

Guide for applicants – July 2026

Predoctoral grants Talent H2 CAT-BW

This document sets out the procedures governing the Talent H2 CAT-BW predoctoral grants calls, including the requirements for applicants, the application and selection processes, and the conditions for implementation and funding. It is designed to give an overview of the regulatory procedures which ensures an open, transparent, competitive, and merit-based framework for the grant's selection and assignment, aligned with European standards for doctoral training and research excellence.

This document is for information purposes only. It applies to all interested institutions and fellow candidates in Catalonia (CAT) and Baden-Württemberg (BW) and should be read in conjunction with the relevant call documentation, the applicable regulatory guidelines and programme-level agreements, which will be accessible on the programme website: www.talenth2catbw.cat

In the event of any discrepancy, the the Call and the Regulatory Guidelines documents will prevail.

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1. The Talent H₂ CAT-BW Cofund Programme

1.1 General Information and Programme Framework

The Talent H₂ CAT-BW Programme (New Talent Generation for the Future of Hydrogen Research and Innovation in Catalonia and Baden-Württemberg) is a pioneering interregional doctoral programme aimed at training the next generation of researchers in the field of hydrogen. Jointly led by the Ministry of Research and Universities of Catalonia (Spain) and the Ministry of Science, Research and the Arts of Baden-Württemberg (Germany), the programme promotes interdisciplinary, intersectoral, and international doctoral training in hydrogen research and innovation.

The programme is launched in the context of the strategic alliance established by Catalonia and Baden-Württemberg in 2022 to strengthen cooperation in hydrogen research and innovation, with the objective of developing advanced technological solutions and addressing the challenges associated with the energy transition. This initiative builds on more than three decades of collaboration between both regions within the framework of the Four Motors for Europe, promoting joint actions in research, innovation, higher education, and economic development.

Co-funded under Horizon Europe, through Grant Agreement no. 101217279, the Talent H₂ CAT-BW grants programme will fund 40 doctoral researchers through 36-month fellowships. The programme is embedded within the Hydrogen Valleys ecosystems of both regions and involves collaboration between universities, research centres, and non-academic organisations, contributing to key European policy priorities such as the European Green Deal, the European Hydrogen Strategy, or REPowerEU, among others.

A distinctive feature of the programme is its strong interregional dimension. Each doctoral project is jointly developed between the two regions, enabling fellows to benefit from co-supervision by a principal supervisor at the host institution and a co-supervisor in the partner region. Fellows will undertake research stays in both regions and gain exposure to career pathways beyond

academia through collaboration with more than 50 leading research and innovation organizations, offering access to advanced infrastructures and extensive international networks. Through this integrated model, Talent H₂ CAT-BW seeks to strengthen collaboration between the academic and non-academic sectors, foster knowledge transfer and research excellence, and position both regions among Europe's leading ecosystems for hydrogen research and innovation.

1.2 Beneficiary institutions

Beneficiary institutions are host institutions responsible for the implementation of the TALENT H₂ CAT-BW doctoral projects and for the recruitment of the predoctoral researchers. Projects must be led by two Principal Investigators, one from the research system of Catalonia and another from the research system of BW. Together, the Principal Investigator (PI) of the host institution and the Co-Principal Investigator (CoIP) of the partner institution act as supervisor and co-supervisor and are responsible for the proper implementation of the joint project. They will both ensure the scientific quality of the projects, provide an appropriate research and training environment, and oversee the research and training plans throughout the duration of the programme.

Eligible institutions:

Catalonia (CAT)	Baden-Württemberg (BW)
Universities of the Catalan university system	Public universities and universities of applied sciences based in Baden-Württemberg.
Public research centres	
Hospital foundations	Institutes of the Max Planck Society based in Baden-Württemberg.

CSIC centres located in Catalonia	Institutes of the Leibniz Association based in Baden-Württemberg
Major research infrastructures: ALBA Synchrotron (CELLS), BSC-CNS and CNAG	Institutes of Fraunhofer Society based in Baden-Württemberg
—	Institutes of the Helmholtz Association institutes based in Baden-Württemberg
—	Institutes of Innovation Alliance Baden-Württemberg e.V.
Not eligible: scientific parks, technology centres, and similar entities	—

Institutional eligibility and general requirements

All beneficiary institutions must comply with applicable national and European legislation and demonstrate the administrative, financial, and operational capacity required to implement the funded project.

