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1. BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF THIS CALL

This Call for proposals is conducted in the framework of the Third Programme for the Union's action in the field of Health (2014-2020) adopted by the European Parliament and the Council¹ on 11 March 2014.

The Consumer, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency (Chafea) is entrusted with the implementation of the above programme, the Third Health Programme (further on "the Programme").

The general objectives of the Programme shall be to complement, support and add value to the policies of the Member States aimed at improving the health of Union citizens and reduce health inequalities by promoting health, encouraging innovation in health, increasing the sustainability of health systems and protecting Union citizens from serious cross-border health threats.

The specific objectives of the Programme are:

1. In order to promote health, prevent diseases, and foster supportive environments for healthy lifestyles: identify, disseminate and promote the uptake of evidence-based and good practices for cost-effective health promotion and disease prevention measures by addressing in particular the key lifestyle related risk factors with a focus on the Union added value.
2. In order to protect Union citizens from serious cross-border health threats: identify and develop coherent approaches and promote their implementation for better preparedness and coordination in health emergencies.
3. In order to support public health capacity-building and contribute to innovative, efficient and sustainable health systems: identify and develop tools and mechanisms at Union level to address shortages of resources, both human and financial, and to facilitate the voluntary uptake of innovations in public health intervention and prevention strategies.
4. In order to facilitate access to better and safer healthcare for Union citizens: increase access to medical expertise and information for specific conditions also beyond national borders, facilitate the application of the results of research and develop tools for the improvement of healthcare quality and patient safety through, inter alia, actions contributing to the improvement of health literacy.

The 2017 Work Programme² sets out details of the financing mechanisms and priority areas for action to implement the programme and is available at

https://ec.europa.eu/health/programme/events/adoption_workplan_2017_en

The present call for proposals falls under the financing mechanism "grants for projects", as described in Annex I, section 2.1. of the Work Programme for 2017³.

¹ Regulation No 282/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 on the establishment of a third Programme for the Union's action in the field of health (2014-2020) and repealing Decision No 1350/2007/EC. OJ L86, volume 57; 21 March 2014

² Commission Implementing Decision of 26 January 2017, C(2017) 316 concerning the work programme for 2017 in the framework of the third Programme of the Union's action in the field of health (2014-2020) and the EU financial contribution to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, serving as a financing decision.

Interested parties active in the field of public health are invited to submit applications in accordance with the provisions of Annex I, Annex II and Annex VII of the 2017 Work Programme and this call text, in order to pursue the objectives of the third Health Programme.

The areas for funding, the eligibility, exclusion, selection and award criteria, the procedures for application and approval and the indicative amounts are described below.

2. OBJECTIVES

Chapter 2.1 of Annex I of the 2017 work programme sets out the priority areas for projects to be implemented through the present call. Only project proposals that directly correspond to the topic and description as set out in this work programme will be considered for funding. One (1) area for proposals for projects is announced with the present call document.

Within this call, it is not possible to submit project applications covering other topics or priorities than the ones for which the call is launched. Proposals that only address the thematic area but do not match the specific description of a given action will not be considered for funding.

3. INDICATIVE TIMETABLE

Applications are invited to be submitted via the [Participant Portal](#).

Submission Deadline

The deadline for submission is 15 June 2017, 17:00 h Luxembourg time.

<u>STAGES</u>	<u>INDICATIVE TIMELINE</u>
<u>Publication of the call</u>	<u>March 2017</u>
<u>Submission of applications</u>	<u>June 2017</u>
<u>Evaluation of applications</u>	<u>June - July 2017</u>
<u>Information to applicants</u>	<u>≤ September 2017</u>
<u>Ranking of applications</u>	<u>September 2017</u>
<u>Signature of grant agreement</u>	<u>December 2017</u>
<u>Starting date of the action</u>	<u>January 2018</u>

³ The provisions of the 2017 Work Programme and those of the present call for proposals are mutually explanatory. Nevertheless, in case of ambiguities or discrepancies between the provisions of the 2017 Work Programme and those of the call for proposals, the former will take precedence over the latter.

4. BUDGET AVAILABLE

The total budget earmarked for the co-financing of projects is estimated at EUR 4.850.000. The indicative maximum amount for the present call is EUR 250.000.

Project grants are calculated based on eligible costs incurred. The maximum rate of EU co-financing is 60 %. However, this may go up to 80 % if a proposal meets the criteria for exceptional utility specified in Annex VII of the 2017 Work Programme. More information is provided in the Guide of applicants.

5. ADMISSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Applications must be sent no later than the deadline for submitting applications referred to in section 3.
- Applications must be submitted in writing via the [Participant Portal](#).
- Applications may be submitted in any official language of the European Union. However, in order to facilitate assessment by the evaluators, an English translation of the technical part should accompany that written in another EU official language.

Failure to comply with those requirements will lead to the rejection of the application.

6. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The compliance with the eligibility criteria will be assessed based on the application content.

6.1. Eligible applicants

Grant applications are eligible if submitted by legal persons. More specifically, the applicants⁴ must be legally established organisations, public authorities, public sector bodies, in particular research and health institutions, universities and higher education establishments.

The application shall state the legal status of the applicant.

Applicants participating in a project proposal have to be different legal entities (i.e. independent from each other) from at least 3 countries participating in the Health Programme. Proposals which involve fewer applicants will be rejected.

6.2. Eligible countries

Only applications from entities established in one the following countries are eligible:

- EU Member States;
- Iceland and Norway;

⁴ Wherever "applicants" is written this means the coordinator and the co-applicants.

- Countries which have a bilateral agreement with the European Union, in accordance with Article 6 of Regulation (EU) No 282/2014 on the establishment of a third Health Programme for the Union's action in the field of health (2014-2020). Currently Serbia and Moldova have a bilateral agreement with the European Union. Please check the Commission/Chafea website for an updated list of countries.

In accordance with recital 23 of Regulation (EU) No 282/2014 **on the establishment of a third Programme for the Union's action in the field of health**, collaboration should be facilitated with third countries not participating in the programme. This should not involve a financial contribution under the programme. Nevertheless, travel and subsistence expenses for experts invited from or travelling to such countries can be considered eligible costs in duly justified, exceptional cases, where these directly contribute to the objectives of the programme.

6.3. Eligible activities

Project proposals may be submitted for the priority area specified below. For full description of the objectives pursued and results expected please consult the 2017 Work Programme (Section 2.1). Proposals should match the specific description of a given action.

TITLE	INDICATIVE AMOUNT, EUR	Ref. in Work Programme 2017	Grants foreseen
Supporting Member States in mainstreaming health promotion and disease prevention in health and educational settings (Thematic priority 1.3 of Annex I to the Programme Regulation)	250.000	Section 2.1.1.1	one or more

6.4. Implementation period

As a rule, the maximum duration of project is 36 months. The grant application must specify the scheduled starting date (if possible) and duration of the action.

Applications for actions that have already commenced by the date on which the grant application is registered will be excluded from funding from the Health Programme.

7. EXCLUSION CRITERIA

7.1. Exclusion from participation:

Applicants will be excluded from participating in the call for proposals procedure if they are in any of the following situations:

(a) bankruptcy, being subject to insolvency or winding-up procedures, where assets are being administered by a liquidator or by a court, where an arrangement with creditors exists, where business activities are suspended, or where in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure provided for under national laws or regulations;

(b) it has been established by a final judgment or a final administrative decision that the applicant is in breach of its obligations relating to the payment of taxes or social security contributions in accordance with the law of the country in which it is established, with those of

the country in which the granting authority is located or those of the country of the performance of the grant agreement.;

(c) it has been established by a final judgment or a final administrative decision that the applicant is guilty of grave professional misconduct by having violated applicable laws or regulations or ethical standards of the profession to which the applicant belongs, or by having engaged in any wrongful conduct which has an impact on its professional credibility where such conduct denotes wrongful intent or gross negligence, including, in particular, any of the following:

(i) fraudulently or negligently misrepresenting information required for the verification of the absence of grounds for exclusion or the fulfilment of selection criteria or in the performance of a contract/grant agreement;

(ii) entering into agreement with other economic operators with the aim of distorting competition;

(iii) violating intellectual property rights;

(iv) attempting to influence the decision-making process of the contracting authority during the procurement / grant award procedure;

(v) attempting to obtain confidential information that may confer upon it undue advantages in the procurement / grant award procedure;

(d) it has been established by a final judgment that the applicant is guilty of any of the following:

(i) fraud, within the meaning of Article 1 of the Convention on the protection of the European Communities' financial interests, drawn up by the Council Act of 26 July 1995;

