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H2020 RIA & IA grants

Type of action & requirements:

General features/requirements for RIA and IA grants:

- Multi-beneficiary action
- Project:
 - RIA (research and innovation actions): R&D to establish new knowledge or explore the feasibility of a new or improved technology, product, process, service or solution (including basic and applied research, technology development and integration, testing and validation on a small-scale prototype in a laboratory or simulated environment)
 - IA (innovation actions): innovation activities directly aiming at producing plans and arrangements or designs for new, altered or improved products, processes or services (including prototyping, testing, demonstrating, piloting, large-scale product validation and market replication)
- Maximum funding: None — unless specified in the call
- Maximum duration: None — unless specified in the call
- Subtypes: Lump sum grant possible if provided in the call

Beneficiaries (composition of the consortium):

- Minimum 3 beneficiaries from 3 different EU Member States (MS) or H2020 associated countries (AC)
- Additional beneficiaries/linked third parties from any country allowed (with EU funding, normally only if listed in [General Annex A to the Main Work Programme](#))

Funding:

Type of grant: reimbursement of costs grant

Forms of costs:

Usually: actual costs + unit cost (average personnel costs; SME owners; specific unit costs, if option applies) + flat-rate costs (indirect costs)

For lump sum grants: lump sum

Budget categories:

Usually:

- A. direct personnel costs
- B. direct costs of subcontracting
- C. direct costs of providing financial support to third parties (if option applies)
- D. other direct costs
- E. indirect costs
- F. specific cost categories (if option applies)

For lump sum grants:

- A. costs for the action (direct and indirect costs)

Funding rate:

RIA: 100% of eligible costs (unless the call provides exceptionally for another rate)

IA: 70% (100% for non-profit organisations) of eligible costs (unless the call provides exceptionally for another rate)

Evaluation:

Award criteria RIA and IA grants		
Excellence	Impact	Implementation
<p>Clarity and pertinence of the objectives</p> <p>Soundness of the concept, and credibility of the proposed methodology</p>	<p>The extent to which the outputs of the project would contribute to each of the expected impacts mentioned in the work programme under the relevant topic</p>	<p>Quality and effectiveness of the work plan, including extent to which the resources assigned to work packages are in line with their objectives and deliverables</p> <p>Appropriateness of the management structures and procedures, including risk and innovation management</p> <p>Complementarity of the participants and extent to which the consortium as a whole brings together the necessary expertise</p> <p>Appropriateness of the allocation of tasks, ensuring that all participants have a valid role and adequate resources in the project to fulfil that role</p>
<p>Extent that proposed work is beyond the state of the art, and demonstrates innovation potential (e.g. ground-breaking objectives, novel concepts and approaches, new products, services or business and organisational models)</p> <p>Appropriate consideration of interdisciplinary approaches and, where relevant, use of stakeholder knowledge</p>	<p>Any substantial impacts not mentioned in the work programme, that would enhance innovation capacity, create new market opportunities, strengthen competitiveness and growth of companies, address issues related to climate change or the environment, or bring other important benefits to society</p> <p>Quality of the proposed measures to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploit and disseminate the project results (including management of IPR), and to manage research data where relevant • Communicate the project activities to different target audiences 	
For IA: Weighting		
1	1,5	1

Evaluation procedure:

Standard submission and evaluation procedure (one-stage submission + one-step evaluation)

Standard scoring: Each criterion is scored from 0 to 5. Individual thresholds for each criterion: 3/5; overall threshold: 10/15

For IA: scores are weighted

For two-stage calls: For stage 1-proposals, only the criteria 'excellence' and 'impact' will be evaluated and within those criteria only the aspects indicated in bold in [General Annex H of the Main Work Programme](#). The threshold for each of the two individual criteria is 4. The overall threshold is dynamic (i.e. set at a level that allows the total requested budget of proposals admitted to stage 2 be as close as possible to 3 times and no less than 2.5 times the available budget).

Consortium agreement: Yes — unless otherwise provided in the call

Type of grant agreement: H2020 General MGA — Multi
H2020 MGA Lump sum — Multi

 For more information, see Article 3 of the [H2020 Specific Programme](#), the [H2020 work programmes](#) and the [AGA — Annotated Grant Agreement](#) on the Funding & Tenders Portal.

H2020 CSA grants

Type of action & requirements:

General features/requirements for CSA (coordination and support action) grants:

- Multi/mono-beneficiary action
- Project: accompanying measures such as standardization, dissemination, awareness-raising and communication, networking, coordination or support services, policy dialogues and mutual learning exercises and studies (including design studies for new infrastructure and complementary activities of strategic planning, networking and coordination between programmes in different countries)
- Maximum funding: None — unless specified in the call
- Maximum duration: None — unless specified in the call
- Sub-types: Lump sum grant possible if provided in the call

Beneficiaries (composition of the consortium):

- Minimum 1 beneficiary from 1 EU Member State (MS) or H2020 associated country (AC)
- Additional beneficiaries/linked third parties from any country allowed (with EU funding, normally only if listed in [General Annex A to the Main Work Programme](#))

Funding:

Type of grant: reimbursement of costs grant

Forms of costs:

Usually: actual costs + unit cost (average personnel costs; SME owners; specific unit costs, if option applies) + flat-rate costs (indirect costs)

For lump sum grants: lump sum

Budget categories:

Usually:

- A. direct personnel costs
- B. direct costs of subcontracting
- C. direct costs of providing financial support to third parties (if option applies)
- D. other direct costs
- E. indirect costs
- F. specific cost categories (if option applies)

For lump sum grants:

- A. costs for the action (direct and indirect costs)

Funding rate: 100% of eligible costs (unless the call provides exceptionally for another rate)

Evaluation:

Award criteria CSA grants		
Excellence	Impact	Implementation
<p>Clarity and pertinence of the objectives</p> <p>Soundness of the concept, and credibility of the proposed methodology</p>	<p>The extent to which the outputs of the project would contribute to each of the expected impacts mentioned in the work programme under the relevant topic</p>	<p>Quality and effectiveness of the work plan, including extent to which the resources assigned to work packages are in line with their objectives and deliverables</p> <p>Appropriateness of the management structures and procedures, including risk and innovation management</p> <p>Complementarity of the participants and extent to which the consortium as a whole brings together the necessary expertise</p> <p>Appropriateness of the allocation of tasks, ensuring that all participants have a valid role and adequate resources in the project to fulfil that role</p>
<p>Quality of the proposed coordination and/or support measures</p>	<p>Quality of the proposed measures to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploit and disseminate the project results (including management of IPR), and to manage research data where relevant • Communicate the project activities to different target audiences 	

Evaluation procedure:


Standard submission and evaluation procedure (one-stage submission + one-step evaluation)

Standard scoring: Each criterion is scored from 0 to 5. Scores are not weighted. Individual thresholds for each criterion: 3/5; overall threshold: 10/15

For two-stage calls: For stage 1-proposals, only the criteria 'excellence' and 'impact' will be evaluated and within those criteria only the aspects indicated in bold in [General Annex H of the Main Work Programme](#). The threshold for each of the two individual criteria is 4. The overall threshold is dynamic (i.e. set at a level that allows the total requested budget of proposals admitted to stage 2 be as close as possible to 3 times and no less than 2.5 times the available budget).

