



2020-1 CEF Telecom Call: Blockchain

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Blockchain

Support about the development and deployment of the European Blockchain Service Infrastructure (EBSI) in the context of the in the European Blockchain Partnership (EBP)

2020-1 call

- Budget: 3 M€ in total - Maximum CEF co-financing per MS is 150 k€
- Co-funding rate: 75 % / pre-financing
- Indicative duration of the actions: 24 months

Blockchain: Eligibility

Proposals may be submitted by one legal entity established in a Member State or an EEA country participating in the CEF Telecom programme and in the European Blockchain Partnership (EBP). If a proposal is submitted by more than one legal entity, they must be established in the same MS or EEA country.

All proposals must provide an endorsement letter from the national representative in the EBP Policy group. If this requirement is not fulfilled by the applicant(s), the proposal will be declared ineligible. The template of the endorsement letter is provided with the call for proposals and cannot be modified.

Blockchain: EBSI and EBP

- Set up through a joint declaration, the European Blockchain Partnership regroups all MS, Lichtenstein and Norway
- One of the key objectives of EBP is to develop and deploy EBSI
- EBSI concern both the infrastructure components and common services as well as the applications (use cases) running on top of it
- The European Blockchain Services Infrastructure (EBSI) aims to meet the highest standards e.g. in terms of privacy, security, sustainability
- It should operation of EU-wide cross-border public services (selected every year by the EBP)

Blockchain: Objectives

- 1. EBSI infrastructure development and operations**

Funding will be granted under this objective for any of the following activities: (a) the setting up of EBSI node(s) in the applicant Member State; (b) the operation of EBSI node(s) for 12 months and/or (c) the improvement of existing EBSI node(s) operating within the Member State
- 2. Support to the acquisition of services and applications for participation of the Member State in one or more EBSI cross-border use-cases**

Acquisition of services and ICT applications necessary for the enhancement of existing e-services, systems and online platforms (operating in the Member State) in order to support the deployment the EBSI cross-border use-cases.
- 3. EBSI capacity building and training activities**

Training programmes, helpdesk at national level, support to public administration for EBSI and its use cases.

Blockchain: Objectives

What we **WILL** and **WILL NOT** finance:

- Any proposal (even concerning Blockchain) which are not related to EBSI
- Any proposal which is not endorsed by EBP (endorsement letter)
- Several proposals per Member States

Other financial conditions Non-cumulative award; Non-retroactivity; No-profit

[Call name: award criteria]

- Outline what applicants should include in their proposal relating to the award criteria of the call:

(please do not just copy the points below as such, but provide interpretations on how they relate to your specific DSI area!)

- **Relevance:** what specific information should be provided/highlighted in a proposal to demonstrate relevance?
 - Alignment to DSI implementation objectives & activities (WP)
 - Alignment to EU/national policies, strategies and activities
- **Quality & efficiency:** what specific information should be provided/highlighted in a proposal to demonstrate its quality and efficiency?
 - Maturity
 - Coherence/effectiveness of work plan
 - Quality of consortium/consortium members
 - Support from national authorities/industry/NGOs
 - Attention to security/privacy/inclusiveness/Accessibility (if relevant)

Blockchain : award criteria

- **Relevance**

Alignment with the objectives and activities required for the deployment of the EBSI and its use cases

Alignment and synergies with EU long-term policy objectives, relevant policies, strategies and activities at European and national level.

- **Quality and efficiency of the implementation**

Maturity of the proposed solution

Coherence and effectiveness of the work plan, including appropriateness of the allocation of tasks and resources

Quality and relevant experience of the individual participants and, if more than one beneficiary, of the consortium as a whole (including complementarity, balance)

Extent to which the proposal demonstrates support from national authorities, industry and NGOs (when relevant)

Appropriate attention to security, privacy, inclusiveness and accessibility (when relevant).

- **Impact and sustainability**

Quality of the approach to facilitate wider deployment and take-up of the proposed Actions
Capability to survive, develop and scale up without European Union funding after the end of the project with a view to achieving long-term sustainability, where appropriate through funding sources other than CEF

Blockchain: Other information

- Call web pages: <https://ec.europa.eu/inea/en/connecting-europe-facility/cef-telecom/apply-funding/2020-blockchain>
- Proposals for EBP/EBSI; endorsement letter required
- Background info online:
EBP: <https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/news/european-countries-join-blockchain-partnership>
EBSI: <https://ec.europa.eu/cefdigital/wiki/display/CEFDIGITAL/ebsi>

More information on the calls...



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Thank you!