(ii) corruption, as defined in Article 3 of the Convention on the fight against corruption involving officials of the European Communities or officials of Member States of the European Union, drawn up by the Council Act of 26 May 1997, and in Article 2(1) of Council Framework Decision 2003/568/JHA, as well as corruption as defined in the law of the country where the contracting authority is located, the country in which the economic operator is established or the country of the performance of the contract;

(iii) participation in a criminal organisation, as defined in Article 2 of Council Framework Decision 2008/841/JHA;

(iv) money laundering or terrorist financing, as defined in Article 1 of Directive 2005/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council;

(v) terrorist-related offences or offences linked to terrorist activities, as defined in Articles 1 and 3 of Council Framework Decision 2002/475/JHA, respectively, or inciting, aiding, abetting or attempting to commit such offences, as referred to in Article 4 of that Decision;

(vi) child labour or other forms of trafficking in human beings as defined in Article 2 of Directive 2011/36/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council;

(e) the applicant has shown significant deficiencies in complying with main obligations in the performance of a contract / a grant agreement financed by the budget, which has led to its early termination or to the application of liquidated damages or other contractual penalties, or which has been discovered following checks, audits or investigations by an authorising officer, OLAF or the Court of Auditors;

(f) it has been established by a final judgment or final administrative decision that the applicant has committed an irregularity within the meaning of Article 1(2) of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2988/95.

7.2. Exclusion from award:

Applicants will not be awarded co-funding, in the course of the grant award procedure, if they:

(a) are in an exclusion situation established in accordance with Article 106 and 107 of the EU Financial Regulation;

(b) have misrepresented the information required as a condition for participating in the procedure or have failed to supply that information;

(c) were previously involved in the preparation of documents where this entails a distortion of competition that cannot be remedied otherwise.

In order to demonstrate compliance with the non-exclusion requirements, the coordinator has to check the relevant box in online application. If selected for co-funding, all beneficiaries have to submit a declaration on their honour certifying that they are not in one of the situations referred to in articles 106 and 107 of the Financial Regulation⁵⁶. The applicants should follow the instructions in the participant portal. Where requested by the granting authority, successful applicants shall supply such evidence, unless there is a material impossibility recognised by the granting authority or such evidence has already been submitted to the granting authority for the purposes of another grant or procurement procedure, provided that the documents are not more than one year old counting from their date of issue and that they are still valid.

8. SELECTION CRITERIA

Only proposals that meet the eligibility and exclusion criteria will be assessed on the basis of the selection criteria.

⁵ [REGULATION \(EU, EURATOM\) NO 966/2012 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation \(EC, Euratom\) No 1605/2002 and REGULATION \(EU, EURATOM\) NO 2015/1929 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 28 October 2015 amending Regulation \(EU, Euratom\) No 966/2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union](#)

⁶ [COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION \(EU\) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application of Regulation \(EU, Euratom\) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION \(EU\) 2015/2462 of 30 October 2015 amending Delegated Regulation \(EU\) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union](#)

8.1. Financial viability

Applicants must have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain their activity throughout the period during which the activity is being carried out and to participate in its co-financing.

The financial viability of all beneficiaries has to be certified by ticking the relevant box in the electronic submission system, after having carried out the financial self-assessment. In case co-funding is accepted to be awarded, the financial viability will be assessed, except if:

- a) the EU-contribution for the coordinator / other beneficiary is \leq EUR 60.000:
- b) the beneficiary is a public body⁷

To assess the financial viability, the applicants will be required to submit the profit and loss account, as well as the balance sheet for the last three financial years for which the accounts were closed.

The documents requested when assessing the financial viability include:

- the annual accounts (including the balance sheet and the profit and loss statement) for the last financial year for which the accounts were closed (for newly created entities, the business plan shall be submitted to replace the accounts);

In addition for a coordinator or other beneficiary requesting an EU contribution of \geq EUR 750.000 (threshold applicable per beneficiary):

- an audit report produced by an approved external auditor certifying the accounts for the last financial year available. This provision shall not apply to public bodies.

8.2. Operational capacity

Applicants must have the resources, professional competencies and qualifications required to complete the proposed action.

As evidence the general profiles (qualifications and experiences) of all relevant staff in all organisations involved in the proposed action must be provided in part B of the proposal.

9. AWARD CRITERIA

Each proposal will be assessed according to the award criteria included under Annex II of the Work Programme 2017, below also comprising the following sub-criteria

Criteria	Maximum score (in points)	Threshold (pass-mark)
1 – Policy and contextual relevance	10	7
2 – Technical quality	10	6

⁷ Pursuant to Art. 131(3) FR these applicants are considered to have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain their activity throughout the period during which the action is being carried out and to participate in its funding. Therefore, no additional supporting documents are required..

