



Clarification Note #5

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Cassini Challenges Prize Contest

Question #119: I would like to clarify point 2.5.d) of the Terms of Reference, regarding exclusion of beneficiaries of other European Union funding for the same action. Our company is a laureate of the EIC Accelerator within Horizon Europe call HORIZON-EIC-2023-ACCELERATOR-01. Could you please clarify if we are eligible to participate in the Product Track with a new configuration of our product?

Answer #119: Participants of previous EUSPA prize contests or any other prize contest funded by the European Union who were awarded a prize for a certain action are not eligible to participate in the present prize contest *with the same action* (see section 2.5 (d) “Eligibility Criteria” of the Terms of Reference: “the contest is not open to [...] beneficiaries of other EU funding for the same action”). Participants having been awarded a EUSPA or other EU-funded prize wishing to apply to the contest should demonstrate that the solution submitted is different than the one previously awarded a prize.

Question #120: Could you confirm whether ESA funding programs are considered European Union funding for the purposes of this contest? In the previous clarification note, the answer to this question references the eligibility criteria and exclusion terms, stating that projects benefiting from other European Union funding are not eligible.

Answer #120: Please refer to Answer #119.

Question #121: Is it permitted to submit multiple applications within the prototype track and the product track, provided that they address different use cases, results and are at different TRL levels?

Answer #121: There are no limits for the number of applications that can be submitted per each Track.

Question #122: From the jury’s standpoint, how would multiple submissions from the same company be considered in terms of evaluation criteria? Would this impact the assessment of each individual proposal?

Answer #122: Please refer to the Terms of Reference for any relevant information on the Evaluation and on the selection process.

Question #123: I am an Indian national with a valid German residence permit card. Am I eligible to take part in the competition?

Answer #123: Please refer to Section 2.4 of the Terms of Reference. Economic operators are considered established in the EU / Switzerland / Norway / Iceland/ UK/Associated Countries when



they are nationals of one of the EU Member States / Switzerland / Norway / Iceland/ UK/ Associated Country (if natural persons).

Question #124: When I hand in the legal entity form as a private company, do I have to add the ID of the team?

Answer #124: Please refer to Section 2.6.3 of the Terms of Reference and also to the content of the Legal Entity form to be submitted for Private Companies for the relevant information and documents to be submitted as part of the application.

Question #125: As a company submitting an application do we need to complete and submit the Declaration of Honour form? It seems to apply to individuals only (for example asking for passport number).

Answer #125: The Declaration of Honour does not apply only to individuals. Please check and read carefully the published template and the Terms of Reference.

Question #126: As there was possibility to submit to the Prototype Track but we just missed the deadline, would it still be possible to send in an application? Is it possible to submit a solution to the Product track even if we might not yet be in TRL 8/9 by the deadline?

Answer #126: Submissions are accepted if submitted by the deadlines indicated for each specific track in the published Terms of Reference. Applications submitted shall be in line with the requirement stated in the Terms of Reference (including the TRL). Please also be reminded of the exclusion criteria under section 2.5 d) for beneficiaries of other EU funding for the same action.

Question #127: Is it possible to apply with a service instead of a product? If so, would the in-field demonstration requirement for the 3-minute video be applicable in the case of a service?

Answer #127: Please refer to the published Terms of Reference for the relevant information on the content/scope of the applications to be submitted. The Terms of Reference do not specify any in-field demonstration requirements for the video.

Question #128: The service we are applying with to the Product track addresses more than one 'identified Challenge'. In fact, it addresses every challenge: commercial, social and environmental. Should we focus on one challenge only?

Answer #128: Please refer to the published Terms of Reference for the relevant information..

Question #129: As our de-orbiting kit can be used transversally across all the specified space technology fields depending on the customer requirements, there isn't one technology field we can strongly relate to. How should we proceed to be able to mention a particular use case field?



Answer #129: Please refer to the published Terms of Reference for the relevant information.

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