Consortium agreement: Yes — unless otherwise provided in the work programme

Type of grant agreement: H2020 General MGA — Multi
H2020 General MGA — Mono
H2020 MGA Lump sum — Multi
H2020 MGA Lump sum — Mono

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H2020 ERC frontier research grants

Type of action & requirements:

General features/requirements for ERC frontier research grants:

- Mono/multi-beneficiary action
- Project: any type of ground-breaking, high-gain/high-risk research at the frontiers of knowledge (frontier research) in any field of research (except nuclear energy) by a principal investigator and his/her research team
- Standard maximum funding:
 - Starting Grants: EUR 1 500 000
 - Consolidator Grants: EUR 2 000 000
 - Advanced Grants: EUR 2 500 000
- Maximum duration: 60 months (5 years)
- Beneficiaries may use linked third parties – to implement certain action tasks
- Sub-types: ERC Starting Grants, ERC Consolidator Grants, ERC Advanced Grants

ERC Starting Grants:

Beneficiaries:

- Minimum 1 beneficiary (host institution) from 1 EU Member State (MS) or H2020 associated country (AC)
- Additional beneficiaries/linked third parties from any country allowed, if participation is essential for carrying out the action
- Typical size: 1 beneficiary

PI:

- Only for PIs with between 2 and 7 years of research experience (after the first PhD)
- The beneficiary (host institution) must host (and normally also engage) the PI

ERC Consolidator Grants:

Beneficiaries:

- Minimum 1 beneficiary (host institution) from 1 MS/AC
- Additional beneficiaries/linked third parties from any country allowed, if participation is essential for carrying out the action
- Typical size: 1 beneficiary

PI:

- Only for PIs with between 7 and 12 years of experience (after the first PhD)
- The beneficiary (host institution) must host (and normally also engage) the PI

ERC Advanced Grants:

Beneficiaries:

- Minimum 1 beneficiary (host institution) from 1 MS/AC
- Additional beneficiaries/linked third parties from any country allowed, if participation is essential for carrying out the action
- Typical size: 1 beneficiary

PI:

- Only PIs that are active researchers with a track record of significant research achievements in the last 10 years
- The beneficiary (host institution) must host (and normally also engage) the PI

Funding:

Type of grant: reimbursement of costs grant

Forms of costs: actual costs + unit cost (average personnel costs; SME owners) + flat-rate costs (indirect costs)

Budget categories:

- A. direct personnel costs
- B. direct costs of subcontracting
- D. other direct costs
- E. indirect costs

Funding rate: 100% of eligible costs

Evaluation:

Award criteria ERC frontier research grants		
Excellence	Impact	Implementation
Ground-breaking nature, ambition and feasibility of the research project	N/A	N/A
Intellectual capacity, creativity and commitment of the PI		

Evaluation procedure:

Standard submission procedure (one-stage submission), but two-step evaluation procedure.

Two step evaluation procedure: At step 1, the extended synopsis and the PI's track record and CV are assessed (not the full scientific proposal). At step 2, the complete version of the retained proposals is assessed (including the full scientific proposal). Proposals will be retained for step 2 based on the outcome of the evaluation at step 1 and a budgetary cut-off level of up to three times the evaluation panel's budget.

Scoring: Each proposal is marked on a scale from 1 (non-competitive) to 4 (outstanding), for each of the two elements of the award criterion. Marks are awarded with full or half-points. .

During the panel review, the proposals are scored by the panel as A, B or C:

For step 1:

- A – sufficient quality to pass to step 2 of the evaluation
- B – high quality but not sufficient to pass to step 2 of the evaluation
- C – not of sufficient quality to pass to step 2 of the evaluation

For step 2:

- A – fully meets the ERC's excellence criterion and is recommended for funding if sufficient funds are available
- B – meets some but not all elements of the ERC's excellence criterion and will not be funded

Consortium agreement: No

Type of grant agreement: H2020 ERC MGA – Mono
H2020 ERC MGA – Multi

 For more information, see [Article 3 of the H2020 Specific Programme](#), the [H2020 work programmes](#) and the [AGA – Annotated Grant Agreement](#) on the [Funding & Tenders Portal](#).

H2020 ERC PoC grants

Type of action & requirements:

General features/requirements for ERC PoC grants:

- Mono/multi-beneficiary action
- Project: 'proof of concept' to verify the innovation potential of ideas from ERC- funded frontier research projects
- Maximum funding: EUR 150 000
- Maximum duration: 18 months
- Beneficiaries may use linked third parties – to implement certain action tasks

Beneficiaries:

- Minimum 1 beneficiary (host institution) from 1 EU Member State (MS) or H2020 associated country (AC)
- Additional beneficiaries/linked third parties from any country allowed, if participation is essential for carrying out the action
- Typical size: 1 beneficiary

PI:

- Only for PIs that obtained an ERC frontier research grant
- The beneficiary (host institution) must host (and normally also engage) the PI

Funding:

Type of grant: reimbursement of costs grant

Forms of costs: actual costs + unit cost (average personnel costs; SME owners) + flat-rate costs (indirect costs)

Budget categories:

- A. direct personnel costs
- B. direct costs of subcontracting
- D. other direct costs
- E. indirect costs

Funding rate: 100% of eligible costs

Evaluation:

Award criteria ERC PoC grants		
Excellence	Impact	Implementation
Innovation potential Move the output of research towards the initial steps of a process leading to a commercial or social innovation	Generation of economic and/or societal benefits Process resulting in a concrete application, including outlining a process of commercialisation or a process of generating social benefits	Quality of the proof of concept plan Reasonable and acceptable plan of activities against clearly identified objectives and towards establishing the feasibility of the project

Evaluation procedure:

Standard submission and evaluation procedure (one-stage submission + one-step evaluation)

Scoring: Each criterion is scored as 'pass/fail' by peer reviewers. Proposals with a pass mark by a majority of peer reviewers for each of the three evaluation criteria is proposed for funding. If there is not enough budget for all proposals, they will be funded according to a ranking made by the peer reviewers.

Consortium agreement: No

Type of grant agreement: H2020 ERC MGA PoC — Mono
H2020 ERC MGA PoC — Mono

 For more information, see Article 3 of the [H2020 Specific Programme](#), the [H2020 work programmes](#) and the [AGA – Annotated Grant Agreement](#) on the Funding & Tenders Portal.

