Secure Societies SC7 Calls 2019

General Information

The call opening for the SEC and INFRA Calls has been moved to 19 March.

This due to a minor Work Programme update to be published on 18 March, related to the deletion of topic SU-GM03- 2018-2019-2020.

This does not affect the call closure.

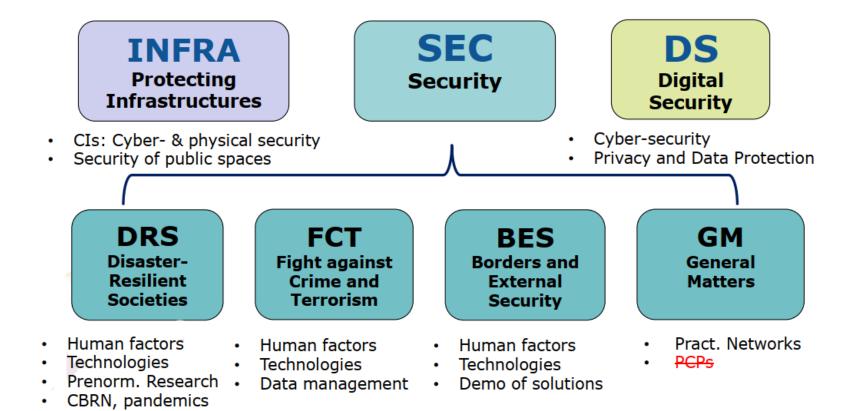
The pre-published WP is available here:

https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/en/h2020section/secure-societies-%E2%80%93-protecting-freedom-and-securityeurope-and-its-citizens

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Work Programme 2018-2020 - Structure

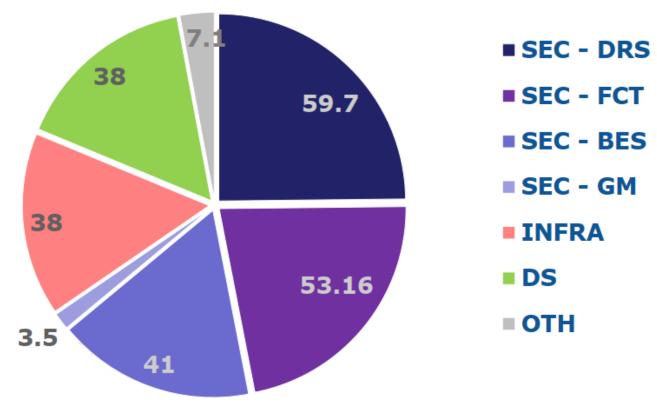


https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/wp/2018-2020/main/h2020-wp1820-security_en.pdf

Budgetary Overview

Budget (M€): 240,47 (+14%)

INFRA: 38, DS: 38, SEC: 157.36, OTH: 7.11



- SC7 1.7 MEUR in (2.2% of H2020 budget)
- 50% of public funding for Sec. Research in Europe

WP 2018-2020

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*INFRA*Protecting the infrastructure

SU-INFRA01-2019-2019-2020: Prevention, detection, response and mitigation of combined physical and cyber threats to critical infrastructure in Europe (IA)

- water systems
- energy (power plants and distribution, oil rigs, offshore platforms, Gas networks *)
- transport (, ports, railways, urban multimodal nodes, airports*)
- communication and ground segments of space systems
- health services
- e-commerce and the postal infrastructure
- sensitive industrial sites and plants*
- financial services

Overlap with already funded projects is to be avoided !! – please see detailed information in the <u>participant portal</u> (under call / topic updates and topic conditions)

*project in Grant Preparation from 2019 call

INFRA Protecting the infrastructure

SU-INFRA02-2019: Security for smart and safe cities, including for public spaces (IA)

SEC - Security DRS

SU-DRS01-2019-2019-2020: Human factors, and social, societal, and organisational aspects for disaster-resilient societies (RIA)

SU-DRS02-2019-2019-2020: Technologies for first responders (RIA)

- Sub-topic 2: [2019] Innovation for rapid and accurate pathogens detection
- **Sub-topic**: [2019-2019-2020] Open

