

Grant for networking to facilitate the participation of EaP Countries in Brokerage Events and in Preparatory Meetings - 2nd Call

Guidelines for Applicants

Objective

The aim of the Grant scheme is to extend scientific networks between EU Member States/non-EaP Associated Countries and EaP countries as well to increase the number of EaP participants in submitted H2020 project proposals. For this end the scheme will financially support the EaP researchers from:

- Research entities e.g. research institutions/organizations, higher education institutions etc.,
- Industry,
- Municipalities
- SMEs

The scheme will fund participation to large-scale Brokerage Events and similar activities related to Horizon2020 as well as to Preparatory Meetings for developing project proposals targeting selected thematic calls within H2020

In this scheme particular attention will be given to applications related to preparation of proposals addressing the SPIRE which are explicitly encouraging the participation of EaP partners into the proposals. For SPIRE calls see page 62 in this document: https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/sites/horizon2020/files/h2020-leit-nmbp-2018-2020_pre-publ.pdf

Eligibility criteria

These criteria **have to be met** in order to be eligible for participation.

- Be a member or an employee of a research institution/organization, a network of organizations, a higher education institution; an SME-enterprise, municipality or industry involved in research (e.g. industrial plants working with universities)
- Conduct research in one of the EaP countries (AM, AZ, BY, GE, MD, UA)
- Submit a completely filled application form along with all the required documentation
- Have a PhD degree and/or at least three years' full time experience in research.
- Speak English fluently.

Further eligibility criteria - participation in preparatory meeting

A preparatory meeting must comprise partners from at least two organisations with one partner necessarily from an EU member state and one from EaP country. EU MS/non-EaP AC partners have to formally invite EaP researchers with whom they intend to participate in a preparatory meeting or vice versa to jointly develop H2020 application(s). One person from the partnership must be designated as the “Coordinator” of the project i.e. activities covered under the preparatory meeting. EaP PLUS will only support applications that imperatively include 1-2 preparatory meetings among representatives of the partner organizations in order to prepare, and work on the scientific/administrative details of the proposal. In addition, it is possible for the organisations to participate in preparatory meetings of already existent EU consortia in order to establish a cooperation for a common application to a H2020 call. The application should include:

- Information on the preparatory meeting activities (place, time, number of participants, the actions for the preparation of the joint proposal etc.)
- Description of the member organisations, names and contact details of the researchers participating in the meeting, name of the Coordinator.
- Information on the selected call within HORIZON 2020, for which a new proposal is intended or being prepared.
- Brief information on the scientific basis for the proposal
- A brief description of experience in previous S&T projects
- A list of up to 5 publications
- An anticipated time schedule for the preparatory meetings
- Signed letter of intent between EU and EaP researchers

Preparatory Meetings for SPIRE calls:

Applications for participation in preparatory meetings for proposals addressing SPIRE calls in H2020 will be given particular attention. You can find the list of SPIRE calls here:

https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/sites/horizon2020/files/h2020-leit-nmbp-2018-2020_pre-publ.pdf

Evaluation criteria

- Scientific excellence/Research performance (publications, patents, project, etc.) (40% of the score)
- Previous international cooperation activities (projects and/or structured cooperation with other countries; trainings abroad; participation in international conferences, etc.) (20% of the score)
- Commitment to participate in a particular Horizon2020 Call, commitment to take full advantage of the participation in the event: expected outcome, concrete plans for cooperation, participation in Horizon2020 calls should be described in more detail (40% of the score)

Additional evaluation criteria

- Gender: Encouragement of female researchers to participate
- Encouragement of *young researchers*
- Encouragement of researchers from *SME-enterprise* working on research, *municipalities* and *industry* (e.g. industrial plants working with universities)
- Participation/Preparation of proposals addressing Horizon2020 SPIRE calls
- Encouragement of researchers who attend *preparatory meeting*
- Encouragement of researchers who attend *preparatory meeting for SPIRE calls targeting EaP participation*
- Multiplier effect of the participation in the country and/or region.
- International experience (already existing contacts in other countries, participation in previous international conferences and collaborations, etc.).
- Commitment to participate in a particular Horizon2020 call.
- Additional activities planned during the event (e.g. giving a presentation, taking part in a poster session, submitting a partner search profile, scheduling a bilateral meeting etc.)