H2020 MSCA-ITN grants

Type of action & requirements:

General features/requirements for MSCA-ITN (Innovative Training Networks) grants:

- Multi-beneficiary action
- Action: collaborative research training and/or doctoral programmes for early-stage researchers (implemented by networks of universities, research institutions, research infrastructures, businesses, SMEs and other socio-economic actors from different countries)
- Maximum funding: 540 person-months per network (except for an EID with only 2 beneficiaries: maximum of 180 person-months)
- Maximum duration of the action: 48 months
- Only for 'early-stage researchers'
- Recruitment duration: 3 to 36 months
- Trans-national mobility required
- Maximum 40.0% of total budget to one country (except for EID with two beneficiaries)
- All beneficiaries must host and supervise recruited researchers
- Beneficiaries may use entities with a capital or legal link to them and partner organisations — to implement certain hosting and training tasks
- Sub-types: European Training Networks (ETN), European Industrial Doctorates (EID), European Joint Doctorates (EJD)

European Training Networks (ETN):

Beneficiaries & partner organisations:

- Minimum 3 beneficiaries from 3 different EU Member States (MS) or H2020 associated countries (AC)
- Additional beneficiaries/entities with a capital or legal link from MS, AC or third countries (TC) listed in [General Annex A to the Main Work Programme](#) allowed
- Partner organisations from any country allowed (for optional secondments)
- Typical size: 6-10 beneficiaries
- Participation of the non-academic sector expected

Recruitments & secondments:

- Researchers are typically enrolled in a doctoral programme
- Secondments of an individual researcher to other beneficiaries and/or partner organisations up to a maximum of 30% of the researcher's recruitment period

European Industrial Doctorates (EID):

Beneficiaries & partner organisations:

- Minimum 2 beneficiaries (1 academic + 1 non-academic (preferably enterprise)) from 2 different MS/AC
- Additional beneficiaries/entities with a capital or legal link from MS, AC or TC listed in [General Annex A to the Main Work Programme](#) allowed
- Partner organisations from any country allowed (for optional secondments)
- At least 1 academic beneficiary entitled to award doctoral degrees (if the beneficiary is not entitled, then it is sufficient he uses a partner organisation that is entitled)
- Typical size: 2-3 beneficiaries

Recruitments & secondments:

- Researchers must be enrolled in a doctoral programme
- Researchers must spend at least 50% of their time in the non-academic sector. This inter-sectoral mobility must be between participating organisations located in different countries. In addition, secondments to other beneficiaries/partner organisations up to a maximum of 30% of the recruitment period

European Joint Doctorates (EJD):General:

- Joint doctoral programme (double, multiple or joint doctorates) with final degree awarded by institutions from at least 2 different countries

Beneficiaries & partner organisations:

- Minimum of 3 beneficiaries from 3 different MS/AC, which are entitled to award doctoral degrees or have transferred this right to a consortium/grouping of academic/research institutions to which they belong
- Minimum of 2 beneficiaries conferring the joint, double or multiple doctoral degree from MS/AC
- Additional beneficiaries/entities with a capital or legal link from MS, AC or TC listed in [General Annex A to the Main Work Programme](#) allowed
- Partner organisations from any country allowed (for optional secondments)
- Typical size: 4-8 beneficiaries

Recruitments & secondments:

- Researchers must be enrolled in the joint doctoral programme
- Secondments of the researchers to other beneficiaries and/or partner organisations up to a maximum of 30% of the researcher's recruitment period (in addition to the requirements of the joint doctoral programme)

Funding:

Type of grant: reimbursement of costs grant

Forms of costs: unit costs

Budget categories:

A. Costs for recruited researchers

A.1 Living allowance: EUR 3 110 per person-month (multiplied by the correction coefficient of the country in which the researcher will be recruited)

A.2 Mobility allowance: EUR 600 per person-month

A.3 Family allowance (if family at the date of recruitment): EUR 500 per person-month

B. Institutional costs

B.1 Research, training and network costs: EUR 1 800 per person-month

B.2 Management and indirect costs: EUR 1 200 per person-month

Funding rate: 100% of eligible costs

Evaluation:

Award criteria MSCA-ITN grants		
Excellence	Impact	Quality and efficiency of the implementation
Quality, innovative aspects and credibility of the research programme (including inter/multidisciplinary and intersectoral and, where appropriate, gender aspects)	Enhancing the career perspectives and employability of researchers and contribution to their skills development	Coherence and effectiveness of the work plan , including appropriateness of the allocation of tasks and resources (including awarding of the doctoral degrees for EID and EJD projects)
Quality and innovative aspects of the training programme (including transferable skills, inter/multidisciplinary and intersectoral and, where appropriate, gender aspects)	Contribution to structuring doctoral/early-stage research training at the European level and to strengthening European innovation capacity , including the potential for: a) meaningful contribution of the non-academic sector to the doctoral/research training, as appropriate to the implementation mode and	Appropriateness of the management structures and procedures , including quality management and risk management (with a mandatory joint governing structure for EID and EJD projects)

	research field b) developing sustainable joint doctoral degree structures (for EJD projects only)	
Quality of the supervision (including mandatory joint supervision for EID and EJD projects)	Quality of the proposed measures to exploit and disseminate the project results	Appropriateness of the infrastructure of the participating organisations
Quality of the proposed interaction between the participating organisations	Quality of the proposed measures to communicate the project activities to different target audiences	Competences, experience and complementarity of the participating organisations and their commitment to the programme
Weighting		
50%	30%	20%
Priority in case of <i>ex aequo</i>		
1	2	3

Evaluation procedure:

Standard submission and evaluation procedure (one-stage submission + one-step evaluation)

Weighted scoring: Each criterion (not their individual elements) is scored from 0 to 5. Scores may be given with a resolution of one decimal place. Scores are weighted. Overall threshold: 70%

Special evaluation panels:

For EID and EJD, proposals are ranked in separate multidisciplinary panels with earmarked budgets.

Consortium agreement: Yes — mandatory **Type of grant agreement:** H2020 MGA MSCA-ITN — Multi

 For more information, see Article 3 of the [H2020 Specific Programme](#), the [H2020 work programmes](#) and the [AGA — Annotated Grant Agreement](#) on the Funding & Tenders Portal.

