

CLARIFICATIONS ON HORIZON EUROPE CALLS

Question n.1

What is your advice on how to most effectively search for funding opportunities in Horizon Europe? In Funding and Tenders Portal? Elsewhere? By key words/clusters?

Answer

Yes, in the funding and tender portal you can go directly to the cluster section or search by key words as Space, EUSPA calls etc.

Question n.2

What is the success rate of Horizon Europe application in the programmes open for space research?

Answer

The 1st EUSPA Horizon Europe call had an average success rate of 26%.

Question n.3

What is the recommended size of a project consortium? If there is only the required minimum of project partners/countries included, can the project be funded?

Answer

The maximum number of partners is not fixed and left to applicants. If the minimum required number of applicants is reached the proposal is eligible for funding.

Question n.4

Are there funding programmes funded by both ESA and HE - or is this always separated?

Answer

Currently the calls are separated.

Question n.5

Unless you will cover it in the presentation, which of the HE Pillar 2 clusters do include space related calls?

Answer

EUSPA calls are under Pillar II, WP 7 - Digital, Industry and Space, cluster 4.

Question n.6

Can you please confirm the timelines for the 2022 calls? Will they still open in October?

Answer

We plan to launch the second call in October 2022.

Question n.7

Are the research entities from outside of EU encouraged to apply? What would be the conditions to do so?

Answer

All eligible entities are encouraged to apply, including non-EU research entities. Refer to the Work programme and the Horizon Europe website for more details.

Question n.8

How independent can be the participants within a consortium? i.e. separate services or private start-ups as part of a consortium

Answer

This is a decision left to applicants. In addition, there are other funding instruments for start-ups as Cassini.

Question n.9

Is there a particular preference between proposals covering many sectors vs others more single-sector focused?

Answer

No, this is up to applicants to decide.

Question n.10

How can we find the right partners to build a solid consortium and apply to the 2nd HE call?

Answer

An option to find a partner is to consult the EUSPA website (<https://www.euspa.europa.eu/euspace-applications/project-portfolio/search-projects>) where there is the EUSPA portfolio of projects with the list of beneficiaries that you can consult and contact to build a new consortium.

Question n.11

Can associated countries participate in GOVSATCOM?

Answer

For the reasons of EU strategic autonomy in space and the security and integrity of EU space assets, in order to guarantee the protection of the strategic interests of the Union and its Member States, legal entities established in any European Union Member State are eligible to participate where these entities comply with the conditions established in Article 24 of the Regulation (EU) 2021/696 as further indicated in the call.

Question n.12

Are all the expected outcomes to be mandatorily achieved or the consortia have the flexibility to select part of them only?

Answer

The applicants have the flexibility to select one or more expected outcomes.

Question n.13

Where can we find the partners in the past/running consortia and how can we get in touch with them?

Answer

See reply n. 10

Question n.14

Could you clarify the non-EU countries that can benefit from the International partners call? Only the ones that have cooperation agreements on Copernicus?

Answer

Due to the scope of this topic, legal entities established in countries that have signed an administrative cooperation arrangement on Copernicus data access and Earth observation data exchange are exceptionally eligible for Union funding.

Question n.15

When are the 2nd call project expected to be kicked-off?

Answer

The indicative timeline for the Grant Agreement signature is 8 months after the opening of the call (Time to grant = T0+8 months where T0 is the opening of the call).

Question n.16

What are the rules for the Intellectual Property Right (IPR)? Who is the owner of IP?

Answer

In the Horizon Europe calls, after the implementation of the projects the IPR remains with beneficiaries.

Question n.17

Will we be able to get the presentations? Where can we find them?

Answer

Yes, the presentation will be published on the EUSPA website.

Question n.18

For Govsatcom call, it was mentioned a useful webpage besides the EUSPA portfolio of projects. Can you share this again?

Answer

The project of ENTRUSTED was mentioned, which prepares the GOVSATCOM programme component from the user perspective. The project is funded by Horizon 2020 and coordinated by EUSPA. Please see: <https://entrusted.eu/>