

5th selection round

Postdoctoral
research

Seminar 29 September 2026

Practical guidance on conditions, funding, submission and evaluation

<https://www.lzp.gov.lv>



10.00–10.50

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Key conditions of the 5th selection round of measure 1.1.1.9 “Postdoctoral research”
Baiba Kajaka-Kargane · Head of the LCS Postdoctoral Programme Unit

10.50–11.10

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Key aspects of RIS3 and interdisciplinarity in research
Dagnija Butāne · Head of the RIS3 Unit, Ministry of Education and Science

11.10–11.30

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Submission, evaluation and implementation of research proposals
Baiba Kajaka-Kargane · Head of the LCS Postdoctoral Programme Unit

11.30–12.00

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Questions

Programme framework

- ✓ Governed by Cabinet Regulation No. 35
- ✓ Project implementation: 17 June 2024–31 December 2029
- ✓ Public funding for research proposals: EUR 31,237,165
- ✓ Cabinet Regulations define the indicators to be achieved

5th selection round

Final selection round of this PostDoc project

Supported research proposals

2024

1st round

92

non-economic research proposals

2025

2nd round

49

non-economic research proposals

2025

3rd round

4

research proposals related to economic activity

2026

4th round

10

research proposals related to economic activity

The fifth selection round is the final round of this PostDoc project.

Used in rounds 1–4

EUR 26,383,494.30

Public funding available for the 5th round

EUR 4,850,590

Expected number of supported research proposals

~39

PART A · non-economic research proposals

33 research proposals
applicants – scientific institutions

~7 fundamental

~26 industrial

PART B · research proposals related to economic activity

6 research proposals

Applicants – commercial enterprises

Objective of the PostDoc project



To develop the skills of early-career researchers and increase scientific capacity by providing opportunities to start a research career in scientific institutions and commercial enterprises, while improving research competences, renewing human resources and increasing the number of qualified specialists.

EU common monitoring indicators



Research jobs created in supported entities



Enterprises cooperating with research organisations



Research organisations participating in joint research projects



Private investment complementing public support

Definitions and accounting principles are established at EU level and cannot be freely redefined at national level.

National indicators



Scientific publications



New products and technologies suitable for commercialisation

Additional programme indicators defined in Latvia · Cabinet Regulation No. 35

Research applicant

PART A Scientific institution

Registered in the Register of Scientific Institutions and meets the definition of a research and knowledge-dissemination organisation.

PART B Commercial enterprise

A micro, small, medium-sized or large enterprise, or a scientific institution that does not meet the definition of a research organisation.



Postdoctoral researcher

A Latvian or foreign researcher whose doctoral degree was obtained no more than 10 years before the submission deadline; employed full-time during implementation.

The research must contribute to RIS3

- 1 Knowledge-intensive bioeconomy
- 2 Biomedicine, medical technologies, biopharmacy and biotechnologies
- 3 Smart materials, technologies and engineering systems
- 4 Smart energy and mobility
- 5 Information and communication technologies

Research conditions

Maximum funding	up to EUR 130,419
Implementation period	up to 24 months · no later than 30 June 2029
Start of implementation	within 6 months of receiving the decision · planned from April to 1 July 2027

PART A · non-economic research proposals



Fundamental research

Mandatory:

- creation of a new researcher post;
- 2 months of mobility



Industrial research

Mandatory:

- a new researcher post OR cooperation with a commercial enterprise;
- 2 months of mobility

+1 point if both results are planned

Meeting the condition for a new researcher post

- ✓ The postdoctoral researcher was not employed by the implementer before the selection round was announced; or
- ✓ was not employed by the implementer in a scientific or scientific technical staff position before the selection round was announced.
- ✓ The scientific institution ensures an increase in the total number of persons employed in research.
- ✓ Sustainability of the created post in the structural unit – at least 1 year after completion of the research proposal.