In particular, beneficiary institutions should:

- Be in compliance with all applicable tax, social security, and legal obligations in their respective country or region.
- Demonstrate sufficient administrative, technical, and financial capacity to manage and implement the project activities effectively.
- Ensure compliance with applicable legislation and obligations relating to intellectual property, data protection, labour law, and research governance.
- Not be subject to final judicial or administrative decisions confirming discriminatory practices or imposing sanctions related to equality, non-discrimination, or comparable legal infringements.

- Respect and promote applicable principles and requirements relating to equality, diversity, inclusion, and ethical research conduct.

Institutions established in Catalonia shall comply with the general eligibility and compliance requirements established under applicable Spanish and Catalan legislation governing public subsidies, including administrative, financial, labor, equality, and transparency obligations, as well as relevant EU State aid provisions and financial accountability requirements applicable to publicly funded research activities.

Institutions established in Baden-Württemberg shall comply with applicable German federal and Land legislation, including subsidy law requirements, relevant EU State aid provisions, and the financial and administrative accountability obligations applicable to non-economic research activities.

Cross-cutting principles and compliance

Beneficiary institutions shall ensure that project implementation and institutional practices are aligned with the following cross-cutting principles and European frameworks, and where possible, they will retain the supporting documentation evidencing the implementation of these principles/frameworks:

- The [European Charter for Researchers](#) promoting fair and attractive research careers, appropriate working conditions, academic freedom, professional development, and responsible research practices.
- The [principles of Open, Transparent and Merit-based Recruitment \(OTM-R\)](#), ensuring that recruitment and selection procedures are open, transparent, merit-based, and based on equal opportunities and non-discrimination.
- The principles of Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI), ensuring that research and innovation activities are conducted responsibly, ethically, and with consideration of societal needs and impacts.
- Applicable European, national, regional, and institutional legislation, policies, and measures relating to gender equality, diversity, inclusion, and non-discrimination, ensuring equal opportunities and preventing

discriminatory practices throughout project implementation and institutional activities.

- Applicable European, national, and institutional ethical, legal, and regulatory frameworks governing research activities and good research practices, including research ethics, research integrity, responsible conduct of research, and the appropriate management of research data and results.

Beneficiary institutions will promote research environments aligned with relevant European initiatives supporting researcher careers and institutional excellence, including the Human Resources Strategy for Researchers (HRS4R) and relevant competence frameworks for researchers. Institutions are expected to foster interdisciplinary, international, and intersectoral collaboration and to provide inclusive and supportive research environments conducive to research excellence and innovation.

PI eligibility and participation conditions

At the time of the application submission, the Principal Investigator (PI) and the Co-Principal Investigator (Co-PI), must hold a formal affiliation or employment relationship with the beneficiary institution that enables them to undertake and supervise the proposed project.

They must ensure that appropriate scientific supervision, institutional support, and project implementation capacity are maintained throughout the duration of the funded project. Any significant changes affecting project leadership, supervision arrangements, or institutional affiliation will have to be communicated to the programme authorities without undue delay and may be subject to assessment and approval in accordance with programme rules, through the official communication channel: talenth2catbw@gencat.cat.

Each researcher may participate in maximum two project applications but may only act as Principal Investigator (PI) in one project and as Co-Principal

Investigator (Co-PI) in one additional project, provided that sufficient capacity, resources, and institutional commitment are ensured.

Failure to comply with the conditions and obligations established under this section may result in corrective measures or the suspension, reduction, or withdrawal of funding, in accordance with the applicable programme and legal provisions.

Candidates' eligibility and participation conditions

The applicants must comply with the MSCA program mobility rule: the fellows must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of the host organisation **for more than 12 months in the 36 months** immediately prior to the call deadline in the country of the host institution. Evidence can be required. Not be involved in the doctoral programme.

