Questions and Answers
Pilot Project

Below you will find answers to the questions raised about the current calls for proposals relating to the five Pilot Projects, which were launched on 27 October 2016. The document contains a general section with Q&A applicable to the five calls, as well as separate sections for Q&A specific to each individual Pilot Project.

User questions and answers — General questions

1. What does it mean pilot project?

A Pilot project is defined in the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the Union (Regulation (EU, EURATOM) No 966/2012 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 25 October 2012) and relates to projects of an experimental nature designed to test the feasibility of an action and its usefulness.

This action has its own financing decision and annex, which are to be found at: http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/health_food-safety/funding/grants_en.htm

At this webpage, you can also find the invitation to the call: http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/health_food-safety/funding/docs/call_2016-5422-f1_dec_cpp.pdf

2. Is there a limit of independent partners from the same EU country?

As is indicated in the Guide for Applicants, page 11:

Number of participants and dimension of the proposal

A proposal should involve independent legal entities established in two different eligible countries. On the one hand, the number of beneficiaries in a given proposal should reflect a European dimension of the proposed action and should make sense.
On the other hand, the management of projects with a very large number of beneficiaries has proven to be administratively difficult. The number of beneficiaries needs to be considered carefully.

And also see the information in the Guide for Applicants, page 25:

1.6 General guidance before drafting your proposal

Completeness: check that your intended proposal includes all relevant information, as it will be evaluated only on the basis of the submitted content (such as information, documents etc.). Follow closely the format of the template of Part B and ensure that all the requested information is uploaded. However, avoid mixing quality with quantity: good proposals are clearly drafted and are easy to understand and follow; they are precise and concise, focusing on substance and it is not about the number of pages. The page limit for Part B of your proposal is 50 pages for the technical part and 30 pages for the budget (1 page per partner for a maximum of 30 partners) i.e. in total 80 pages.

So 30 is the limit for the total number of partners, and a proposal should involve legal entities from at least two different EU Member States.

3. The EU grant is limited to a maximum co-funding rate of 60% of total eligible costs for some topics. In such a case, may the remaining 40% of eligible costs in the estimative budget be made up only of direct personnel costs? (eligible “costs for employees” as defined in the model grant agreement).

Indeed we are limiting co-funding to max. 60%, and the own contribution may be financed through direct personnel costs.

4. When we click the + button to expand, no text appears. Could there be an error in the web page?

The topic description is to be found in the Call document, which is located under the "Topic conditions and documents". For efficiency reasons, we have centralised the information under this section. So when you click on the + button under this section, you will find all relevant information in both the Call document and the Guide for applicants.

5. I have been checking the Participant’s portal for any updates on the 3rd Health Programme topics but there is no text describing the topics. Is there an estimated date when the content will be published?

Could you also provide in general the economic conditions of the call and the characteristics of what a Pilot Project is in terms of size, duration, etc.

It isn't clear to me too whether the budget of 2,700,000 € is only for the PP-2-2 or aggregated for all the Pilot Projects.
The topics of the calls, including duration, amount; characteristics... are described in the call documents of each Pilot Project. Please find the overview of the calls for Proposals for the 5 Pilot projects at (please copy paste the link below):

https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/3hp/calls/ pp-2-2016.html#c,topics=callIdentifier/t/PP-2-2016/1/1/1/default-group&callStatus/t/Forthcoming/1/1/0/default-group&callStatus/t/Open/1/1/0/default-group&callStatus/t/Closed/1/1/0/default-group&+identifier/desc

As regards the budget per call, please find below a repartition:

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6. What is the deadline for submitting my application?

The deadline is fixed for 31st January 2017.

7. We have seen the topic call for pilot project within 3rd HP in the participant portal. It seems to be within the 3rd HP and the work programme for 2016. But when opening the topic description and looking into the 2016 WP I cannot find any additional information about it. Do you have any additional information about this specific call?

More information on the content can be found in the call document as well as in the guide for applicants on the Participant Portal, under the relevant Pilot Project, section "Topic conditions and documents" at the link https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/3hp/topics/pp-2-5-2016.html

For info, the link to the call document:

And the link to the guide for applicants:

8. Where can I find the proposal template for pilot project calls?
The template is available at: 

9. Regarding eligibility of applicants it is said:

6.1. Eligible applicants

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

Could private non-profit institutions (as research centers) be considered an eligible applicant?