H2020 MSCA-IF grants

Type of action & requirements:

General features/requirements for MSCA-IF (Individual Fellowships) grants:

- Mono-beneficiary action
- Action: fellowship to support the career development of an experienced researcher through trans-national mobility (either moving within Europe (MS & AC) or coming to Europe, after a period elsewhere)
- Maximum funding and duration of the action: 24 person-months (EF)/36 person-months (GF)
- Only for 'experienced researchers'
- Recruitment duration: 12 to 24 months (EF)/12 to 36 months (GF)
- Trans-national mobility required
- The beneficiary may use entities with a capital or legal link to it and partner organisations — to implement certain hosting and training tasks
- Sub-types: European Fellowships (EF), Global Fellowships (GF)

European Fellowships (EF)

Beneficiaries & partner organisations:

- The beneficiary must be from an EU Member State (MS) or H2020 associated country (AC)
- For EF Society and Enterprise Panel: the beneficiary must also be an entity from the non-academic sector
- Entities with a capital or legal link from MS or AC (and for EF Society and Enterprise Panel: from non-academic sector) allowed
- Partner organisations from MS or AC allowed (for optional secondments)

Recruitments & secondments:

- For EF Reintegration Panel: the researcher must be a national/long-term resident of a MS/AC
- The beneficiary must recruit the researcher
- Secondment to an organisation in MS or AC possible (up to 3 months for a fellowship of 18 months and less and up to 6 months for a fellowship of more than 18 months)

Global Fellowships (GF)

Beneficiaries & partner organisations:

- The beneficiary must be from a MS/AC
- Entities with a capital or legal link from MS or AC allowed
- Partner organisations from third country (TC) (for GF outgoing phase) or from MS or AC (for optional secondments) allowed

Recruitments & secondments

- The researcher must be a national/long-term resident of a MS/AC
- The beneficiary must recruit the researcher and host him in the return phase
- Mandatory 12-24 month secondment to a partner organisation in a TC (outgoing phase) + mandatory 12 month return phase to a beneficiary in a MS/AC
- Additional secondment to an organisation in MS or AC possible (up to 6 months)

Funding:

Type of grant: reimbursement of costs grant

Forms of costs: unit costs

Budget categories:

A. Costs for recruited researchers

A.1 Living allowance: EUR 4 650 per person-month (multiplied by the correction coefficient of the country in which the researcher will be recruited; except in GF, where in addition the coefficient of the TC involved is applied)

A.2 Mobility allowance: EUR 600 per person-month

A.3 Family allowance (if family at call deadline): EUR 500 per person-month

B. Institutional costs

B.1 Research, training and networking costs: EUR 800 per person-month

B.2 Management and indirect costs: EUR 650 per person-month

Funding rate: 100% of eligible costs

Evaluation:

Award criteria MSCA-IF grants		
Excellence	Impact	Quality and efficiency of the implementation
Quality and credibility of the research/innovation project; level of novelty, appropriate consideration of inter/multidisciplinary and gender aspects	Enhancing the potential and future career prospects of the researcher	Coherence and effectiveness of the work plan
Quality and appropriateness of the training and of the two way transfer of knowledge between the researcher and the host	Quality of the proposed measures to exploit and disseminate the project results	Appropriateness of the allocation of tasks and resources
Quality of the supervision and of the integration in the team/institution	Quality of the proposed measures to communicate the project activities to different target audiences	Appropriateness of the management structure and procedures , including risk management
Capacity of the researcher to reach or re-enforce a position of professional maturity /independence		Appropriateness of the institutional environment (infrastructure)
Weighting		
50%	30%	20%
Priority in case of <i>ex aequo</i>		
1	2	3

Evaluation procedure:

Standard submission and evaluation procedure (one-stage submission + one-step evaluation)

Weighted scoring: Each criterion (not their individual elements) is scored from 0 to 5. Scores may be given with a resolution of one decimal place. Scores are weighted. Overall threshold: 70%

Special evaluation panels:

For EF there are:

- 'Reintegration Panel' for researchers who wish to return to Europe to reintegrate in a longer-term research position
- 'Career Restart Panel' for researchers who want to resume research in Europe after a career break (of at least 12 months) and
- 'Society & Enterprise Panel' for researchers who seek to work on research and innovation projects in an organisation from the non-academic sector (earmarked budget for this panel)

Consortium agreement: Not applicable (mono-beneficiary action)

Type of grant agreement: H2020 MGA MSCA-IF — Mono

 For more information, see *Article 3 of the [H2020 Specific Programme](#), the [H2020 work programmes](#) and the [AGA — Annotated Grant Agreement](#) on the [Funding & Tenders Portal](#).*


H2020 MSCA-RISE grants

Type of action & requirements:


General features/requirements for MSCA-RISE (Research and Innovation Staff Exchange) grants:

- Multi-beneficiary action
- Action: joint international and inter-sectorial exchange of research and innovation staff members ('secondments') between beneficiaries (and partner organisations)
- Maximum funding: 540 person-months
- Maximum duration of the action: 48 months
- Secondments duration: 1 to 12 months
- Secondments are not subject to a mobility rule
- Beneficiaries may use partner organisations or entities with a capital or legal link to them or to the partner organisations – for seconding and hosting staff members

Beneficiaries & partner organisations:

- Minimum 3 participating organisations (beneficiaries or partner organisations) from 3 different countries
 - At least 2 beneficiaries from different EU Member States (MS) or H2020 associated countries (AC)
 - if 2 beneficiaries (from 2 different EU Member States (MS) or H2020 associated countries (AC)) + 1 partner organisation (from a third country (TC)): they can all be from the same sector
 - if 3 beneficiaries (located in different MS/AC): at least 1 of them must be from the academic sector and 1 from the non-academic sector
 - Additional beneficiaries/entities with a capital or legal link from MS or AC allowed
 - Additional partner organisations/entities with a capital or legal link from any TC allowed.
-  Entities with a capital or legal link must ALSO be established in the same country as their beneficiary/partner organisation.

Secondments:

- Secondments of staff members (early-stage researchers, experienced researchers and administrative, managerial or technical staff directly involved in the research and innovation activities under the action)
 - **between** beneficiaries in different MS/AC (or entities with a capital or legal link to them and located in the same country) and between different sectors, i.e. academic and non-academic or
 - **from** a beneficiary in a MS/AC (or an entity with a capital or legal link to it and located in the same country) **to** a partner organisation in a TC (or an entity with a capital or legal link to it and located in the same country) or
 - **from** a partner organisation in a TC listed in [General Annex A to the Main Work Programme](#) (or an entity with a capital or legal link to it and located in the same country) **to** a beneficiary in a MS/AC (or an entity with a capital or legal link to it and located in the same country)
-  The following is NOT funded:
 - secondments between organisations located in TCs or within the same MS/AC
 - secondments between two organisations of the same sector located in different MS/AC
 - secondments of staff from partner organisations located in TCs not listed in [General Annex A to the Main Work Programme](#)
- Staff can be of any nationality
- Staff must be actively engaged in/linked to research and/or innovation activities at the sending institution for at least six months (full-time equivalent) before the first period of secondment
- No secondments between different entities of the same institution, including subsidiaries/spin-offs etc.
- After a secondment, the seconded staff must be reintegrated