1.3 Structure and operation of the Call

The programme call will be implemented through two sequential steps (2 call deadlines) for the selection of 40 projects (20 for each region).

STEP 1 – Call for Projects

Eligible institutions established in Catalonia (CAT) and Baden-Württemberg (BW) can submit joint doctoral research project proposals in accordance with the requirements and procedures established under the call for projects. Project proposals will be evaluated by independent external experts based on scientific excellence, expected impact, quality of supervision and training, and the alignment with the objectives and priorities of the programme.

Projects successfully selected under this phase will be awarded the “Talent H2 CAT-BW Seal”, certifying their scientific quality and eligibility to recruit and host doctoral candidates within the framework of the programme.

STEP 2 – Call for Candidates

Doctoral candidates can apply to a maximum of 3 projects awarded the Talent H2 CAT-BW quality Seal. Applications will be evaluated through an open

and competitive selection process conducted in two phases. In the first phase, external experts will assess all applications and shortlist candidates for each project. In the second phase, the shortlisted candidates will be invited to participate in personal interviews conducted by a panel of experts.

The final decision of doctoral positions will be appointed by a Selection Committee, matching selected candidates with recognised projects, in accordance with the evaluation results and programme rules.

The selection process will be implemented in accordance with the principles of transparency, equal opportunities, non-discrimination, and merit-based selection.

Following the publication of the grant's decision, the Host Institution must contact the selected candidate and formalize the predoctoral employment contract, in accordance with the programme rules and timelines.

The call information will be supported by FAQs for projects and FAQs for applicants, which will be made available through the programme website: www.talenth2catbw.cat.

Any further requests may be submitted by email to: talenth2catbw@gencat.cat.

2. Application process

2.1 Requirements for Project proposals

Eligible project proposals must:

- Be coordinated by eligible host institutions in CAT or BW.
- Be led by qualified Principal Investigator (PI) with a strong research track record.
- Define a structured doctoral training plan aligned with programme objectives.

- Include international, interdisciplinary, and/or intersectoral stays and dimensions where applicable.
- Be feasible within the project duration and funding limits.
- Comply with ethical standards, gender equality principles, and open science requirements.
- Ensure compliance with applicable legal and institutional recruitment and security regulations.

2.2 Requirements for Candidates

The programme is open to candidates of any nationality and age.

To be considered eligible, candidates must comply with all of the following requirements by the deadline for submission of applications:

a) **Doctoral candidate status**

Candidates must not be in possession of a doctoral degree at the deadline for submission of applications. Researchers who have successfully defended their doctoral thesis before the call deadline, even if the doctoral degree has not yet been formally awarded, will not be considered eligible.

b) **Access to doctoral studies**

Candidates must fulfil the academic requirements granting access to doctoral-level studies in accordance with the applicable regulations of the recruiting institution and country. As a general rule, this includes a minimum of 300 ECTS credits or an equivalent qualification granting access to doctoral studies.

c) **MSCA Mobility rule**

Candidates must comply with the MSCA mobility rule in relation to the country of the recruiting host organisation. Candidates must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of the recruiting institution for more than twelve (12) months during the thirty-six (36) months immediately prior to the call deadline.

Accordingly, candidates applying for projects hosted in Catalonia (CAT) must comply with the mobility rule in relation to Spain, while candidates applying for projects hosted in Baden-Württemberg (BW) must comply with the mobility rule in relation to Germany.

Application Rules

Doctoral candidates may apply to projects previously awarded Talent H₂ CAT-BW Seal and published through the official programme channels. Each candidate may submit one application and may select a maximum of three projects, indicating their order of preference.

Applications must be submitted through an online application platform established in the call announcement. The application form and any annexes and related guidance documents will be available as part of the call documentation accessible from the programme website: www.talenth2catbw.cat.

Security-related restrictions

In exceptional cases, where required by applicable security regulations or other legally binding provisions, specific restrictions concerning the eligibility of candidates may apply. Such restrictions will be duly justified and explicitly indicated in the project description at the proposal stage by the Host Institution.