As private non-profit institutions are legal persons, they are considered as eligible applicants.

10. A) If our establishment is to be a coordinator of the proposed project, is it necessary that the status is “validated”?

B) Can you describe the procedure and/or the necessary steps on how to change the applicant status from “declared” to "validated"?

As this is a technical question, as is your second question as well, please address it to:  
http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/api/contact/indexcontacthd.html

11. How can our institution change the appointed LEAR (username and password) and transfer it to the new contact person? The mentioned is necessary due to the change of staff and the need to change/modify the status of the applicant in the beneficiary register of EC.

As this is a technical question, as is your second question as well, please address it to:  
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Pilot project 2-1-2016 — Establishing a Registry of Rare Congenital Malformations (as part of the Rare Diseases Registry), drawing on the structure, organization and experience of the Registry of Congenital Malformations.
1. Does the pilot project 2-1 cover as well the "rare haematological malignancies"?

This is a project on Rare Congenital Malformations (in meaning birth defects). Therefore "rare haematological malignancies" are not covered.

2. Establishing a Registry of Rare Congenital Malformations (as part of the Rare Diseases Registry), drawing on the structure, organization and experience of the Registry of Congenital Malformations

Is it possible to submit a proposal by consortia of legal entities established in different EU Member States or is eligible only the application by legal entities established in the same EU Member State?

As regards this pilot projects, proposals can be submitted by consortia of legal entities or a single legal entity (with or without legal personality) established in an EU Member State. It is not an obligation that the legal entities are established in the same EU Member State, they can be established in different EU Member States.

3. I would like to have more information on this following call: CALL FOR PROPOSALS PP-2-1-2016. Would it be possible to have the name and the contact details of a contact person?

I need to remind you that the call for proposal documents (invitation, call document and guide for applicants) provide all relevant information. The topic description is to be found in the Call document, which is located under the "Topic conditions and documents".

For efficiency reasons, we have centralised the information under this section. So when you click on the + button under this section, you will find all relevant information in both the Call document and the Guide for applicants.

The Commission services have to respect strict rules of equal treatment and we therefore cannot discuss issues related to call for proposals with potential applicants.

4. In the title of the pilot project it is mentioned "Establishing" as part of the Rare Disease Registry. Is this registry the same of the EU Platform on Rare Diseases Registration or at the national registries?

This call is directed to national or regional registries. Work should be done in collaboration with the European Platform on Rare Diseases Registration.
1. What does pilot project 2-2-2016 mean?

As regards the Pilot Project – Mentally, the invitation to the call is to be found at the following address:

More information on the content can be found in the call document as well as in the guide for applicants at the following link:

2. In point nº6.1. Eligible applicants: “Grant applications are eligible if submitted by legal persons. More specifically, the applicants must be legally established organisations, public authorities, public sector bodies, in particular research and health institutions, universities and higher education establishments”.

Are research and health institutions two different institutions, health institutions and research institutions or a single institution with both characteristics?

As regards research and health institutions, they can be separate institutions.

3. I would like to have more information on how I can participate to the call of proposal CALL FOR PROPOSALS PP-2-2-2016: Mentally - Access to mental health care and improving mental health literacy. Where can I find the documents to apply and how to apply?

A Pilot project is defined in the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the Union (Regulation (EU, EURATOM) No 966/2012 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 25 October 2012) and relates to projects of an experimental nature designed to test the feasibility of an action and its usefulness.

As regards the Pilot Project – Mentally, the invitation to the call is to be found at the following address: http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/health_food-safety/funding/docs/call_2016-5715-f1_dec_cpp.pdf

More information on the content can be found in the call document as well as in the guide for applicants at the following link:

4. Are there guidelines regarding the priorities and actions funded under this call?

The template submission form can be found at:
5. **Where can I find more information on the call Pilot project — Mentally - access to mental health care and improving mental health literacy?**

What are the specific requirements with regard to the content of a proposal? For instance, does the proposal need to cover both accesses to mental health care and mental health literacy? Is the call solely focused on evaluations of interventions or could system-level evaluations be submitted as well?

