

# The European Commission launches the Invitation for Commitment to the six Action Plans of the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing

The **Invitation for Commitment** is open to all European stakeholders and focuses on the **Action Plans of the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing** (the EIP on AHA):

- [\*Action Plan A1: Prescription and adherence action at regional level\*](#)
- [\*Action Plan A2: Personalised health management, starting with a Falls Prevention Initiative\*](#)
- [\*Action Plan A3: Action for prevention of functional decline and frailty\*](#)
- [\*Action Plan B3: Replicating and tutoring integrated care for chronic diseases, including remote monitoring at regional level\*](#)
- [\*Action Plan C2: Development of interoperable independent living solutions, including guidelines for business models\*](#)
- [\*Action Plan D4: Innovation for age friendly buildings, cities and environments\*](#)

## Definition of a Commitment and its criteria

A Commitment is a measurable and concrete engagement in support of a Specific Action in order to deliver one or more of the target deliverables or fill a gap that is identified in the relevant Action Plan.

Interested parties are to submit their commitments as a joint initiative of several partners together. Only commitments put forward by a coalition of organisations will be accepted. A joint initiative can also include partners outside Europe but needs to be led by a European organisation.

Each Commitment submitted through the Invitation for Commitment needs to fulfil the following general criteria and EIP principles and contribute to an Action Plan.

The first, general part of the application focuses on these criteria.

**A. Engagement** – underwriting the Partnership and its objectives and criteria, specifically:

- (1) demonstrating a clear link towards the Partnership's headline target (HLY), as well as the three general objectives of the EIP<sup>1</sup>
- (2) identifying key barriers and demonstrating its contribution to overcoming them
- (3) fostering use of innovative solutions by clearly demonstrating the element of innovation in any of its forms (e.g. product, tools, services, process and social innovation)

**B. Inclusiveness and Partnership** – widely involving all relevant actors and constituencies:

- (1) identifying existing partnering stakeholders and areas of their ongoing cooperation in carrying out actions, as well as describing the complementarity among all parties
- (2) identifying additional potential partners to cooperate in order to implement an action.

**C. Delivery** – timely delivery of agreed outcomes/outputs, demonstrated by:

<sup>1</sup> The Partnership aims to increase by 2 the average number of healthy life years in the EU by 2020, by securing a triple win for Europe: 1/ improving the health status and quality of life of European citizens, with a particular focus on older people; 2/ supporting the long-term sustainability and efficiency of health and social care systems; and 3/ enhancing the competitiveness of EU industry through an improved business environment providing the foundations for growth and expansion of new markets.

- (1) clearly describing a level of substantial contribution, direct or indirect, towards the overall target deliverable of the Specific Action, including explanation of the geographical coverage and relative numerical coverage of the target population
- (2) in case of indirect contribution, clearly describing the causal link with the respective target deliverable of the Specific Action
- (3) identifying key milestones and indicators to measure progress of the commitment
- (4) defining precise timeline and schedule of the activities contributing to the implementation of the commitment.

**D. Critical mass** – sufficient, concrete and measurable resources to carry out the actions of the commitment, such as:

- (1) financial resources, e.g. funding for implementation of programmes; public sector budget dedicated to relevant activities such as coordinated or joined up public procurements; private sector budget for developing or commercialising their products or services, including at favourable conditions; availability/access to infrastructure or materials or research results (including waiving of IPR)
- (2) human resources, e.g. a number of: person-hours of staff, users involved in associated deployment of services, person-hours offered towards technical assistance and training, volunteers engaged in the action
- (3) know-how and in kind contributions
- (4) other, e.g. organisation of meetings, engagement of relevant constituencies through networking, advocacy and leadership, pledges

**E. Advocacy** – inspiration and political support for all participants including:

- (1) motivating other relevant parties and/or constituencies to be involved in the action
- (2) openness and disclosure of full information about the action and its results
- (3) media campaigns and public presentation.

Each coalition applying has to indicate which Action Group(s) they intend to join. The commitments should directly contribute to one of the thematic areas and the deliverables or address a geographical or thematic gap, as identified in the corresponding Action Plan(s). The applicants are invited to elaborate on the relevance of their commitment to the Action Plan in the second Action Plan specific form of their commitment.