3 – Management quality	10	6
4 – Overall and detailed budget	10	6
TOTAL	40	25

9.1. Policy and contextual relevance

Sub-criteria that are taken into account in the assessment:

- Relevance of the contribution to meeting the objectives and priorities defined in the annual work plan of the 3rd Health Programme, under which the call for proposals is published;
- Added value at EU level in the field of public health;
- Pertinence of the geographical coverage of the proposals;
- Consideration of the social, cultural and political context.

9.2. Technical quality

Sub-criteria that are taken into account in the assessment:

- Quality of the evidence base;
- Quality of the content;
- Innovative nature, technical complementarity and avoidance of duplication of other existing actions at EU level;
- Quality of the evaluation strategy;
- Quality of the dissemination strategy and plan.

9.3. Management quality

Sub-criteria that are taken into account in the assessment:

- Quality of the planning and appropriate task distribution to implement the project,
- Relevance of the organisational arrangements, including financial management,
- Quality and complementarity of the partnership.

9.4. Overall and detailed budget

Sub-criteria that are taken into account in the assessment:

- Realistic estimation of person days / deliverable and per work package;
- Reasonability of the budget allocated for evaluation and dissemination.

Following the evaluation, all eligible proposals meeting the above mentioned eligibility, exclusion, selection and award criteria are ranked according to the total number of points awarded. Only proposals meeting all thresholds are eligible for co-funding. Depending on the specifications in the annual work plan and budget availability, the highest ranked proposal or proposals will be awarded a grant or grants.

10. LEGAL COMMITMENTS

Following the evaluation, Chafea establishes a list of proposals recommended for funding, ranked according to the total number of points awarded. Depending on the specifications in the annual work plan and budget availability, the highest ranked proposal or proposals will be awarded co-financing.

In the event of a grant awarded, the coordinator is invited to enter into an adaptation period via an on-line grant preparation system (SYGMA). If successful, this should result in the signature of a grant agreement, drawn up in euro and detailing the conditions and level of funding.

The grant agreement must be signed electronically first by the coordinator on behalf of the consortium and then by Chafea. All co-beneficiaries must accede to the grant agreement by signing electronically the accession form to the grant.

11. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

The Financial Regulation (FR) and the Rules of Application (RAP)⁸ are the reference documents for the implementation of the third Health Programme.

11.1. General Principles

Grants must comply with the following principles:

a) Non-cumulative award⁹

An action may only receive one grant from the EU budget.

In no circumstances shall the same costs be financed twice by the Union budget. To ensure this, applicants shall indicate the sources and amounts of Union funding received or applied for the same action or part of the action or for its functioning during the same financial year as well as any other funding received or applied for the same action¹⁰.

b) Non-retroactivity¹¹

No grant may be awarded retrospectively for actions already completed.

⁸ Please refer to footnotes 5 and 6 above

⁹ Art 129 FR

¹⁰ Art. 196 (4) RAP

¹¹ Art. 130 FR

A grant may be awarded for an action, which has already begun only where the applicant can demonstrate the need to start the action before the grant agreement is signed.

In such cases, costs eligible for financing may not have been incurred prior to the date of submission of the grant application.

c) Co-financing¹²

Co-financing means that the resources, which are necessary to carry out the action, may not be entirely provided by the EU grant.

Co-financing of the action may take the form of:

- the beneficiary's own resources,
- income generated by the action,
- financial contributions from third parties.

d) Balanced budget¹³

The estimated budget of the action is to be attached to the application form. It must have revenue and expenditure in balance.

The budget must be drawn up in euros.

e) Implementation contracts/subcontracting

Where the implementation of the action requires the award of procurement contracts (implementation contracts), the beneficiary must award the contract to the proposal offering best value for money or the lowest price (as appropriate), avoiding conflicts of interests and retain the documentation for the event of an audit.

For public bodies: entities acting in their capacity of contracting authorities in the meaning of Directive 2014/24/EU or contracting entities in the meaning of Directive 2014/23/EU shall abide by the applicable national public procurement rules.