Funding:**Type of grant:** reimbursement of costs grant**Forms of costs:** unit costs**Budget categories:**

A. Costs for seconded staff members

A.1 Top-up allowance: EUR 2 000 per person-month

B. Institutional costs

B.1 Research, training and network costs: EUR 1 800 per person-month

B.2 Management and indirect costs: EUR 700 per person-month

Funding rate: 100% of eligible costs**Evaluation:**

Award criteria MSCA-RISE grants		
Excellence	Impact	Quality and efficiency of the implementation
Quality and credibility of the research/innovation project; level of novelty and appropriate consideration of inter/multidisciplinary, intersectoral and gender aspects	Enhancing the potential and future career perspectives of the staff members	Coherence and effectiveness of the work plan, including appropriateness of the allocation of tasks and resources
Quality and appropriateness of knowledge sharing among the participating organisations in light of the research and innovation objectives	Developing new and lasting research collaborations, achieving transfer of knowledge between participating organisations and contribution to improving research and innovation potential at the European and global levels	Appropriateness of the management structures and procedures, including quality management and risk management
Quality of the proposed interaction between the participating organisations	Quality of the proposed measures to exploit and disseminate the project results	Appropriateness of the institutional environment (hosting arrangements, infrastructure)
	Quality of the proposed measures to communicate the project activities to different target audiences	Competences, experience and complementarity of the participating organisations and their commitment to the project
Weighting		
50%	30%	20%
Priority in case of <i>ex aequo</i>		
1	2	3

Evaluation procedure:

Standard submission and evaluation procedure (one-stage submission + one-step evaluation)

Weighted scoring: Each criterion (not their individual elements) is scored from 0 to 5. Scores may be given with a resolution of one decimal place. Scores are weighted. Overall threshold: 70%

Consortium agreement: Yes —mandatory**Type of grant agreement:** H2020 MGA MSCA-RISE — Multi

 For more information, see Article 3 of the [H2020 Specific Programme](#), the [H2020 work programmes](#) and the [AGA — Annotated Grant Agreement on the Funding & Tenders Portal](#).

H2020 MSCA-COFUND grants

Type of action & requirements:

General features/requirements for MSCA-COFUND grants:

- Mono-beneficiary action
- Action: a regional, national or international doctoral or fellowship training programme for training, mobility and career development of researchers (implemented by the beneficiary or a partner organisation)
- Only for 'early-stage researchers' (DP) or 'experienced researchers' (FP)
- Recruitment duration: minimum 3 months (for DP: should correspond to typical time needed to complete a PhD in the country; for FP: typical duration: 12 to 36 months)
- Duration of the action: 36 to 60 months
- Trans-national mobility required
- The beneficiary may use partner organisations — to implement the programme or to implement certain hosting and training tasks during secondments
- Sub-types: Doctoral programmes (DP), Fellowship programmes (FP)

Doctoral programmes (DP)

Beneficiaries & partner organisations:

- The beneficiary must be from an EU Member State (MS) or H2020 associated country (AC)
- Partner organisations from MS, AC or third country (TC) listed in [General Annex A to the Main Work Programme](#) allowed (for implementing the DP)
- Partner organisations from any country allowed (for optional secondments)
- Entities with a capital or legal link NOT allowed

Recruitments & secondments

- The beneficiary and/or partner organisations implementing the DP must recruit and host the researchers
- If the research training activity is carried out in a TC, researchers must be nationals/long-term residents of a MS or AC
- Researchers must be recruited under an employment contract/equivalent direct contract or – if legally not possible – a fixed-amount fellowship (with a lower reimbursement for the beneficiary)
- Researchers must receive minimum monthly remuneration (for employment contract/equivalent direct contract: EUR 2 597 per month; for fixed-amount fellowship: EUR 1 298,50)
- Secondments to other organisations are possible and inter-sectoral secondments (academic to non-academic or vice versa) are encouraged

Fellowship programmes (FP)

Beneficiaries & partner organisations:

- The beneficiary must be from an EU Member State (MS) or H2020 associated country (AC)
- Partner organisations from MS, AC or TC listed in [General Annex A to the Main Work Programme](#) allowed (for implementing the FP)
- Partner organisations from any country allowed (for outgoing phase of FP similar to MSCA-IF GF and for optional secondments of FP)
- Entities with a capital or legal link are NOT allowed.

Recruitments & secondments

- The beneficiary and/or partner organisations implementing the FP must recruit and host the researchers
- If the research training activity is carried out in a TC, researchers must be nationals/long-term residents of a MS or AC
- Researchers must be recruited under an employment contract/equivalent direct contract or – if legally not possible – a fixed-amount fellowship (with a lower reimbursement for the beneficiary)

- Researchers must receive minimum monthly remuneration (for employment contract/equivalent direct contract: EUR 3 675 per month; for fixed-amount fellowship: EUR 1 837,50)
- Secondments to other organisations are possible and inter-sectoral secondments (academic to non-academic or vice versa) are encouraged
- If the main part of the research training activity does not take place in a MS/AC, the return phase may not be more than 50% of the total duration of the research training activity

Funding:

Type of grant: reimbursement of costs grant

Forms of costs: unit costs

Budget categories:

A. Costs for recruited researchers

A.1 Living allowance:

for DP: EUR 1 855 per person-month (50% of 3 710 EUR)

for FP: EUR 2 625 per person-month (50% of 5 250 EUR)

B. Institutional costs

B.1 Management costs: EUR 325 per person-month (50% of 650 EUR)

Funding rate: 50% of eligible costs

Evaluation:

Award criteria MSCA-COFUND grants		
Excellence	Impact	Quality and efficiency of the implementation
Quality of the selection / recruitment process for the researchers (transparency, composition and organisation of selection committees, evaluation criteria, equal opportunities)	Enhancing the potential and future career perspectives of researchers; Strengthening human resources on regional, national or international level	Coherence, effectiveness and appropriateness of the work plan
Quality of the research options offered by the programme in terms of science, interdisciplinarity, intersectorality and level of transnational mobility	Aligning practices of participating organisations with the principles set out by the EU for human resources development in research and innovation	Appointment conditions of researchers
Quality of career guidance and training , including supervision arrangements, training in transferable skills	Quality of the proposed measures to exploit and disseminate the results	Competence of the participant to implement the programme
	Quality of the proposed measures to communicate the results to different target audiences	
Weighting		
50%	30%	20%
Priority in case of <i>ex aequo</i>		
1	2	3

Evaluation procedure:

Standard submission and evaluation procedure (one-stage submission + one-step evaluation)

Weighted scoring: Each criterion (not their individual elements) is scored from 0 to 5. Scores may be given with a resolution of one decimal place. Scores are weighted; overall threshold: 70%

Consortium agreement: Not applicable (mono-beneficiary action)

Type of grant agreement: H2020 MGA MSCA-COFUND — Mono

 For more information, see Article 3 of the [H2020 Specific Programme](#), the [H2020 work programmes](#) and the [AGA – Annotated Grant Agreement](#) on the Funding & Tenders Portal.