SU-DRS03-2019-2019-2020: Pre-normative research and demonstration for disaster-resilient societies (IA)

• Sub-topic 2: [2019] Pre-standardisation in crisis management (including natural hazard and CBRN-E emergencies)

SEC - Security DRS

SU-DRS04-2019-2020: SU-DRS04-2019-2020: Chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) cluster (RIA)

Check the ENCIRCLE catalogue – information available on the portal

SU-DRS05-2019: SU-DRS05-2019: Demonstration of novel concepts for the management of pandemic crises (IA)

Check the ENCIRCLE catalogue – information available on the portal

SEC - Security FCT

SU-FCT01-2019-2019-2020: Human factors, and social, societal, and organisational aspects to solve issues in fighting against crime and terrorism (RIA)

- **Sub-topic 2**: [2019] Understanding the drivers of cyber-criminality, and new methods to prevent, investigate and mitigate cybercriminal behavior
- **Sub-topic**: [2019-2019] Open

SU-FCT02-2019-2019-2020: Technologies to enhance the fight against crime and terrorism (RIA)

- Sub-topic 1: [2019] Trace qualification
- Sub-topic 2: [2018-2019] Digital forensics in the context of criminal investigations
- **Sub-topic**: [2019-2019-2020] Open

SU-FCT03-2019-2019-2020: Information and data stream management to fight against (cyber)crime and terrorism (IA)

SEC - Security BES

SU-BES01-2019-2019-2020: Human factors, and social, societal, and organisational aspects of border and external security (RIA)

- Sub-topic 2: [2019] Modelling, predicting, and dealing with migration flows to avoid tensions and violence
- **Sub-topic:** [2019-2019] Open

SU-BES02-2019-2019-2020: Technologies to enhance border and external security (RIA)

- Sub-topic 3: [2019] Security on-board passenger ships
 Sub-topic 4: [2010] Detection the
- Sub-topic 4: [2019] Detecting threats in the stream of commerce without disrupting business
- Sub-topic: [2019-2019-2020] Open

SU-BES03-2019-2019-2020: Demonstration of applied solutions to enhance border and external security (IA)

- Sub-topic 2: [2019] New concepts for decision support and information systems
- **Sub-topic**: [2019-2019-2020] Open

SEC - Security GM

SU-GM01-2019-2019-2020: Pan-European networks of practitioners and other actors in the field of security (CSA)

• a. [2019-2020] Practitioners



SU-GM03-2019-2019-2020: Pre-commercial procurements of innovative solutions to enhance security (PCP)

REMOVED FROM WORK PROGRAMME

DS - Digital Security

SU-DS03-2019-2020: SU-DS03-2019-2020: Digital Security and privacy for citizens and Small and Medium Enterprises and Micro Enterprises (IA)

- Protecting citizens' security, privacy and personal data
- Small and Medium-sized Enterprises and Micro Enterprises (SMEs&MEs): defenders of security, privacy and personal data protection

SU-DS05-2019-2019: Digital security, privacy, data protection and accountability in critical sectors (IA)

• [2019]: Digital security, privacy and personal data protection in multimodal transport



SU-DS05-2019-2019: Digital security, privacy, data protection and accountability in critical sectors (RIA)

• [2019]: Digital security, privacy and personal data protection in healthcare ecosystem



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The participation of practitioners (or other categories of participants) is a mandatory criterion in SEC and INFRA

Meaning of practitioners:

"A practitioner is someone who is qualified or registered to practice a particular occupation, profession in the field of security or civil protection."

- Applicants have to identify which members of the consortium are "practitioners" in the specific context
- Proposal template with specific table in template under Part B 4.3 (SEC and INFRA)

Additional eligibility and admissibility conditions

An example:

This topic requires the active involvement of at least 3 first responders' organisations or agencies from at least 3 different EU or Associated countries (SU-DRS01- 2019-2019-2020)

- these entities <u>have to be participants</u> and
- should be <u>directly involved</u> in carrying out the <u>tasks</u> foreseen in the grant.

2018: 15 proposals declared ineligible as not fulfilling the additional admissibility and eligibility conditions !!