For assistance in finding a cooperation partner: LCS NCP Marija Plotniece · +371 29966535 · marija.plotniece@lzp.gov.lv

PART B · research proposals related to economic activity

Must not be:

- ✓ an undertaking in difficulty
- ✓ tax debts exceeding EUR 150
- ✓ subject to insolvency proceedings

Aid

de minimis or Regulation (EU) No 651/2014



Research job created in a supported entity

A new researcher or senior researcher post is created for the postdoctoral researcher in the structural unit; sustainability for 1 year must be ensured.



Number of scientific articles

Articles published or accepted for publication in Web of Science or Scopus. At least 1 scientific article must be prepared.



New products and technologies suitable for commercialisation

A new product (goods or services that are entirely new, have improved functional properties or a changed intended use) and technology. Patent, prototype, technology description.



Private investment complementing public support

Submit documents confirming that the co-financing specified in the contract has been credited to the research proposal account.



Enterprises cooperating with research organisations

Cooperation agreement between the scientific institution and a commercial enterprise if the research proposal is implemented in partnership or uses the enterprise's infrastructure.



Research organisations in joint research projects

Cooperation agreement between two research organisations if the research proposal is implemented in partnership or uses the organisation's infrastructure.

Each research proposal must provide for at least 2 of these types of results.

PART A · non-economic research proposal



Postdoctoral researcher remuneration up to EUR 3,860 per month

Annual remuneration costs shall not exceed EUR 46,320, including mandatory State social insurance contributions and other social guarantees. Remuneration is for full-time employment.



Research unit costs EUR 1,000 per month

Materials, protection of technology rights, outsourcing, publications, training, networking, business trips and conference participation.



Administrative and infrastructure costs 6% of remuneration costs

Office supplies, premises, utilities, IT maintenance, office and infrastructure resources, support and management staff.



Mobility and relocation EUR 710 + EUR 660

Long-term mobility for the postdoctoral researcher ≥ 6 consecutive months: EUR 710/month. Family allowance: + EUR 660/month.
A one-off allowance of EUR 710 may be paid to cover the postdoctoral researcher's relocation to Latvia, plus an additional one-off family allowance of EUR 660.

Funding



State budget – no more than 10%; the remaining share is provided from other funds available to the research organisation.

PART B · research proposal related to economic activity



Eligible activities

- 1 Personnel costs
Researchers, technical and other support staff, insofar as they are employed in implementing the research proposal.
- 2 Costs of materials and raw materials
Costs incurred directly as a result of implementing the research proposal
- 3 External services
Costs of contract research, knowledge and patents, and other services used exclusively for the purposes of the research proposal.
- 4 Costs of instruments and equipment for the research proposal
Materials, supplies, similar products and other expenses incurred directly as a result of implementing the research proposal.
- 5 Patent costs
Obtaining, validation and defence of patents and other intangible assets (excluding large enterprises).
- 6 Business trips and work-related travel
Costs insofar as and for as long as they are used for implementation of the research proposal
- 7 Training
Participation in training (different aid intensity)

PART B · for research related to economic activity



Fundamental research

Micro, small, medium-sized or large enterprise

- ERDF support 85%
- Private funding 15%



Industrial research

Medium-sized enterprise

- ERDF 60% · private funding 40%
- +15% if public access to results is ensured
- Protection of technology rights – 50% ERDF
- Training-related costs – 60% ERDF



Industrial research

Micro or small enterprise

- ERDF 70% · private funding 30%
- +15% if public access to results is ensured, not exceeding 80% ERDF
- Protection of technology rights – 50% ERDF
- Training-related costs – 70% ERDF



Industrial research

Large enterprise

- ERDF 50% · private funding 50%
- +15% if public access to results is ensured
- Costs for protection of technology rights are not eligible
- Training-related costs – 50% ERDF

Is mobility mandatory?

PART A · non-economic research proposal



Yes. International mobility of at least 2 months is mandatory.

It may be split into several periods. Long-term mobility of ≥ 6 consecutive months is optional and must be with one mobility partner; mobility support and family allowance may be available.

PART B · research proposal related to economic activity



No. Mobility is not mandatory but may be planned where necessary.

Are publicity measures mandatory?



Yes. Mandatory measures

- ✓ Publish information on the website at least once every 6 months.
- ✓ Display a poster on implementation of the research proposal in a publicly accessible place.
- ✓ When disseminating results, include a reference to the research proposal – its number and title.