SME Instrument Phase 1 grants

Type of action & requirements:

General features/requirements for SME Instrument Phase 1 grants:

- Mono/multi-beneficiary action
- Project: making a feasibility study for an innovation idea (i.e. a 'proof of concept' or 'business plan' for new, altered or improved product, process or service)
- Maximum funding: EUR 50 000 (lump sum)
- Duration: ca 6 months

Beneficiaries:

- Minimum 1 beneficiary from 1 EU Member State (MS) or H2020 associated country (AC), which is a for-profit SME
- Additional beneficiaries must also be for-profit SMEs from a MS/AC
- Linked third parties NOT allowed

Funding:

Type of grant: reimbursement of costs grant

Forms of costs: lump sum (EUR 50 000)

Budget categories:

- A. Costs for the feasibility study (direct and indirect costs)

Funding rate: 70% of eligible costs (calculated in a way that the lump sum is 50 000)

Evaluation:

Award criteria SME Instrument Phase 1 grants		
Excellence	Impact	Implementation
<p>Clarity and pertinence of the objectives</p> <p>Soundness of the concept, and credibility of the proposed methodology</p>	<p>The extent to which the outputs of the project would contribute to each of the expected impacts mentioned in the work programme under the relevant topic</p>	<p>Quality and effectiveness of the work plan, including extent to which the resources assigned to work packages are in line with their objectives and deliverables</p> <p>Appropriateness of the management structures and procedures, including risk and innovation management</p> <p>Complementarity of the participants and extent to which the consortium as a whole brings together the necessary expertise</p> <p>Appropriateness of the allocation of tasks, ensuring that all participants have a valid role and adequate resources in the project to fulfil that role</p>

<p>Extent that the proposed work is beyond the state of the art, and demonstrates innovation potential (e.g. ground-breaking objectives, novel concepts and approaches, new products, services or business and organisational models)</p> <p>Appropriate consideration of interdisciplinary approaches and, where relevant, use of stakeholder knowledge</p>	<p>Any substantial impacts not mentioned in the work programme, that would enhance innovation capacity, create new market opportunities, strengthen competitiveness and growth of companies, address issues related to climate change or the environment, or bring other important benefits for society</p> <p>Quality of the proposed measures to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploit and disseminate the project results (including management of IPR), and to manage research data where relevant 	
Weighting		
1	1,5	1

Evaluation procedure:

Call with multiple cut-off dates: There is an evaluation session after each cut-off date and after the final closure date (normally within a month). For each date, the submitted proposals are grouped, reviewed and ranked together. Evaluation results are made available immediately

Weighted scoring: Each criterion is scored from 0 to 5. Scores may be given with a resolution of one decimal place. Scores are weighted. Individual thresholds for each criterion: 4/5; overall threshold: 13/15

Consortium agreement: Yes (if multi-beneficiary)

Model Grant Agreement: H2020 MGA SME Ph1 — Mono
H2020 MGA SME Ph1 — Multi

 For more information, see Article 3 of the [H2020 Specific Programme](#), the [H2020 work programmes](#) and the [AGA – Annotated Grant Agreement](#) on the [Funding & Tenders Portal](#).

SME Instrument Phase 2 grants

Type of action & requirements:

General features/requirements for SME Instrument Phase 2 grants:

- Mono/multi-beneficiary action
- Project: implementing an innovation project (including prototyping, testing, demonstrating, piloting, large-scale product validation and market replication) – based on a strategic business plan either developed through phase 1 or another means
- Participants have to ensure 'freedom to operate'

Beneficiaries:

- Minimum 1 beneficiary from 1 EU Member State (MS) or H2020 associated country (AC), which is a for-profit SME
- Additional beneficiaries/linked third parties must also be for-profit SMEs from a MS/AC

Funding:

Type of grant: reimbursement of costs grant

Forms of costs: actual costs + unit cost (average personnel costs; SME owners; specific unit costs, if option applies) + flat-rate costs (indirect costs)

Budget categories:

- A. direct personnel costs
- B. direct costs of subcontracting
- D. other direct costs
- E. indirect costs

Funding rate: 70% of eligible costs – unless otherwise provided in the call

Evaluation:

Award criteria SME Instrument Phase 2 grants		
Excellence	Impact	Implementation
<p>Clarity and pertinence of the objectives</p> <p>Soundness of the concept, and credibility of the proposed methodology</p>	<p>The extent to which the outputs of the project would contribute to each of the expected impacts mentioned in the work programme under the relevant topic</p>	<p>Quality and effectiveness of the work plan, including extent to which the resources assigned to work packages are in line with their objectives and deliverables</p> <p>Appropriateness of the management structures and procedures, including risk and innovation management</p> <p>Complementarity of the participants and extent to which the consortium as a whole brings together the necessary expertise</p> <p>Appropriateness of the allocation of tasks, ensuring that all participants have a valid role and adequate resources in the project to fulfil that role</p>

<p>Extent that the proposed work is beyond the state of the art, and demonstrates innovation potential (e.g. ground-breaking objectives, novel concepts and approaches, new products, services or business and organisational models)</p> <p>Appropriate consideration of interdisciplinary approaches and, where relevant, use of stakeholder knowledge</p>	<p>Any substantial impacts not mentioned in the work programme, that would enhance innovation capacity, create new market opportunities, strengthen competitiveness and growth of companies, address issues related to climate change or the environment, or bring other important benefits to society</p> <p>Quality of the proposed measures to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploit and disseminate the project results (including management of IPR), and to manage research data where relevant • Communicate the project activities to different target audiences 	<p>Best value for money of subcontracts is assessed</p>
Weighting		
1	1,5	1

Evaluation procedure:

Call with multiple cut-off dates: There is an evaluation session after each cut-off date and after the final closure date (normally within a month). For each date, the submitted proposals are grouped, reviewed and ranked together. Evaluation results are made available immediately

Weighted scoring: Each criterion is scored from 0 to 5. Scores may be given with a resolution of one decimal place. Scores are weighted. Individual thresholds for 'excellence' and 'implementation' is 3/5 and for 'impact' 4/5; overall threshold: 12/15.

Consortium agreement: Yes (if multi-beneficiary)

Model Grant Agreement: H2020 SME Ph2 — Mono
H2020 SME Ph2 — Multi

 For more information, see [Article 3 of the H2020 Specific Programme](#), the [H2020 work programmes](#) and the [AGA — Annotated Grant Agreement](#) on the [Funding & Tenders Portal](#).