Required documents

Candidates must complete the application form and submit all required supporting documentation through the online application platform within the deadline established in the call.

a) Candidate information

- Curriculum Vitae (Europass format, max. 4 pages)
- Motivation letter (max. 3 pages), including project preferences and justification
- At least two reference letters (preferably academic supervisors or relevant researchers)

b) Academic records

- Official transcripts of bachelor's and master's degrees (or equivalent)
- Certified translations where applicable (EN/ES/DE depending on project location)
- Proof of eligibility: minimum 300 ECTS or equivalent access to doctoral level studies

c) English language certificate

- Minimum CEFR B2 or equivalent (IELTS, TOEFL, Cambridge, etc.)
- Native speakers or candidates with English-taught degrees are exempt

Applications must be submitted within the deadline established in the call. Applications submitted via non-official channels or formats will not be considered.

Incomplete applications may be subject to a single administrative correction request, within the established legal framework.

2.3 Submission procedure and application platform

The grants are awarded under a competitive procedure, managed by the Agency for the Management of University and Research Grants ([AGAUR](#)).

PROJECTS APPLICATION:

AGAUR acts as programme manager and is responsible for the publications of the Calls. For technical and administrative reasons, the submission of the joint proposal's applications must be submitted only by the Catalan institution in each case. This procedural requirement applies irrespective of the host institution of the project (Catalonia or Baden-Württemberg), the role of the principal investigator, or the scientific leadership of the project.

FELLOWS APPLICATION:

For candidates a valid electronic identification (e-ID) system is required to submit the application online. Applicants are responsible for obtaining and activating a recognized digital identification method before the application

deadline. For international applicants, accepted systems and practical guidance will be specified in the call documentation and programme website.

The application package includes:

- a general application form; and
- a mandatory annex including all supporting documentation required.

1. ONLINE APPLICATION FORM	
2. MANDATORY ANNEX	CURRICULUM VITAE EUROPASS TEMPLATE
	MOTIVATION LETTER
	2 RECOMMENDATION LETTERS
	TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDS (and Translation if needed)
	PROOF OF ELEGIBILITY (Previous degrees undergraduate or master's)
	ENGLISH CERTIFICATE

The Evaluation will be based exclusively on the information and documentation submitted within the application form and annexes. Applicants are therefore responsible for ensuring that all submitted information is complete, accurate, and legible at the time of submission.

Where applications contain correctable administrative or formal errors, applicants may be invited to submit amendments or additional documentation within the timeframe of 10 days, as specified in the call. Such corrections may only concern formal or administrative aspects and may not modify the substantive content subject to evaluation.

The programme management bodies (DREU, MWK or AGAUR) may request additional documentation at any stage of the procedure to verify eligibility conditions, academic qualifications, mobility requirements, language

certificates, or other elements relevant to the evaluation and selection process. False declarations, substantial inaccuracies, or omission of essential information may result in exclusion from the selection process or revocation of the grant if already awarded.

In the event of a technical interruption affecting the electronic application system during the final submission period, the application deadline may be exceptionally extended. Any such extension will be officially communicated through the electronic headquarters of the Government of Catalonia and the programme communication channels.

3. Selection process

The TALENT H₂ CAT-BW selection process follows a competitive, merit-based procedure in accordance with Horizon Europe – MSCA COFUND principles, ensuring transparency, equal opportunities, and research excellence. The process is divided into two steps: one for the selection of doctoral projects and another for the selection of doctoral candidates.

3.1 Evaluation process

The evaluation and selection process is organized in two sequential stages: (i) selection of doctoral projects and (ii) recruitment of doctoral candidates.

3.1.1 Selection of doctoral projects

Eligible project proposals are evaluated by external and independent experts in accordance with AGAUR evaluation regulations. You may access the information on its website: <https://agaur.gencat.cat/en/avaluacio/index.html>

Following external evaluation, a ranked list of projects is produced based on a scientific-technical score (1–10, two decimals).

The Selection Committee, considering the external evaluations and programme priorities, will select up to forty (40) projects to be awarded the Talent H₂ CAT-BW Seal, comprising twenty (20) projects hosted in Catalonia (CAT) and twenty (20) projects hosted in Baden-Württemberg (BW).

In addition, the Selection Committee may establish separate reserve lists of projects for each region.