I can't find the text describing the call on the website and would highly appreciate any additional information on this specific call.

The invitation to this call for proposal, the relevant financing decision and its annex are to be found at: [http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/health_food-safety/funding/grants_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/health_food-safety/funding/grants_en.htm)

The relevant information can be found at: [https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/3hp/topics/pp-2-2-2-2016.html](https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/3hp/topics/pp-2-2-2-2016.html)

When you click on the **button** under “Topic conditions and documents”, you will find all relevant information in both the Call document and the Guide for applicants.

6. **Can I express interest in joining proposals under this call?**

As regards the possible interested parties, we can provide you with the names of the National Focal Points details: [http://ec.europa.eu/chafea/health/national_focal_points.html](http://ec.europa.eu/chafea/health/national_focal_points.html)

However please note that these organisations are National Focal Points for the Health Programme (REGULATION (EU) 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) and may not be aware about the details of the current Pilot projects.

In this respect, we can also inform you about the existence of the Health Policy Platform [https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/hpf/network/home/7](https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/hpf/network/home/7)

7. **I am interested to participate in two pilot projects:**

- **Pilot project 2-2-2016 — Mentally - access to mental health care and improving mental health literacy**
Pilot project 2-3-2016 — Severe mental disorders and the risk of violence: pathways through care and effective treatment strategies

Would you please let me know whom I should contact for more information or to connect me with other possible interested participants?

The information on these calls is to be found in the Call document as well as in the Guide for applicants, of which you can find the links in the email correspondence below.

As regards the possible interested parties, we can provide you with the names of the National Focal Points details: http://ec.europa.eu/chafea/health/national_focal_points.html

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8. I am writing concerning the call “Pilot Project Mentally-Access to mental health care and improving mental health literacy”. My doubt concerns the eligible countries, as per article 6.2 from the call of proposals. There, it is said that it is only for 28 EU Members states.

I would like to know if an entity from a non-member state (Australia) could participate as partner, without requesting funds from European Commission. Its participation would be funded by either the Australian Government or the Australian entity.

As Australia is not one of the eligible countries, only EU Member States are allowed to participate in this Call for Proposals, an entity from Australia cannot apply for a grant and can thus not participate as partner to the consortium.

An entity might act as subcontractor or as collaborating stakeholder. Below you will find some guidance on them, taken from the guide for applicants (pg. 10/11)

**Subcontractor(s);**

- Subcontractors are not parties to the grant agreement. They do not have a contractual relationship with the Commission.

- If necessary to implement the action, the beneficiaries may award contracts covering the implementation of certain tasks of the co-financed action as described in the proposal (the latter will become Annex 1 to the grant agreement if the project is selected for co-funding).

Note: subcontracting may only cover a limited part of the action.

**Collaborating stakeholders;**
- The collaborating stakeholders may significantly increase the technical and scientific content of the project, as well as its relevance for different users in the Union.

- They have no contractual relationship with the Commission, nor do they receive any EU funding.

Note that it is not mandatory to involve collaborating stakeholders' entities in your project. Please note that subcontractors may not be entrusted coordination tasks.

9. I am writing concerning the call “Pilot Project Mentally-Access to mental health care and improving mental health literacy”. Please would you kindly clarify the following points?

It is stated on page 5 of the Annex to the Financing decision that "Implementation: Through a call for proposals managed by DG SANTE. Only one grant will be awarded"; also on page 2 of the Call for Proposals it says that "In order to provide a comprehensive overview and useful recommendations for a multi-applicable framework at least 6 EU Member States with different models need to be evaluated". Does this imply that the ONE project proposal should be developed between co-applicants from 6 different EU countries?

However, on page 5 of the Call for Proposals it is also stated that "Proposals must be submitted by consortia of legal entities (with or without legal personality) established in at least 2 different EU Member States." Does this mean that the consortia may be from at least two EU Member States but they nevertheless must cover at least 6 EU Member States through their proposed project's activities?

Indeed, you are correct in your reasoning that a consortium should be made up of legal entities established in at least 2 different EU Member States, and that the proposal should cover at least 6 EU Member States.

10. In the dedicated webpage of this call:
    http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/3hp/topi.cs/pp-2-2-2016.html, there is no additional info about "topic description". Where I can found some specific resource about this call?

