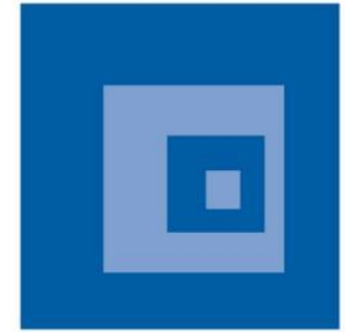


Tips and Tricks





Coherence with the call

- Answer to **ALL!** the questions indicated in the topic
- Use **terminology** relevant to the context of the Programme and the call

SC1-PM-06-2016: Vaccine development for malaria and/or neglected infectious diseases

Specific Challenge: Vaccines offer a safe and cost-effective way to protect large populations against infectious diseases. Yet, many poverty-related and neglected infectious diseases continue to escape attempts to develop effective vaccines.

Disappointing results of recent clinical trials point to bottlenecks in identifying viable candidate vaccines, which, if unaddressed, will continue to present significant risks of failure at relatively late stages of the development process.

The specific challenge will be to shift this “risk curve” in order to better select successful vaccine candidates (and discard those with a higher risk of failure) at an earlier stage of the vaccine development pipeline.

Scope: Proposals will have to address bottlenecks in the discovery, preclinical and early clinical development of new vaccine candidates (antigens/adjuvants) for malaria and/or neglected infectious diseases¹². Filoviral diseases are specifically excluded from this topic.

Depending on the maturity of the research landscape for each disease, proposals may range from large research platforms developing multiple vaccine candidates and/or vaccines for multiple diseases, to proposals specifically focused on one disease.

a) The larger platforms proposals should among others:

1. Take advantage of recent advances in vaccinology (e.g. *in silico* analysis and novel *in vitro* and *in vivo* immunoscreens) or establish completely new approaches for the discovery and selection of novel, appropriately immunogenic antigens, and/or novel formulations/combinations for the generation of new vaccine candidates.

Structure of the proposal

- Strictly follow the proposal template
- Introduce (new) concepts at the beginning, explain and work out (do not introduce new concepts afterwards)
- Refer to public data (statistics) if relevant
- Refer to previously funded projects (innovation can be a follow-up)
- Short and dense text (use the figures)

1. Excellence

Your proposal must address a work programme topic for this call for proposals.

⚠ This section of your proposal will be assessed only to the extent that it is relevant to that topic.

1.1 Objectives

- Describe the specific objectives for the project¹, which should be clear, measurable, realistic and achievable within the duration of the project. Objectives should be consistent with the expected exploitation and impact of the project (see section 2).

1.2 Relation to the work programme

- Indicate the work programme topic to which your proposal relates, and explain how your proposal addresses the specific challenge and scope of that topic, as set out in the work programme.

1.3 Concept and methodology

(a) Concept

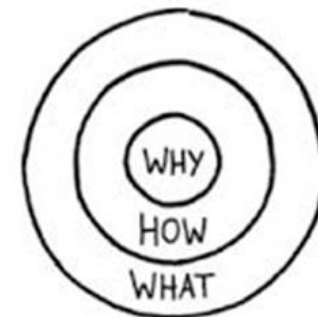
- Describe and explain the overall concept underpinning the project. Describe the main ideas, models or assumptions involved. Identify any inter-disciplinary considerations and, where relevant, use of stakeholder knowledge;
- Describe the positioning of the project e.g. where it is situated in the spectrum from 'idea to application', or from 'lab to market'. Refer to Technology Readiness Levels where relevant. (See [General Annex G of the work programme](#));
- Describe any national or international research and innovation activities which will be linked with the project, especially where the outputs from these will feed into the project;

(b) Methodology



Clarity in the writing

- Use standard and concise English
- Make the text clear, well structured, and fluent (use bold text, underline,...)
- Insert only information relevant to the project



Magic is everywhere if you don't understand science.





Keep in mind that...

*Evaluator has few hours
to read your proposal
and evaluate it!!!*





Useful tips!

- **Careful reading of the topic (word by word)**
- Ensure **matching proposal and topic**
- Proposal consistency with **relevant European Policies**
- **Innovative aspects** of the proposals – **CRUCIAL!**
- **Concreteness of the proposal** (or better said..No chatter!)
- **Indicators** in the impact assessment





Useful tips!

- Build the **team carefully**, devoting the **proper amount** of time to make up the consortium!.
- **Multidisciplinary: Different roles** for partners.
- **Balance** in the composition of the team and of Research and Innovation (if IA).
- **No friends of friends**, «friends of friends» just okay in social networks.
- Importance of **industrial partners** within the consortium.



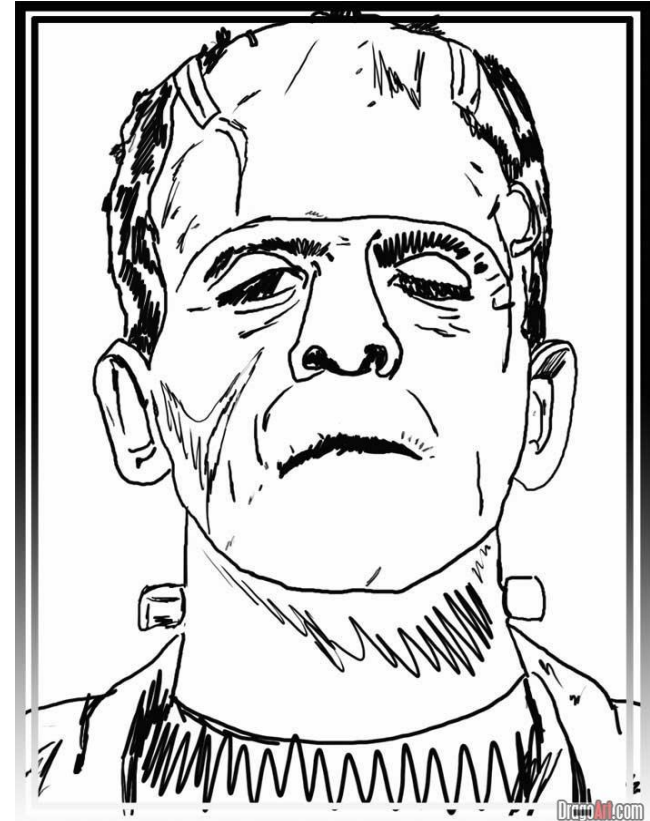


Useful tips!

- **NO Frankenstein effect!**
- At least 2 weeks, before the submission, to **carefully reading** the proposal



Fluidity & consistency of the text





Evaluators (I)

Look for...*the magic recipe*

- You fully answer to the challenge in the call
- Clear aims (motivation and hypothesis)
- Realistic objectives
- What is the current knowledge in the particular field (*state-of-the-art*)
- Who are the users and how will they benefit? Clear methodology
- Appropriate and relevant partners with necessary skills
- Scientific language but also divulgative!



Suggestion: Tips and tricks

Partner Search:





BE VISIBLE!

- Publish your profile and look for your potential partner in the **thematic** research partner platforms **relevant for**

HEALTH issues in the Participant portal

2. ICT Idealist Partner Search

<http://www.ideal-ist.eu/partner-search/pssearch>

3. Nanosciences and nanotechnologies, Materials and new Production technologies Partner search

<https://www.nmp-partnersearch.eu/index.php>

4. Healthncpnet



Thanks for your attention!

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