ERA-NET Cofund grants


Type of action & requirements:

General features/requirements for ERA-NET Cofund grants:

- Multi-beneficiary action (exceptionally mono-beneficiary action for 'sole participants')
- Project: joint call for proposals for trans-national projects (and additional joint activities) by regional/national research and innovation programmes (– implemented or funded by the beneficiaries)
- Minimum funding: normally EUR 5 million
- Duration: 5 years

Beneficiaries (composition of the consortium):

- Minimum 3 beneficiaries from 3 different EU Member States (MS) or H2020 associated countries (AC), that are research funders (programme owners or programme managers)
 - ‘Programme owners’ are typically national/regional ministries or authorities responsible for defining, financing or managing national/regional research programmes.
 - ‘Programme managers’ are typically research councils, funding agencies or other national/regional organisations that implement research programmes under the supervision of the programme owners.
- Additional beneficiaries/linked third parties or partner organisations from any country allowed, if participation justified (with EU funding, normally only if listed in [General Annex A to the Main Work Programme](#))
- Typical size: 10-30 beneficiaries

 All entities that participate in the joint call for proposals must participate as beneficiaries/linked third parties.

Funding:

Type of grant: reimbursement of costs grant

Forms of costs: actual costs + unit cost (average personnel costs; coordination costs for additional activities) + flat-rate costs (indirect costs)

Budget categories:

- A. Direct costs related to trans-national projects
 - A.1 Direct costs of providing financial support to third parties implementing trans-national projects
 - A.2 Direct costs for the implementation of trans-national projects by the beneficiaries
 - A.2.1 Direct personnel costs
 - A.2.2 Direct costs of subcontracting
 - A.2.3 Other direct costs
- B. Direct coordination costs for of additional activities
- C. Indirect costs

Funding rate: 33%

Evaluation:

Award criteria ERA-NET Cofund grants		
Excellence	Impact	Implementation
<p>Clarity and pertinence of the objectives</p> <p>Soundness of the concept, and credibility of the proposed methodology</p>	<p>The extent to which the outputs of the project would contribute to each of the expected impacts mentioned in the work programme under the relevant topic</p>	<p>Quality and effectiveness of the work plan, including extent to which the resources assigned to work packages are in line with their objectives and deliverables</p> <p>Appropriateness of the management structures and procedures, including risk and innovation management</p> <p>Complementarity of the participants and extent to which the consortium as a whole brings together the necessary expertise</p> <p>Appropriateness of the allocation of tasks, ensuring that all participants have a valid role and adequate resources in the project to fulfil that role</p>
<p>Level of ambition in the collaboration and commitment of the participants in the proposed ERA-NET action to pool national resources and coordinate their national/regional research programmes</p>	<p>Achievement of critical mass for the funding of trans-national projects by pooling of national/regional resources and contribution to establishing and strengthening a durable cooperation between the partners and their national/regional research programmes</p> <p>Quality of the proposed measures to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploit and disseminate the project results (including management of IPR), and to manage research data where relevant. • Communicate the project, to activities to different target audiences 	

Evaluation procedure:

Standard submission and evaluation procedure (one-stage submission + one-step evaluation)

Standard scoring: Each criterion is scored from 0 to 5. Scores are not weighted. Individual thresholds for each criterion: 3/5; overall threshold: 10/15

Consortium agreement: Yes

Type of grant agreement: H2020 MGA ERA-NET Cofund — Multi

 For more information, see Article 3 of the [H2020 Specific Programme](#), the [H2020 work programmes](#) and the [AGA – Annotated Grant Agreement](#) on the Funding & Tenders Portal.

H2020 PCP/PPI grants

Type of action & requirements:

General features/requirements for PCP/PPI grants:

- Multi-beneficiary action (exceptionally mono-beneficiary action for 'sole participants')
- Project: public procurement of R&D services (PCP)/innovative solutions (PPI) and related additional coordination and networking activities

The additional activities must relate to the call for tender; they include coordination and networking activities needed to prepare, manage and follow-up the PCP/PPI procurement and other coordination and networking activities to embed the PCP/PPI into a wider set of demand side activities

Beneficiaries (composition of the consortium):

- Minimum 3 beneficiaries established in different Member States (MS) or H2020 associated countries (AC) of which 2 must be public procurers
 - 'Public procurers' are legal entities that are 'contracting authorities' or 'contracting entities' according to the the EU public procurement Directives. (⚠ This includes also entities that fit the definition but to which these directives do not apply, e.g ERICs.)
- Additional beneficiaries/linked third parties from any country allowed, if participation justified (with EU funding, normally only if listed in [General Annex A to the Main Work Programme](#))

Examples: end-users, certification bodies, experts that assist the procurers in the coordination and networking activities

⚠ All entities that participate in the joint procurement must participate as beneficiaries/linked third parties. They form the 'buyers group'. .)

Funding:

Type of grant: reimbursement of costs grant

Forms of costs: actual costs + unit cost (average personnel costs; SME owners; specific unit costs, if option applies) + flat-rate costs (indirect costs)

Budget categories:

- A. Direct costs of PCP/PPI subcontracting
- B. Costs of related additional and networking activities
 - B.1 Direct personnel costs for related additional coordination and networking activities
 - B.2 Direct costs of subcontracting for related additional coordination and networking activities
 - B.3 Other direct costs for related additional coordination and networking activities
 - B.4 Indirect costs for related additional coordination and networking activities
 - B.5 Specific cost categories (if option applies)

Funding rate:

PCP: 90% — unless otherwise provided in the call

PPI: 35%— unless otherwise provided in the call

The requested costs of coordination and networking activities may NOT exceed a certain percentage of the requested grant (PCP: 30%; PPI 50%).

Evaluation:

Award criteria PCP/PPI grants		
Excellence	Impact	Implementation
<p>Clarity and pertinence of the objectives</p> <p>Soundness of the concept, and credibility of the proposed methodology</p>	<p>The extent to which the outputs of the project would contribute to each of the expected impacts mentioned in the work programme under the relevant topic</p>	<p>Quality and effectiveness of the work plan, including extent to which the resources assigned to work packages are in line with their objectives and deliverables</p> <p>Appropriateness of the management structures and procedures, including risk and innovation management</p> <p>Complementarity of the participants and extent to which the consortium as a whole brings together the necessary expertise</p> <p>Appropriateness of the allocation of tasks, ensuring that all participants have a valid role and adequate resources in the project to fulfil that role</p>
<p>Progress beyond the state of the art in terms of the degree of innovation needed to satisfy the procurement need</p>	<p>Strengthening the competitiveness and growth of companies by developing innovations meeting the needs of European and global procurement markets</p> <p>Quality of the proposed measures to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploit and disseminate the project results (including management of IPR), and to manage research data where relevant • Communicate the project, to activities to different target audiences <p>More forward-looking concerted procurement approaches that reduce fragmentation of demand for innovative solutions</p>	

Evaluation procedure:

Standard submission and evaluation procedure: one-stage submission + one-step evaluation)

Standard scoring: Each criterion is scored from 0 to 5. Scores are not weighted. Individual thresholds for each criterion: 3/5; overall threshold: 10/15

Consortium agreement: Yes

Type of grant agreement: H2020 MGA PCP/PPI— Multi

 For more information, see Article 3 of the [H2020 Specific Programme](#), the [H2020 work programmes](#) and the [AGA – Annotated Grant Agreement](#) on the Funding & Tenders Portal.