In case of ex aequo, priority is given to projects where the Principal Investigator or Co-Principal Investigator is a woman.

3.1.2 Selection of doctoral candidates

Candidates can apply for up to three (3) Seal-awarded projects and are evaluated in two consecutive phases:

- Phase 1: External evaluation of merits
- Phase 2: Interviews

Candidates per project are shortlisted for interviews based on Phase 1 results.

The Selection Committee validates final rankings and ensures compliance with programme rules, equality principles, and institutional priorities. A reserve list of candidates may be established.

3.1.3 Selection Committee

The Selection Committee is responsible for:

- Validating final rankings for projects and candidates
- Ensuring correct application of evaluation rules
- Gender balance and equal opportunities
- Overseeing transparency and fairness of the process

The Committee may include external experts and observers and operates under applicable public sector governance regulations.

3.2 Evaluation criteria

3.2.1 Criteria for doctoral projects

Project proposals are evaluated on a 100-point scale according to the following criteria:

EXCELLENCE	25%
IMPACT	25%
IP's EXPERIENCE AND BACKGROUND	25%
TRIPLE 1 DIMENSION: International, Intersectorial, Interdisciplinary	25%

Gender equality and ethical aspects are considered transversally.

Ranking and Seal award: Consolidated scientific-technical evaluation and panel ranking 1–10 (final score, two decimals). Only top-ranked projects above threshold will be considered for funding. Gender balance: priority to projects where PI or Co-PI is a woman.

Final selection (Committee decision): Strategic alignment, external evaluations, and programme priorities. Maximum 40 projects selected (20 led by each region). Gender balance and equality principles applied in Ex aequo cases.

3.2.2 Criteria for doctoral candidates

Candidates are evaluated on a 100-point scale according to the following criteria:

Phase 1 – External evaluation (50%)

TRAINING	20%
EXPERIENCE AND RESEARCH	15%
MOTIVATION LETTER	5%
OTHERS (language skills: English, participation in international programmes, etc...)	10%

Ex aequo cases are resolved in the following order: education, research experience, motivation, additional skills.

Only those above minimum thresholds will be considered for interviews, with a maximum of 3 candidates per project.

Phase 2 – Interviews (50%)

Research skills and potential	25%
Interpersonal skills	15%
Communication skills	10%

In case of ex aequo, priority is given to underrepresented groups, including women, refugees, and researchers with disabilities.

4. Funding scheme

4.1 Eligible Costs and Funding Scheme

Eligible costs under the programme are defined in accordance with applicable Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) funding rules and must be directly linked to the implementation of the doctoral project.

The funding scheme may include the following components:

a) Living allowance: Contribution to the salary of the doctoral candidate, including employer and employee social security contributions, for a maximum duration of 36 months. Amounts may be adjusted through correction coefficients applicable per country. In accordance with the MSCA funding framework, the living allowance is adjusted through country-specific correction coefficients to reflect differences in living and employment costs between countries. Accordingly, the monthly contribution amounts to Doctoral Candidates recruited in Catalonia and Baden-Württemberg will be:

CATALONIA	3.881,36 €
BADEN-WÜRTENBERG	4.108,72 €

- b) Mobility allowance:** Contribution to cover mobility-related expenses linked to participation in the programme, including interregional or international secondments where applicable. The monthly contribution amounts to EUR 710 and is paid together with the salary.
- c) Family allowance:** Additional contribution applicable where the candidate has family-related obligations at the time of recruitment, in accordance with applicable definitions under the call. The monthly contribution amounts to EUR 660 and is paid together with the salary, if applicable.

All amounts indicated above correspond to gross contributions and are subject to applicable taxation and social security regulations. In particular, the Living Allowance corresponds to the gross employment cost. The final net salary to be received by the Doctoral candidate will depend on the applicable tax deductions and social security contributions in each individual case.

Only costs explicitly foreseen in the call and directly linked to the project are eligible.