Activities not eligible under the research proposal

- ! Development of study courses and teaching materials; delivery of lectures.
- ! Development of a separate website intended solely for the research proposal.
- ! Development of new standalone IT systems or databases that are not related to or justified by the research.

Can the postdoctoral researcher also work elsewhere?



In parallel with employment at the institution, the postdoctoral researcher may work elsewhere, subject to the Labour Law requirements on workload and remuneration.

At the same institution, if the total workload exceeds 1 full-time equivalent, overtime pay requirements must be observed. At another institution, we recommend a workload of no more than 0.2 FTE so that the quality of the postdoctoral research and performance of tasks are not adversely affected.

0.2

recommended maximum
additional workload at another
institution

RIS3 and
interdisciplinarity
in research

Dagnija Butāne

Head of the RIS3 Unit, Ministry of Education and Science

I now give the floor to Dagnija Butāne.

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Documentation available at lzp.gov.lv

The Regulations for the 5th selection round of research proposals and annexes are available on the LCS website under “Postdoctoral Programme” → “Calls” → “1.1.1.9. 5th selection round”.



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Registration in the PostDoc Information System

The institution must conclude an agreement with the LCS on use of the PostDoc Information System and obtain access to the system. The postdoctoral researcher should contact their institution to obtain user rights.



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Submission of the research proposal

The research proposal is submitted in the PostDoc Information System: <https://postdoc.lzp.gov.lv/>
Submission takes place in two parts:
Part I: 14 September 2026–30 October 2026 at 17.00.
Part II applies only to research proposals approved for implementation.

Atlases nolikuma pielikumi ir plemērojami atbilstoši pētniecības pieteikuma veidam – A daļai vai B daļai.



Information on the website

lzp.gov.lv/lv/5-atlases-karta

ZINĀTNISKAJĀM INSTITŪCIJĀM	KOMERSANTIEM
A DAĻA ar saimniecisko darbību nesaistītiem pētniecības pieteikumiem	B DAĻA ar saimniecisko darbību saistītiem pētniecības pieteikumiem
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Preparation of Part I and documents to be submitted