EJP Cofund grants

Type of action & requirements:

General features/requirements for EJP Cofund grants:

- Multi-beneficiary action (exceptionally mono-beneficiary action for 'sole participants')
- Project: joint programme of activities by coordinated national research and innovation programmes, ranging from research and innovation to coordination and networking activities, and including training, dissemination and financial support to third parties.
- Maximum funding: none
- Maximum duration: 72 months (typical duration: 60 months)
- Annual work plan as specific standard deliverable

Beneficiaries (composition of the consortium):

- Minimum 5 beneficiaries from 5 different EU Member States (MS) or H2020 associated countries (AC), that own or manage national research and innovation programmes ('programme owners' or 'programme managers')
- Additional beneficiaries/linked third parties from any country allowed, if participation justified (with EU funding, normally only if listed in [General Annex A to the Main Work Programme](#))

Examples: entities created to coordinate or integrate transnational research efforts, grouping funding from public and private sources

Funding:

Type of grant: reimbursement of costs grant

Forms of costs: actual costs + unit cost (average personnel costs; SME owners; specific unit costs, if option applies) + flat-rate costs (indirect costs)

Budget categories:

- A. direct personnel costs
- B. direct costs of subcontracting
- C. direct costs of providing financial support to third parties (if option applies)
- D. other direct costs
- E. indirect costs
- F. specific cost categories (if option applies)

Funding rate: see call (maximum 70%)

Evaluation:


Award criteria EJP Cofund		
Excellence	Impact	Implementation
<p>Clarity and pertinence of the objectives</p> <p>Soundness of the concept, and credibility of the proposed methodology</p>	<p>The extent to which the outputs of the project would contribute to each of the expected impacts mentioned in the work programme under the relevant topic</p>	<p>Quality and effectiveness of the work plan, including extent to which the resources assigned to work packages are in line with their objectives and deliverables</p> <p>Appropriateness of the management structures and procedures, including risk and innovation management</p> <p>Complementarity of the participants and extent to which the consortium as a whole brings together the necessary expertise</p> <p>Appropriateness of the allocation of tasks, ensuring that all participants have a valid role and adequate resources in the</p>

		project to fulfil that role
<p>Level of ambition in the collaboration and commitment of the participants in the proposed action to pool national resources and coordinate their national/regional research programmes</p>	<p>Critical mass in terms of proposed overall budget, maturity and degree of integration in the proposed research area as well as consistency of proposed activities with the development of a European Joint Programme towards a joint undertaking or other permanent structure in the proposed research area</p> <p>Effectiveness of the proposed measures to exploit and disseminate the programme's results and to communicate the programme</p>	<p>.</p>

Evaluation procedure:


Standard submission and evaluation procedure (one-stage submission + one-step evaluation)

Standard scoring: Each criterion is scored from 0 to 5. Scores are not weighted. Individual thresholds for each criterion: 3/5; overall threshold: 10/15

 Additional conditions may be foreseen in the call.

Consortium agreement: Yes

Type of grant agreement: H2020 MGA EJP Cofund — Multi

 For more information, see [Article 3 of the H2020 Specific Programme](#), the [H2020 work programmes](#) and the [AGA – Annotated Grant Agreement](#) on the [Funding & Tenders Portal](#).

H2020 framework partnerships

What is a 'framework partnership'?

A 'framework partnership' is a long-term cooperation that sets out an action plan/work programme and the terms and conditions for receiving grants to implement them.

They are typically used when Commission intends to work with its partners on a regular basis or when there is the need of recurring grants during the funding programme period.

H2020 framework partnerships are currently open to research and innovation actions (RIA), innovation actions (IA) and coordination and support actions (CSA). They are NOT open to SME Instrument, ERC, ERANET, PCP/PPI, EJP or MSC actions and NOT to operating grants (— since Horizon 2020 does not give operating grants).

Framework partnerships set out in a 'framework partnership agreement (FPA)' and implemented through 'specific agreements (SGAs)'.

Types of action & requirements:

General features/requirements for framework partnerships:

- Multi-/mono-partner
- Maximum duration: 4 years (except in duly justified cases)
Once set, the duration can NOT be extended.
- The action plan is implemented through SGAs
- No obligation to award/apply for specific grants
- The SGAs set out the budget and details for each action
- The procedure to award/apply for specific grants is set out in the FPA
- The SGAs must be signed before the end of the FPA
- Financial validation of the partners is done at the FPA level
- Suspension of the FPA imply automatic suspension of all SGAs
- FPA can be terminated at any time, but its termination does NOT necessarily lead to the termination of the on-going SGAs

Partners

- Partners in the FPA and SGAs must be the same
 - ⚠ Partners that do not want to be active in a SGA can participate as inactive 'partner not receiving funding'.
 - ⚠ New partners can be added, but they must first become part of the FPA and can only then be added to the SGAs.
- The coordinator for the FPA and all SGAs must be the same
- Linked third parties must already be identified in the FPA

Funding:

The FPA has no budget; the budget and rules on funding are set out in each SGA (and depend on the type of specific grant)

Evaluation:

Award criteria Framework Partnership Agreements		
Excellence	Impact	Implementation
Clarity and pertinence of the objectives	The extent to which the action plan of the FPA would contribute to each of the expected impacts mentioned in the work programme under the relevant topic	Complementarity of the partners, and balance of expertise ; Potential for long term cooperation among the partners


Evaluation procedure:

FPA: standard submission and evaluation procedure (one-stage submission + one-step evaluation)

Standard scoring: Each criterion is scored from 0 to 5. Scores are not weighted. Individual thresholds for each criterion: 3/5; overall threshold: 10/15

SGA: procedure that is foreseen in FPA + procedure that applies to the type of specific grant

Consortium agreement: Yes – unless otherwise provided in the call

 The consortium agreement is normally necessary at FPA level, but – if necessary – additional consortium agreements may have to be added at SGA level

Type of grant agreement: H2020 FPA and SGA – Multi
H2020 FPA and SGA – Mono

 For more information, see Article 3 of the [H2020 Specific Programme](#), the [H2020 work programmes](#) and the [AGA – Annotated Grant Agreement](#) on the Funding & Tenders Portal.