4.2 Funding specificities

Host Institutions will be responsible for the enrolment of the doctoral candidate in the corresponding doctoral programme, shall provide the resources necessary for the implementation of the doctoral project, and will be responsible for covering all costs not financed through the programme contributions up to a minimum contribution of 15.000€ in cash: including tuition fees, research and training expenses, access to research infrastructures and services, participation in conferences and networking activities, dissemination and open-access publication costs, as well as any employment-related costs exceeding the programme contribution.

5. Grant decision and acceptance

5.1 Grant acceptance

Following the evaluation process, the competent management body (AGAUR) will publish a provisional grant decision based on the recommendations of the Selection Committee. The provisional grant decision will include:

- Selected projects and host institutions
- Ranked candidates for each project

A reserve list may also be established per region.

If a selected institution or candidate withdraws, the next eligible applicant may be invited according to each regional ranking and programme rules.

The provisional grant decision will be published electronically and will have the same legal effect as an individual notification. Applicants and participating institutions may submit observations or appeals within the period specified in the call.

Acceptance of the grant requires agreement between:

- Candidate declaration
- Host institution acceptance of the grant

Evidence of the enrolment of each candidate to the corresponding doctoral programme will be required.

The final assignment of contractual responsibilities depends on the institutional affiliation of the supervising research group:

- CAT-based institutions act as employers for fellows recruited in Catalonia
- BW-based institutions act as employers for fellows recruited in Baden-Württemberg.

Administrative, financial and reporting obligations

Beneficiary institutions must:

- Inform the programme management authorities without undue delay of any relevant changes or circumstances affecting the project implementation.
- Comply with applicable labor legislation, research standards, and funding rules in Catalonia and Baden-Württemberg, as well as with all obligations arising from the programme framework and applicable legislation.
- Assume responsibility for any costs exceeding the grant amount awarded under this programme.
- Provide all documentation and information required for monitoring, reporting, audits, controls, and evaluations carried out by the competent authorities or funding bodies.
- Declare any additional public or private funding received or requested for the same activities or eligible costs, to prevent double funding and ensure compliance with applicable funding rules.

5.2 Implementation period and recruitment timeline

Doctoral projects have a total duration of 36 months.

Recruitment of selected candidates must be completed within the timeline established in the call, including:

- Acceptance of the grant.
- Contracting the candidate within the defined recruitment period, up to 12 weeks after grant decision.

Failure to complete recruitment within the established timeframe may result in loss of the grant.

Project implementation begins upon formal recruitment of the selected candidate.

6. Contractual provisions

6.1 Enrolment and payment

The employment contract must be formalised under the applicable doctoral researcher employment framework for each region, within the deadlines defined in the call.

If the first candidate does not formalize the contract, the following proposed candidates may be contacted in order of selection per project and country, with prior notification by email to talenth2catbw@gencat.cat.

If the PI of the project is affiliated to an institution in Catalonia, funding will be provided through AGAUR. If the PI is affiliated with an institution in Baden-Württemberg, funding will be provided through the Baden-Württemberg Ministry of Science, Research and the Arts (MWK).

Payments are conditional upon acceptance of the grant:

- Confirmation of doctoral enrollment
- Fellows' Contract formalisation
- Proper implementation of the project

Payments from CAT will follow the following structure (indicative):

- 50% upon recruitment
- 30% at mid-term (18 months)
- 20% after final justification

Payments from BW will follow its regional administrative procedures (BW funding authority rules).

No guarantees are required for payment.

Advanced payments are subject to the conditions established by the applicable funding authority and may be restricted in cases of insolvency or other legal limitations provided for under the relevant funding regulations.

6.2 Monitoring and reporting

Beneficiary institutions must submit:

- A mid-term report (18 months)
- A final report (end of project)

Reports must follow the official template provided by the Talent H2 CAT-BW Management Team.

Reports must include a technical report on:

- Scientific progress
- Training activities
- Employment status updates of fellow
- Any deviations or interruptions

The Programme Management Team may ask for any additional reporting information to fellow or host institution if necessary.

6.3 Dissemination and Open Science

The programme may publish summaries or extracts of reports for transparency and dissemination purposes.