Final deadline for submission: 31st of May 2018

Applications are open for events scheduled at a date between November 2017 and 31 August 2018¹

¹ Candidates can apply for one event. The application form needs to be sent minimum one month before the selected event.

The Selection Process

Formality and eligibility check

The Local EaP PLUS Partner will be responsible for the formality and eligibility check. Applications which do not comply with the eligibility criteria will not be evaluated.

Evaluation

The evaluation, based on a specified scoring matrix (see below) will be carried out by the Local Partners, the Task Leader and the Coordinator.

Scoring Matrix

Evaluation Criteria	Scoring
Have a postgraduate degree and/or at least three years' full time experience in research	Yes or No
Be a member or an employee of a research institution and or of a higher education institution or of a research department of an SME-enterprise in one of the partner countries	Yes or No
Sufficient knowledge of English (language exam, or self-estimation)	Yes or No
Research performance/scientific excellence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5 most important publications, relevant to the event - total number of publications - total number of citations - patents, if any - participation in projects related to the topic of the Brokerage Event 	max: 10 points min: 7 points
International cooperation activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - projects and/or structured cooperation with other countries; - trainings abroad; - participation in international conferences 	max: 5 points min: 3 points
Commitment to take full advantage of the participation in the event: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - expected outcome, concrete plans for cooperation (become a member of a Horizon 2020 consortium, deepen already existing international contacts etc.) - other activities planned (poster, presentation etc.) 	max: 10 points min: 7 points

Funding Requirements

The Grants will be paid by the Local Partner as a reimbursement for travel costs (travel, accommodation, event participation fee, visa costs and per diem or actual expenses) in accordance to Local Partner rules.

Contact

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Recommended Events

Title	Sustainable Energy Week
Topic	Energy
Start Date	05 June 2018
End Date	07 June 2018
Deadline	
City	Brussels
Country	Belgium
Cost	
Link	https://www.eusew.eu/about-conference

Title	Future Match ICT brokerage event at CeBIT 2018
Topic	ICT
Start Date	12 June 2018
End Date	15 June 2018
Deadline	03 June 2018
City	Hannover
Country	Germany
Cost	110+19%VAT
Link	https://futurematch2018.b2match.io/

Title	Genera 2018. Energy and Environment International Trade Fair
Topic	Energy and environment
Start Date	13 June 2018
End Date	15 June 2018
Deadline	14 May 2018
City	Madrid
Country	Spain
Cost	free of charge
Link	http://www.ifema.es/genera_06/

Title	4th BioHorizon International Brokerage Event
Topic	Biotechnology
Start Date	26 June 2018
End Date	26 June 2018
Deadline	25 June 2018
City	Brussels
Country	Belgium
Cost	free of charge
Link	http://www.ncp-biohorizon.net/events?cmd=showDetail&id=200

Title	The Healthy Future Partnering Event
Topic	Health
Start Date	26 June 2018
End Date	26 June 2018
Deadline	05 June 2018
City	Liverpool
Country	United Kingdom
Cost	free of charge
Link	https://healthyfuturematch2018.b2match.io/

Further events: <http://een.ec.europa.eu/tools/services/EVE/Event/ListEvents>

Please note that **application for other events (out of the list above) is possible.**

Useful Links: Horizon 2020

Please find here some useful information, links on Horizon 2020 and Work Programme.

What is Horizon 2020? <http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/en/what-horizon-2020>

What is the Work Programme? <http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/en/what-work-programme>

H2020 program sections: <https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/en/h2020-sections>

All H2020 Work Programme (2016-2017):

http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/funding/reference_docs.html#h2020-work-programmes-2016-17

H2020 proposal template 2016-2017:

http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/call_ptef/pt/2016-2017/h2020-call-pt-ria-ia-2016-17_en.pdf

Participant Portal: <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/home.html>

Registration on Participant Portal: <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/cas/eim/external/register.cgi>

Horizon 2020 Online Manual: http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/docs/h2020-funding-guide/index_en.htm

Horizon 2020 Reference documents (rules for participation, guides for applicants, proposal templates, evaluation forms, etc) :

http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/funding/reference_docs.html

NCP network:

http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/support/national_contact_points.html

Technology readiness levels (TRL):

http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/other/wp/2016_2017/annexes/h2020-wp1617-annex-g-trl_en.pdf

Full list of Third Countries: http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/other/wp/2016-2017/annexes/h2020-wp1617-annex-a-countries-rules_en.pdf



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