    The topic description is to be found in the Call document, which is located under the "Topic conditions and documents". For efficiency reasons, we have centralised the information under this section. So when you click on the + button under this section, you will find all relevant information in both the Call document and the Guide for applicants.

11. I would like to know if there is a chance to have second level partners, with their costs were paid by the coordinator and a budget was assigned from the coordinator to every one of the partners depending on their tasks. I am aware that both in H2020 and other funding programs or Agencies they don’t like much to have subcontracting partners, and that it is usually
limited to specific tasks (such as web development, for instance) not related with the main goal and aim of the project. Moreover, they cannot perform tasks that partners can do.

Is there a way in this call to have this type of partners in this specific call? I do not find it in the call, but as I know that in other programs this is not recommended.

As regards your question, it is not foreseen to have second level partners in the consortium for these pilot projects. Please note that an entity might act as subcontractor. Below you will find some guidance on them, taken from the guide for applicants (pg. 10/11)

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Note: subcontracting may only cover a limited part of the action.

12. In the document entitled “CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR A PILOT PROJECT”, I read on page 4 that the total budget for co-financing is estimated at 400.000 euro. Does this mean that the total budget for the project would be around 666.500 euro?

As mentioned, the total budget for co-financing by the EU is 400.000 EUR.

The maximum possible co-financing rate is 60%. Putting these elements in a calculation (400.000/60%), would lead to a budget of 666.500 EUR.

However it is up to the applicants to budget/finance their proposal and to indicate the EU co-financing requested which cannot exceed the absolute amount (400.000 EUR) nor the co-financing rate (60%) mentioned above. The EU co-financing amount and/or rate can be lower.

13. I am a PhD student in the Department of Global Health and Social Medicine. My PhD project addresses how changing psychiatric practices such as shared decision-making are reframing the role and portrayal of the contemporary psychiatric patients. Could I indeed apply with my proposal for this project?
The description of the call for proposals is closed in terms of what is requested. We do not evaluate proposals now; it is up to you to decide whether your proposal fits the objectives of the call.

In this respect, if you want to apply for this call, please carefully read the call document and guide for applicants. In particular, have a look at the eligibility criteria as mentioned in the call document (point 6 of the Call document).

As a reminder, the invitation to this call for proposal, the relevant financing decision and its annex are to be found at: [http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/health_food-safety/funding/grants_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/health_food-safety/funding/grants_en.htm)

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When you click on the + button under "Topic conditions and documents", you will find all relevant information in both the Call document and the Guide for applicants.

14. We are a Greek Association of Alzheimer’s and we are planning to submit a proposal concerning the prevention of Alzheimer’s Disease and Dementia, but in the call document there is no reference in these diseases but there is a general reference in Mental Health and Mental disorders.

Could you inform us if the call is more focused on other mental disorders and not in Alzheimer and dementia?

As regards the Call PP-2-2-2016 "Pilot project — Mentally - access to mental health care and improving mental health literacy", it is indeed more focused on Mental Health and Mental Disorders, rather than on Alzheimer.

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**Pilot project 2-3-2016** — Severe mental disorders and the risk of violence: pathways through care and effective treatment strategies
1. When the template for the application to this call will be available and downloadable: on the call website there is a message saying that this template will be available soon.

The template is available at:

2. I am interested to participate in two pilot projects:

- Pilot project 2-2-2016 — Mentally - access to mental health care and improving mental health literacy
- Pilot project 2-3-2016 — Severe mental disorders and the risk of violence: pathways through care and effective treatment strategies

Would you please let me know whom I should contact for more information or to connect me with other possible interested participants?

The information on these calls is to be found in the Call document as well as in the Guide for applicants, of which you can find the links in the email correspondence below.

As regards the possible interested parties, we can provide you with the names of the National Focal Points details:
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However please note that these organisations are National Focal Points for the Health Programme (REGULATION (EU) 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) and may not be aware about the details of the current Pilot projects.