Cross-cutting issues

Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) are integrated across all Horizon 2020 activities to successfully address European challenges

Gender dimension in the content of R&I - a question on the relevance of sex/gender analysis is included in proposal templates

The new strategic approach to **international cooperation** consists of a general opening of the WP and targeted activities across all relevant Horizon 2020 parts

Cross-cutting issues – where it is flagged?

Call	Тор	oic#	ТоА	SSH	Gender	Int. Coop
INFRA	INFRA	01	IA			X
		02	IA	X		
SEC	BES	01	RIA	X	X	X
		02	RIA			
		03	IA			
	DRS	01	RIA	Х	Х	Х
		02	RIA	Х	Х	Х
		03	IA			
		04	RIA			
		05	IA			
	FCT	01	RIA	X	Х	
		02	RIA	Х		
		03	IA	Х		
	GM	01	CSA			
		02	CSA			
DS	DS	03	IA	Х		
		05	RIA/IA	Х		

Separate Budgets (=Panels)

Continued feature from WP 2016/2017

All topics ranked individually (16 topics in 17 panels)

Rationale:

- Better coverage of areas while fewer duplications of projects
- Better support to policy implementation
- No competition between CSA/RIA vs. IA (different weights)
- Reduction of bias in certain (scientific) areas

Open Access to Data

Extended Open Research Data Pilot in Horizon 2020

If selected, applicants will by default participate in the <u>Pilot on Open Research Data in Horizon 2020</u>¹, which aims to improve and maximise access to and re-use of research data generated by actions.

However, participation in the Pilot is flexible in the sense that it does not mean that all research data needs to be open. After the action has started, participants will formulate a <u>Data Management Plan (DMP)</u>, which should address the relevant aspects of making data FAIR findable, accessible, interoperable and re-usable, including what data the project will generate, whether and how it will be made accessible for verification and re-use, and how it will be curated and preserved. Through this DMP projects can define certain datasets to remain closed according to the principle "as open as possible, as closed as necessary". A Data Management Plan does not have to be submitted at the proposal stage.

Furthermore, applicants also have the possibility to opt out of this Pilot completely at any stage (before or after the grant signature). In this case, applicants must indicate a reason for this choice (see options below).

Please note that participation in this Pilot does not constitute part of the evaluation process. Proposals will not be penalised for opting out.

We wish to opt out of the Pilot on Open Research Data in Horizon 2020.

○ Yes

No

Applicants in calls of the Work Programme "Secure societies Protecting freedom and security of Europe and its citizens" are reminded that their proposals are subject to a Security Scrutiny and that they may find more appropriate to opt out of the Extended Pilot on Open Research Data in Horizon 2020.

- Specific reminder of security aspects when leaving option to participate in the open research data pilot
- Note: NO impact on evaluation (cf. General Annex L)

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General Annexes - A

List of countries eligible for funding

- The 28 MS
- 2. The 16 Countries Associated to Horizon 2020 (As of 1 January 2017):
- Iceland
- Norway
- Albania
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- Montenegro
- Serbia
- Turkey
- Israel
- Moldova

- Switzerland
- Faroe Islands
- Ukraine (except Autonomous Republic of Crimea or the city of Sevastopol)
- Tunisia
- Georgia
- Armenia

Latest Update on Associated Countries:

https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/grants_manual/hi/3cpart/h2020 -hi-list-ac_en.pdf

General Annexes - A (Continued)

- 3. List of third countries as in Annex A.
- 4. International European interest organisations (the majority of whose members are MS or AC, and whose principal objective is to promote scientific and technological cooperation in Europe)
- 5. Legal entities established in countries not listed above will be eligible for funding when such funding is explicitly foreseen in the call.
- 6. In addition, legal entities established in countries not listed in Annex A and international organisations (IOs) will be eligible for funding:
 - When funding for such participants is provided for under a bilateral scientific and technological agreement or any other arrangement between the EU and an international organisation or a third country;
 - When the Commission deems participation of the entity essential for carrying out the action funded through Horizon 2020 (outstanding competence and expertise, access to unique know-how, access to research infrastructures, access to geographical environments, involving key partners in emerging markets, access to data, etc.)