By submitting an application, beneficiaries accept that selected outputs may be used for:

- Scientific communication
- Programme reporting
- Public dissemination

All dissemination activities shall be carried out in accordance with the applicable Horizon Europe requirements. Data protection, confidentiality, intellectual property rights and the exploitation of results shall be governed by the applicable European, national and institutional regulations.

Any communication or dissemination activity related to the action must use factually accurate information. In addition, the following legal notice must be indicated:

"This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon Europe Research and Innovation Programme under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Grant Agreement No. 101217279".

It must also indicate the funding from the 'Government of the Generalitat of Catalonia and the Government of Baden-Württemberg'.

The EU logo, if the publication has a visual format (articles, posters, etc.) which you can download from the page: https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/information-sources/logo-download-center_en

The Open Science requirements should be considered from day one of the project, not as a final obligation of justification. In addition, it is mandatory to openly publish all project results (research data, code and methodologies) and manage the data according to FAIR principles, so that they are easy to find, accessible, interoperable and reusable.

All Open science requirements are available at: https://rea.ec.europa.eu/open-science_en#open-science-and-project-implementation

A Dissemination and Communication Guide Talent H2 CAT-BW will be available on the programme website (www.talenth2catbw.cat), covering all these indications and useful recommendations.

6.4 Compatibility with other funding

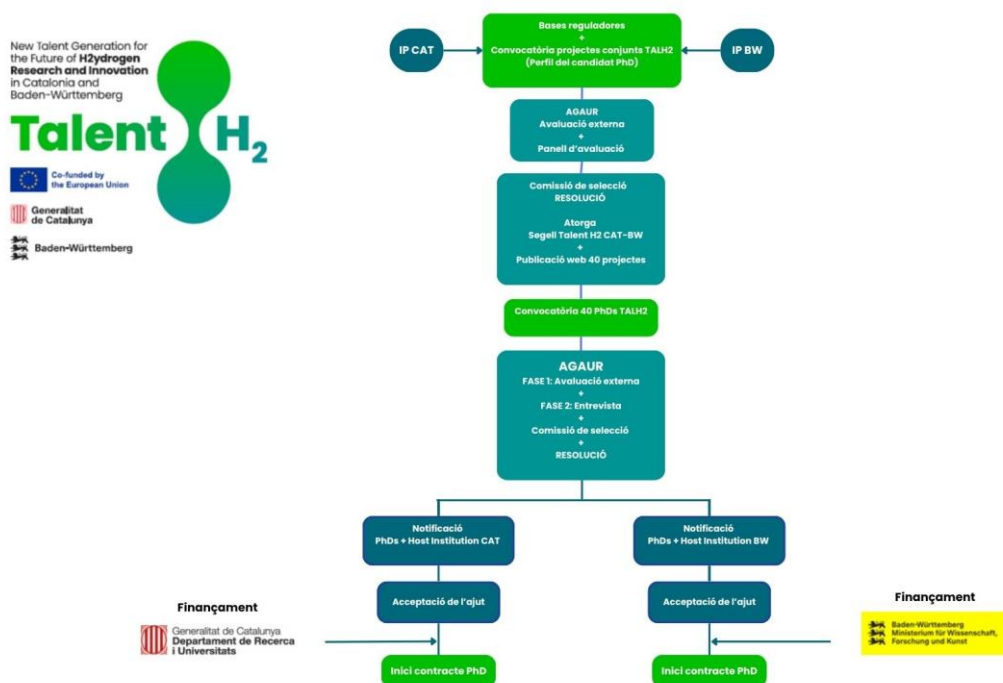
Grants awarded under this programme are compatible with other funding sources provided that:

- The total combined funding does not exceed the total eligible cost of the project.

- No double funding is applied to the same cost items.

Beneficiary institutions must declare any additional funding received or requested for the same activity as soon as it becomes known, and in any case before final financial justification.

Annex I: Programme grant structure chart



Annex II: Projects application form (Provisional version / draft)

PROJECT TITLE: _____

1. Brief summary of the joint project (maximum half page).

This information can be used to disseminate the Project for the next phase of candidates selection.

Profile of the doctoral student to be selected, including qualifications, and area of knowledge and minimum required training for the research field, if applicable other competencies.

This information can be used for dissemination purposes in the next phase of candidate's selection.