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3. a) We want to include an International NGO in the application we will submit to the call indicated above. The legal residency of this NGO is in Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada; they are registered in the EU portal. The PI for this NGO in our project will be a Professor, who is based in the United Kingdom.
We need to know whether this NGO can be included among the beneficiaries of the EU funding, or whether we are obliged to include them either as subcontractor or only as collaborating stakeholder which will not receive any funding. In case we should include them as sub-contractor in charge to the dissemination activities, I should be grateful if you could clarify in which way this needs to be explained in the application.

As Canada is not one of the eligible countries, only EU Member States are allowed to participate in this Call for Proposals, an entity from that country cannot apply for a grant and can thus not participate as partner to the consortium.

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- If necessary to implement the action, the beneficiaries may award contracts covering the implementation of certain tasks of the co-financed action as described in the proposal (the latter will become Annex 1 to the grant agreement if the project is selected for co-funding).

Note: subcontracting may only cover a limited part of the action.

**Collaborating stakeholders:**

- The collaborating stakeholders may significantly increase the technical and scientific content of the project, as well as its relevance for different users in the Union.

- They have no contractual relationship with the Commission, nor do they receive any EU funding.

Note that it is not mandatory to involve collaborating stakeholders’ entities in your project. Please note that subcontractors may not be entrusted coordination tasks.

The tasks and the importance of these tasks of this organisation in the total action should be explained and demonstrated.

b) Since the International NGO is the leading specialist association in the field of forensic psychiatric care, we were planning to assign them the task of dissemination, because they can easily and effectively disseminate among forensic practitioners the results of the project, which indeed deals with forensic care. We are planning to assign them € 40,000 for this activity.
Do you feel it is appropriate to envisage a sub-contracting with this NGO for this amount (€ 40,000) to let them carry out the dissemination activities?

I am afraid that I need to inform you it is not up to me to consider whether it is appropriate or not to subcontract a certain task/budget, this belongs to your margin of appreciation. Moreover I do not want to advance any opinion, as this will be part of the tasks of the evaluation committee.

c) Does the 60% rate of funding applies to participating NGOs, or for NGOs the funding can cover 100% of their work for the project? In other word, is allowed for NGOs to NOT foresee any co-funding (in this case 40%) and receive the full coverage for their activities? I am asking this because we do know that for some European calls this rule is applicable.

The co-funding rate is defined in Article 11.2 of the Call document, for the call for Proposal for the Pilot project on SEVERE MENTAL DISORDERS AND THE RISK OF VIOLENCE: PATHWAYS THROUGH CARE AND EFFECTIVE TREATMENT STRATEGIES (PP-2-3-2016). There is no mention of individual co-funding rates; the funding rate is for the consortium as a whole. The way this EU contribution is distributed amongst the member of the consortium is to be defined in the consortium agreement.

Please note that when the contribution rates vary (a lot) from the EU contribution rate, this may carry some financial risks.
1. Is the call specifically focusing on rheumatic connective tissue diseases or is it also addresses other musculoskeletal diseases?

The focus of the project should be on rheumatic connective tissue diseases, taking into account multi-morbidity and need for integrated care for such patients. Therefore also other types of diseases can be included but the focus needs to be on rheumatic diseases as stated in the call.

2. Pilot project 2-4-2016 specifies that projects should be geared towards ‘musculoskeletal diseases such as rheumatic diseases, focusing on rheumatic connective tissue diseases’. We would be interested in submitting a project proposal addressing kidney diseases. Would that be out of scope of the call?

The kidney diseases are not in the scope of this call. You may refer to the call for proposals that was launched in March 2016, which was targeting kidney diseases, namely the call for Proposal No. PP-1-2016 – Pilot Project on Chronic Kidney Diseases.

3. I am a PhD student in School of Molecular Medicine and I am working on Systemic Sclerosis (SSc) (Autoimmune disease). I am interesting to apply for a grant in the European Commission for this pilot project 2-4-2016 INTEGRATE.

However, I am not sure if my aim is accessible for this grant application. Could you please give me your advices?

Indeed, your study seems too limited as far as the scope and the study plan seems to look like. It seems that your research is more basic research whilst the Integrate is rather policy and treatment type. Maybe useful to get in contact with the relevant EU level associations/research institutes which may apply but I do not have that information.