## Submission process

Interested stakeholders can submit their Commitments online via a general form available at the following web [link](#)<sup>2</sup>. As part of the application, they are also invited to fill in and attach a Word document specific for the Action Group they intend to join.

A dedicated questionnaire in Word format exists for each Action Group. If an applicant wishes to commit to more than one Specific Action, they can do so by responding separately to each of these Action Plan Specific Forms. They are available in the [Innovation Union website](#)<sup>3</sup> or, after registration, in the [Marketplace Library](#)<sup>4</sup>.

<sup>2</sup> <http://ec.europa.eu/yourvoice/ipm/forms/dispatch?form=eipcall2>

<sup>3</sup> [http://ec.europa.eu/research/innovation-union/index\\_en.cfm?section=active-healthy-ageing&pg=commitment](http://ec.europa.eu/research/innovation-union/index_en.cfm?section=active-healthy-ageing&pg=commitment)

<sup>4</sup> A1 <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/eipaha/library/moderation/update/id/496>

A2 <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/eipaha/library/moderation/update/id/497>

A3 <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/eipaha/library/moderation/update/id/498>

You can consult the detailed step-by-step guide in Annex 1.

The **deadline for submissions** is **28<sup>th</sup> February 2013**.

**All submitted Commitments will be made publicly available** via the website of the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing. Please read the [privacy notice](#)<sup>5</sup> for more information.

Further Invitations for Commitment will be open on a regular basis, inviting stakeholders to submit their commitments also at later stage.

### **Joining the Action Groups**

Following the submission of Commitments, stakeholders who meet the conditions listed above will be invited to join the Action Group in question.

Action Groups are assemblies of partners committed to running a number of activities contributing towards the target deliverable of the Specific Action. For more information on the work of the Action Groups, please consult the [Marketplace](#)<sup>6</sup> and the [Action Plans](#)<sup>7</sup>.

Applicants whose commitments do not meet all of the conditions listed above, will be invited to develop their commitments further on the [Marketplace](#). This online tool will help them to develop their commitments, find partners, share practices and projects, access robust data and evidence, and link to other related platforms.

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C2 <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/eipaha/library/moderation/update/id/500>

D4 <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/eipaha/library/moderation/update/id/501>

<sup>5</sup> [http://ec.europa.eu/research/innovation-union/pdf/active-healthy-ageing/privacy\\_notice.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/research/innovation-union/pdf/active-healthy-ageing/privacy_notice.pdf)

<sup>6</sup> <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/eipaha/>

<sup>7</sup> [http://ec.europa.eu/research/innovation-union/index\\_en.cfm?section=active-healthy-ageing&pg=commitment](http://ec.europa.eu/research/innovation-union/index_en.cfm?section=active-healthy-ageing&pg=commitment)

## ANNEX 1. GUIDE FOR APPLICANTS

### 1. Application Form

#### General Application Form

You can find a general online questionnaire related to your coalition and commitment online. The online tool does not allow you to save and edit your work. You need to submit it all in one step. If you wish to prepare your answers in advance, you can download an editable Word format questionnaire.

#### Action Plan Specific Form (Word attachment)

For each Action Group, there is a dedicated questionnaire. You are asked to indicate to which deliverables or gaps your commitment contributes and how: in terms of the activities, target population and the committed resources. This document is available in a Word format. You can attach the document directly to your application. If you wish to commit to more than one Specific Action, you can do so by responding separately to each of the applicable questionnaires. .



The above documents are available on the [Innovation Union website](#) or the Marketplace [Library](#) after registration. You can access the online questionnaire [here](#).

Before preparing your commitment you should have consulted and read carefully the relevant Action Plan.



### 2. Submission

You can submit your application by hitting the **submit button** at the end of the online questionnaire. Please make sure that you fill in the obligatory questions and **attach** the Action Plan Specific Form(s). The deadline for submission is the 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2013. The online tool will be closed at midnight on this date.



### 3. Evaluation

#### Questions



Should you have further questions, please do not hesitate to visit the [Frequently Asked Questions forum](#) on the Marketplace. If your question is not yet answered, contact us directly through the functional mailbox of the Partnership: [EC-EIP-AHA@ec.europa.eu](mailto:EC-EIP-AHA@ec.europa.eu).