Sub-contracting, i.e. the externalisation of specific tasks or activities which form part of the action as described in the proposal must satisfy the conditions applicable to any implementation contract (as specified above) and in addition to them the following conditions:

- it may only cover the implementation of a limited part of the action;
- it must be justified having regard to the nature of the action and what is necessary for its implementation;
- it must be clearly stated in the proposal.

11.2. Funding form: mixed financing

Mixed financing grants are calculated on the basis of a detailed estimated budget indicating clearly the costs that are eligible for EU funding. The grant amount may neither exceed the eligible costs nor the amount requested. Amounts are indicated in euros.

¹² Art. 125 (3) FR, Art. 183 RAP

¹³ Art. 196 (2) RAP

➤ **Maximum amount requested**

The EU grant is limited to a maximum co-funding rate of 60% of **eligible costs**. In case of exceptional utility up to 80% can be granted (see Work Programme 2017, Annex VII). More information is provided in the Guide of applicants.

Consequently, part of the total eligible expenses entered in the estimative budget must be financed from sources other than the EU grant (see section 11.1 c) above).

➤ **Eligible costs**

Eligible costs are actually incurred by the beneficiary of a grant and meet all the criteria indicated in Article 6 of the grant agreement.

- Eligible (direct and indirect) costs are indicated in the Model Grant Agreement (see Articles 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3);
- Ineligible costs are indicated in the grant agreement (see Article 6.4).

Please note that contributions in kind are not considered eligible costs.

➤ **Calculation of the final grant amount**

Chafea establishes the final amount of the grant to the coordinator and the other beneficiaries after completion of the action, upon approval of the request for payment containing the documents indicated in the grant agreement¹⁴.

The final grant amount is calculated as indicated in the Model Grant Agreement (see Article 5.3).

EU grants may not have the purpose or effect of producing a profit within the framework of the action of the beneficiary. **Profit shall be defined as a surplus of the receipts over the eligible costs incurred by the beneficiary**, when the request is made for payment of the balance. In this respect, where a profit is made, Chafea shall be entitled to recover the percentage of the profit corresponding to the Union contribution. A partner (coordinator or other beneficiary) requesting an EU-contribution of EUR ≤ 60.000, is exempted from this provision.

11.3. Payment arrangements

The payment conditions are gathered in article 16 of the Model Grant Agreement annexed to the present call.

The payments generally consist of the following:

The Chafea will execute a pre-financing payment (see Article 16.2 of the grant agreement) to the coordinator within 30 days of the date when the last of the two parties signs the agreement, provided all requested guarantees have been received. All other beneficiaries have to accede to the grant agreement before the coordinator can transfer to them their share of the pre-financing.

¹⁴ Art. 135 FR

The Chafea will make an interim payment (see Article 16.3) to reimburse the eligible costs incurred in implementing the action during a given reporting period. Chafea will execute the payment within 60 days from receiving the periodic report.

The Chafea will establish the amount of the final payment (payment of the balance) to be made to the coordinator on the basis of the calculation of the final grant amount (see section 11.2 above). If the total of earlier payments is higher than the final grant amount, the coordinator will be required to reimburse the amount paid in excess by the Chafea through a recovery order (see Article 28 of the Model Grant Agreement).

For more details, please see Articles 16.1-16.4 of the Model Grant Agreement.

11.4. Pre-financing guarantee

In the event that the applicant's financial capacity is not satisfactory, measures may be taken in order to limit the financial risks linked to the pre-financing payment. These include asking the beneficiary to lodge a pre-financing guarantee, for up to the same amount as the pre-financing.

The guarantee shall be denominated in euro and shall be provided by an approved bank or financial institution established in one of the Member State of the European Union. When the beneficiary is established in a third country, the authorising officer responsible may agree that a bank or financial institution established in that third country may provide the guarantee if he considers that the bank or financial institution offers equivalent security and characteristics as those offered by a bank or financial institution established in a Member State. Amounts blocked in bank accounts shall not be accepted as financial guarantees.

The guarantee may be replaced by a joint and several guarantee by a third party or by a joint guarantee of the beneficiaries of an action who are parties to the same grant agreement.

The guarantee shall be released as the pre-financing is gradually cleared against interim payments or payments of the balance to the beneficiary, in accordance with the conditions laid down in the grant agreement.

No financial guarantee will be requested if the EU contribution is EUR \leq 60 000.

12. PUBLICITY

12.1. By the beneficiaries

Beneficiaries must clearly acknowledge the European Union's contribution in all publications or in conjunction with activities for which the grant is used in line with Article 38 of the grant agreement.