Required Degree	
Complementary Training	
Competencies	

2. Project description for assessment (max. 10 pages).

a) **Excellence of the doctoral project in terms of science and innovation**

Indicate the relevance of the project in relation to the object of the grant and the characteristics and requirements established in the general regulatory guidelines.

b) **Expected impact at a scientific, economic and social level, as well as the career projection for the doctoral student.**

Explain the unique contribution that the results of your project would make to the field of action, and to the improvement of the career prospects and employability of doctoral candidates, as well as the contribution to the development of their skills. Demonstrate the route to the expected impact, in a concise and coherent manner, for the adoption, use or further development of the project results by target groups, including the potential for contribution at scientific, economic and social levels in coherence with the purpose of the programme described in the preamble. Describe

the dissemination and communication and exploitation measures (if any) that are planned to reach the target group and establish quantifiable indicators whenever possible.

- c) **Experience of the investigators and their contributions: publications, supervised doctorates, experience in management or participation in RDI projects.**

Narratively describe the scientific background and international impact of both the principal investigator and the co-principal investigator responsible for the project, demonstrating their suitability to lead the proposed project. Demonstrate supervisory experience on research staff and the ability to execute and coordinate the planned research and training activities. Mention your 5 most relevant contributions.

- d) **Triple I dimension: the adequacy of international and intersectoral stays, and the interdisciplinary nature of the project.**

Describe the profile of the doctoral student to be selected and the proposed work plan for the doctoral candidate, with details of the specific training plan and specifying the expected periods of secondments and different stays with a triple I consideration (international, intersectoral and/or interdisciplinary).

ETHICS SELF-ASSESSMENT

As specified in point 36.4 of the regulatory guidelines, researchers must complete an ethical self-assessment.

Self-declaration on not-funded activities:

I DECLARE that my research does **NOT** cover any of the following fields: activities aimed at human cloning for reproductive purposes; activities aimed at modifying the genetic heritage of human beings that could make such changes heritable (except research related to the treatment of gonadal cancer, which may be funded); activities aimed at the creation of human embryos exclusively for research purposes or for the purpose of acquiring stem cells including through nuclear transfer of somatic cells leading to the destruction of human embryos (section 17.2 of the regulatory guidelines).

If your research **DOES** include one of these fields, briefly justify the planned activities below:

Activities subject to ethical assessment by the corresponding ethics committee:

La investigació proposada implica / The proposed research implies:	Sí / Yes	No
Embrions humans o cèl·lules mare humanes / Human embryos or human stem cells	☐	☐
Cèl·lules o teixits humans / Human cells or tissues	☐	☐
Participants humans / Human participants	☐	☐
Dades personals / Personal data	☐	☐
Experimentació amb animals / Animal testing	☐	☐
Experimentació amb flora o fauna protegida, o ús de substàncies i processos susceptibles de causar un perjudici al medi ambient. / Experimentation with protected flora or fauna, or use of substances or processes that may cause harm to environment	☐	☐
Desenvolupament d'eines d'intel·ligència artificial que puguin afectar els drets individuals / Development of Artificial Intelligence tools that may raise concerns related to human rights	☐	☐
Altres / Other	☐	☐

Si la proposta de recerca inclou algun dels elements anteriors susceptibles d'implicacions ètiques, caldrà presentar l'informe de valoració ètica amb resultat favorable emès pel comitè d'ètica corresponent (si l'ajut és atorgat). / If the research proposal includes any of the previous items likely to have ethical implications, it will be mandatory to present the ethical assessment report with a favourable result issued by the corresponding ethics committee (if the project is granted).

Si heu seleccionat "Sí" en algun dels punts anteriors, informeu del nom del comitè d'ètica que valorarà el vostre projecte i la institució a la qual pertany. / If you have selected "Yes" in any of the previous items, please provide the name of the ethics committee that will assess your project and the institution to which it belongs.

Si el vostre projecte de recerca contempla algun dels elements anteriors però no estarà subjecte a la valoració de cap comitè, justifiqueu el motiu. / If your research project implies any of the items listed before but will not be assessed by any committee, please justify the reason.