

# RULES FOR PARTICIPATION 2022 – CALL FOR PROJECTS

## 1. SCOPE OF THE PROGRAM

**Xartec Salut** is a network led by CREB UPC that is made up of 47 research groups that belong to 17 institutions from Catalonia (universities, hospitals and technology centers). It aims to be a catalyst for R&D&I in the field of Health Technologies in Catalonia, fostering innovation, technology transfer and entrepreneurship.

To achieve this goal, the network launches the 2022 CALL FOR PROJECTS and calls for participation to any eligible project, related with HealthTech innovation and participated by Xartec Salut's members. The purpose of the program is to **identify innovations with the greatest impact** and support researchers and institutions to **bring them closer to the market**.

## 2. ELIGIBLE STUDIES

Xartec Salut will provide **economic and strategic support** to de-risk and validate projects, as well as to ensure that research results contribute to economic and social development in the most efficient way.

**Strategic studies (provided by specialized suppliers** in the field) covered within this Call are:

- **Legal** Assessment (shareholders' and tech transfer agreement, Spin-off incorporation...)
- **Intellectual Property** (patentability studies, freedom to operate analysis, among others)
- **Business** Plan, Market analysis or exploitation strategy
- **Regulatory** Roadmap
- **Market Access** plan
- **Technology transfer** route analysis
- **Other** studies or support that require expert advice

Xartec Salut is also financing the **attendance of research groups to conferences and events**, in order to give visibility to group's innovative projects.

- **Event registration (Europe) + transport + accommodation**

There are **explicitly excluded** costs related to: proof of concept or technological development, for Intellectual property (application/registration process, drafting, translation, maintenance, litigation and opposition), for travels (meals and taxis) and VAT.

**All expenses will be managed by Xartec Salut**, respecting the maximums required for each type of expense and its consequent justification according to CREB, UPC & ERDF policies.

### 3. APLICATION PROCESS

The call for applications will be open from **23/09/2022** to **07/10/2022**.

Applications must be submitted in **English** through the duly submission of the form provided to [xartec.salut.creb@upc.edu](mailto:xartec.salut.creb@upc.edu). Incomplete applications will not be considered eligible (however, draft information may be included in the form).

### 4. EVALUATION & SELECTION PROCESS

Evaluation process will be composed of two sequential stages in parallel with the application process:

- **Stage 1 - Verification of eligibility (23/09/2022 – 07/10/2022):** Every project must comply with all the eligibility criteria described below:
  - The **assets** must be owned or co-owned by **members of Xartec Salut** and have an application in the **Health field**.
  - The principal investigator at Xartec Salut **must authorize** the presentation of the asset to this call.
  - The travel or study report needs to be performed **before 15/11/2022**.
  
- **Stage 2: Assessment of the applications (07/10/2022 – 19/10/2022):** Xartec Salut is looking to support **HealthTech projects** with a strong technological and innovation profile, as well as with potential economic and social impact. Evaluation criteria will be the following:
  - **50%** Need for developing the related study or travel
  - **25%** Market potential & competitive advantages of the technology
  - **25%** Innovation & novelty

Results will be communicated to candidates via e-mail, before **19/10/2022**.

The **global budget** for this CALL is **85.000€**. The strategic studies will be allocated to the best assessed projects **until the established budget is covered**. **We encourage you to conduct the application early.**

### 5. CONFIDENTIALITY

All the information shared by the research groups in the framework of this call for projects will be treated as confidential information to what is stated at the Agreement signed by the entities pertaining to Xartec Salut (“Acord de Xarxa”).