4. We do understand that the eligibility criterion to apply for this call excludes our Switzerland pan-European organisation. However, I would like to ask you two questions:

4.1. Is there any chance for our Switzerland pan-European organisation to participate in a consortium even without applying for EU funds? As the only European umbrella organisation representing patient organisations,
scientific societies and health professional associations in the field of rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases in 45 European countries, we would have a particular interest in being a formal partner in such a consortium and would even consider contributing to the implementation of the project with its own resources. Therefore, within the eligibility criteria of this call, do you see any way we can be part of the application and/or formally collaborate with the implementation of the project (provided that the proposal is selected)?

As regards your first question:

As Switzerland is not one of the eligible countries, only EU Member States are allowed to participate in this Call for Proposals, an entity from Switzerland cannot apply for a grant and can thus not participate as partner to the consortium.

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Collaborating stakeholders:

- The collaborating stakeholders may significantly increase the technical and scientific content of the project, as well as its relevance for different users in the Union.

- They have no contractual relationship with the Commission, nor do they receive any EU funding.

Note that it is not mandatory to involve collaborating stakeholders' entities in your project. Please note that subcontractors may not be entrusted coordination tasks.

4.2 Recent changes in the eligibility criteria of other EU funding and non-funding programmes now allow for Swiss legal entities to participate in those programmes (e.g. Horizon 2020, the EU Health Policy Platform). Do any of these changes affect the eligibility criteria of this call?

As regards your question No 2, the current call is launched in the frame of a Pilot project and not in the frame of programme.
For your information, a Pilot Project is described under Article 54 of the EU Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the Union (Regulation (EU, EURATOM) No 966/2012 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 25 October 2012) and relates to projects of an experimental nature designed to test the feasibility of an action and its usefulness. The eligibility criteria of the current call are thus not affected by the changes you mentioned below.

5. Regarding “CALL FOR PROPOSALS PP-2-4-2016: Development of integrated strategies to monitor and treat chronic and rheumatic diseases”, regarding eligibility of applicants it is said:

6.1. Eligible applicants

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

It is not exactly clear if private non-profit institutions (as research centers) could be considered an eligible applicant?

As private non-profit institutions are legal persons, they are considered as eligible applicants.

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**Pilot project 2-5-2016 — Primary prevention courses for girls living in areas with higher risk of breast cancer**

1. We are greatly interested in the topic (PP-2-5 2016: Pilot Project- Primary prevention courses for girls living in areas with higher risk of breast cancer). It is clear that Turkey is not eligible country.
On the other hand, Turkey is a candidate country for EU membership. Despite the fact that we are not able to receive fund from the grand directly, we have great enthusiasm to take part at this call. Can you please enlighten us about the possibilities to take part?

As Turkey is not one of the eligible countries, and only EU Member States are allowed to participate in this Call for Proposals, an entity from Turkey cannot apply for a grant and can thus not participate as partner to the consortium.

An entity might act as subcontractor or as collaborating stakeholder. Below you will find some guidance on them, taken from the guide for applicants (pg 10/11)

**Subcontractor(s):**

- Subcontractors are not parties to the grant agreement. They do not have a contractual relationship with the Commission.

- If necessary to implement the action, the beneficiaries may award contracts covering the implementation of certain tasks of the co-financed action as described in the proposal (the latter will become Annex 1 to the grant agreement if the project is selected for co-funding).

Note: subcontracting may only cover a limited part of the action.

**Collaborating stakeholders:**

- The collaborating stakeholders may significantly increase the technical and scientific content of the project, as well as its relevance for different users in the Union.

- They have no contractual relationship with the Commission, nor do they receive any EU funding.

Note that it is not mandatory to involve collaborating stakeholders' entities in your project.

Please note that subcontractors may not be entrusted coordination tasks.

2. I work for a foundation and I am preparing a proposal for call PP-2-5-2016. I am considering having JRC-Ispra as an associated partner/beneficiary of the project proposal. Is it possible?

It is possible to include the JRC as associated partner to the project proposal. In case the proposal would be successful, the grant agreement will have to include a special clause for the JRC according to which the JRC is a beneficiary under the grant agreement but does not sign the grant agreement.
Instead, the JRC signs an administrative arrangement. The administrative arrangement is not directly downloadable, but I can inform you that it refers to the conditions applicable under the grant agreement and complements it.