Documents common to Parts A and B

1. Statement by the research applicant

2. Copy of the doctoral degree/PhD diploma

3. Postdoctoral researcher's CV

4. Research project proposal

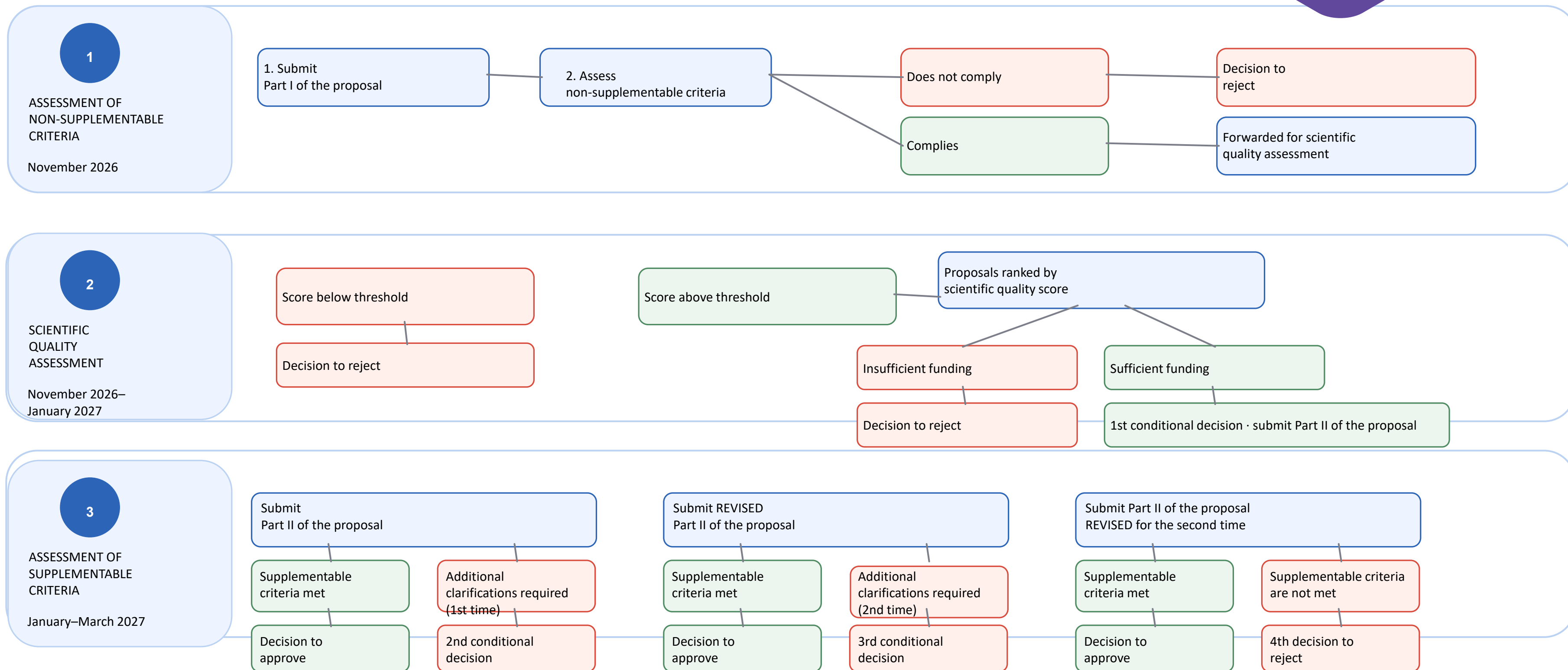
5. Agreement / memorandum of understanding between the postdoctoral researcher and the organisation

PART A · specific documents

- ✓ 6. Statement of compliance with the definition of a research and knowledge-dissemination organisation
- ✓ 7. Postdoctoral researcher mobility statement and supporting documentation, incl. relocation (if applicable)
- ✓ 8. Financial turnover statement of the scientific institution for 2023, 2024 and 2025
- ✓ 9. Cooperation Partner's declaration (if applicable)

PART B · specific documents

- ✓ 6. Certificate confirming that a commercial enterprise falls within the micro, small, medium-sized or large enterprise category
- ✓ 7a. Justification of the incentive effect of the planned public aid
- ✓ 7b. De minimis aid record-keeping form
- ✓ 8. Latest annual report or interim operative statement



1. Preparation of the research project proposal



Research project proposal

Annex 1.A Research project proposal
use the completion methodology
complete in English
limit: 15–17 pages
preferably sign with pdf.paraksts



Research project proposal

Annex 1.B Research project proposal
use the completion methodology
complete in English
limit: 15–17 pages
preferably sign with pdf.paraksts

2. Scientific quality assessment

Non-economic research proposals

1. Excellence

- Quality and credibility of the research
- Mobility and knowledge transfer
- Integration into the research group
- Capacity of the postdoctoral researcher

Max. 5 points · 35%

2. Impact

- Career development potential
- Dissemination / exploitation of results
- Communication to target audiences

Max. 5 points · 25%

3. Implementation

- Effectiveness of the work plan
- Appropriateness of tasks / resources
- Management and risks
- Institutional environment

Max. 5 points · 20%

4. Additional points

- For LCS industrial research proposals
- +1 point: new researcher post + cooperation with a commercial enterprise

1 point · 20%

After applying the weighting coefficients, the total score must be at least 2.6 points.

Research proposals related to economic activity

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| 1. Excellence | Research quality · mobility/knowledge transfer · integration · postdoctoral researcher capacity | 30% |
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| 2. Impact | Career development · dissemination and exploitation of results · communication | 45% |
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| 3. Implementation | Work plan · tasks and resources · management and risks · institutional environment | 25% |
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After applying the weighting coefficients, the total score must be at least 3 points

At least 3 out of 5 points must be achieved in each of the three criteria.

Completing the
research proposal



Practical session

From proposal sections to submission in the PostDoc Information System.



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Thank you for your attention!

Questions?



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