In this respect, beneficiaries are required to give prominence to the name and emblem of the European Union on all their publications, posters, programmes and other products realised under the co-financed project.

To do this they must use the text, the emblem and the disclaimer available at http://ec.europa.eu/chafea/management/visual_identity.html.

If this requirement is not fully complied with, the beneficiary's grant may be reduced in accordance with the provisions of the grant agreement.

12.2. By the Executive Agency / the Commission

With the exception of scholarships paid to natural persons and other direct support paid to natural persons in most need, all information relating to grants awarded in the course of a financial year shall be published on an internet site of the European Union institutions no later than the 30 June of the year following the financial year in which the grants were awarded.

The following information will be published:

- name of the beneficiary,
- address of the beneficiary when the latter is a legal person, region when the beneficiary is a natural person, as defined on NUTS 2 level¹⁵ if he/she is domiciled within EU or equivalent if domiciled outside EU,
- subject of the grant,
- amount awarded.

Upon a reasoned and duly substantiated request by the beneficiary, the publication shall be waived if such disclosure risks threatening the rights and freedoms of individuals concerned as protected by the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union or harm the commercial interests of the beneficiaries.

13. DATA PROTECTION

The reply to any call for proposals involves the recording and processing of personal data (such as name, address and CV). Such data will be processed pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data. Unless indicated otherwise, the questions and any personal data requested are required to evaluate the application in accordance with the specifications of the call for proposal will be processed solely for that purpose by the Executive Agency / the Commission. Details concerning the processing of personal data are available on the privacy statement at the participants' portal:

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

Applicants are invited to check this website at regular intervals so as to be duly informed on possible updates that may occur by the deadline for submission of their proposals. Personal data may be registered in the Early Detection and Exclusion System (EDES) established and managed by the European Commission; the new system replaced the Early Warning System and the Central Exclusion Database as of 1 January 2016. The purpose of the EDES is the protection of the Union's financial interests against unreliable economic operators. This is ensured via the following two components:

- Early detection of risks threatening the Union Financial Interests via the inclusion of relevant markings (in case of suspicion or presumption)
- Exclusion of entities/ natural persons, imposition of financial penalties (administrative sanctions) in case of situations provided for by the law

¹⁵ European Union Official Journal L 39, of 10 February 2007.

Situations that may give rise to an Early Detection/Exclusion are provided for in article 108 par. 2 and article 106 of the Financial Regulation respectively. An economic operator can only be subject to early detection/exclusion following his/her notification by the responsible service.

Applicants are invited to check this website at regular intervals so as to be duly informed on possible updates that may occur by the deadline for submission of their proposals.

14. PROCEDURE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

The application must be sent via an electronic submission system and comply with the formal requirements described in the guide for applicants.

No modification to the application is allowed once the deadline for submission has elapsed. However, if there is a need to clarify certain aspects or for the correction of clerical mistakes, the Executive Agency Chafea may contact the applicant for this purpose during the evaluation process¹⁶.

Applicants will be informed in writing about the results of the selection process¹⁷.

Proposals must be submitted via the participant portal:

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/index.html>

Before submitting a proposal:

1. Create an account to submit a proposal:

<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/cas/eim/external/register.cgi>

2. Register via the beneficiary registry:

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/organisations/register.html>

To create and submit your proposal, please go to:

<https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/index.html> and select "3rd Health Programme", then select the relevant call.

In submitting a proposal, the applicant accepts the procedures and conditions as described in this Call and in the documents to which it refers. Applications that do not comply with these requirements will be rejected.

Contacts

For problems with the electronic submission system please contact the IT helpdesk set-up for this purpose via the participant portal web-site.

For non-IT related questions a helpdesk at Chafea is available at: CHAFEA-HP-CALLS@ec.europa.eu on weekdays at 9.30 – 12.00 and 14.00 – 16.30. Note that the helpdesk is not available on EC public holidays (13-17 April 2017, 09, 25-26 May 2017, 05 June 2017).

¹⁶ Article 96 (2) FR.

¹⁷ Art. 133 (3) FR, Art. 205 RAP.

Frequently asked questions are published on the website of Chafea: <http://ec.europa.eu/chafea/health/faq.html>

In all correspondence relating to this call (e.g. when requesting information, or submitting an application), reference must be clearly made to this specific call. Once the electronic exchange system allocated a proposal ID, the applicant must use this number in all subsequent correspondence.