collaboration.

The collaboration agreement must include, among other things, a provision on intellectual property rights. This provision regulates that:

- the results of the collaboration that do not give rise to intellectual property rights are widely disseminated;
- the intellectual property rights arising from the collaborative project will be allocated to the different parties in the collaboration in a manner that appropriately reflects the work undertaken, on the premise that 'the inventor is the owner';
- a research organisation will receive a remuneration for transferring or licensing its (fully-owned or shared) intellectual property rights to the undertaking(s) equivalent to the market price of those rights. A market-based price cannot be determined in advance and should be done at arm's length conditions.

You must submit for assessment by ZonMw a final, but not yet signed version of the collaboration agreement that meets the conditions.

Project implementation

The entire project must be implemented in compliance with the requirements for actual collaboration. If those requirements are not or no longer met (in full or in part), there is a risk of unlawful state aid being granted to the undertakings concerned and that all or part of the grant may not be awarded or may be withdrawn.

Please note that it is not possible to add new undertakings after the signed collaboration agreement.