Official Communication on Brexit

News for British applicants to Horizon 2020 06/10/2017

For British applicants: Please note that until the UK leaves the EU, EU law continues to apply to and within the UK, when it comes to rights and obligations; this includes the eligibility of UK legal entities to fully participate and receive funding in Horizon 2020 actions.

Please be aware however that the eligibility criteria must be complied with for the entire duration of the grant*.

If the United Kingdom withdraws from the EU during the grant period without concluding an agreement with the EU ensuring in particular that British applicants continue to be eligible, you will cease to be eligible to receive EU funding (while continuing, where possible, to participate) or be required to leave the project on the basis of Article 50 of the grant agreement."

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

*Please note that also the additional admissibility and eligibility conditions must be complied with for the entire duration of the grant.

General Annexes - C

B. Standard admissibility conditions and related requirements

- Submitted electronically in the system
- Readable, accessible and printable
- Complete
- Draft plan for exploitation and dissemination
- Page limits
 - Part B.1-3 only (no restriction on part B.4-6)
 - Limit: default 70 pages IA/RIA, 50 for CSAs; all pages above blank
- Supporting Docs for operational capacity assessment:
 - CVs of responsible / key persons
 - ~5 relevant publications / products / services
 - Description of infrastructure / equipment (if relevant)
 - Possible 3rd party involvement

General Annexes - C (Continued)

C. Standard eligibility criteria

- Minimum number of partners as set out in the call conditions
- Be in scope
- Other criteria may apply on a call-by-call basis as set out in the call conditions
- For us:
 - Additional Admissibility / Eligibility Conditions:
 - For all SEC and INFRA topics: please fill out practitioner self declaration table of 4.3

Types of Action: Funding & Eligibility Annex D / E

Coordination and Support Action (CSA): -> SU-GM01 only

- Up to 100% of eligible costs
- Eligibility criteria: 1 legal entity established in a MS or AC (overruled by additional conditions in GM01!)

Research and Innovation Action (RIA):

- Up to 100% of eligible costs
- Eligibility criteria: 3 independent legal entities, each established in a different MS or AC (cross-check w/ possible add. conditions)

Innovation Action (IA):

- Up to 70% of eligible costs (exception: for non-profit LEs up to 100%)
- Eligibility criteria: 3 independent legal entities, each established in a different MS or AC (cross-check w/ possible add. conditions)

General Annexes - G

G. Technology Readiness Levels (TRL)

- TRL 1 basic principles observed
- TRL 2 technology concept formulated
- TRL 3 experimental proof of concept
- TRL 4 technology validated in lab
- TRL 5 technology validated in relevant environment (industrially relevant environment in the case of key enabling technologies)
- TRL 6 technology demonstrated in relevant environment (industrially relevant environment in the case of key enabling technologies)
- TRL 7 system prototype demonstration in operational environment
- TRL 8 system complete and qualified
- TRL 9 actual system proven in operational environment (competitive manufacturing in the case of key enabling technologies; or in space)

Evaluation criteria (RIA/IA)

Excellence (to the extent that the proposal addresses the WP topic)	Impact	Quality and efficiency of the implementation
 Clarity and pertinence of the objectives; Soundness of the concept, and credibility of the proposed methodology; 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 organizational models) Appropriate consideration of interdisciplinary approaches and, where relevant, use of stakeholder knowledge. 	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; • 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; • Quality of the proposed measures to: • 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	 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; Appropriateness of the management structures and procedures, including risk and innovation management; Complementarity of the participants and extent to which the consortium as whole brings together the necessary expertise; Appropriateness of the allocation of tasks, ensuring that all participants have a valid role and adequate resources in the project to fulfil that role.

Evaluation criteria (CSA)

Excellence (to the extent that the proposal addresses the WP topic)	Impact	Quality and efficiency of the implementation
 Clarity and pertinence of the objectives; Soundness of the concept, and credibility of the proposed methodology; Quality of the proposed coordination and/or support measures. 	 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; Quality of the proposed measures to: 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 	 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; Appropriateness of the management structures and procedures, including risk and innovation management; Complementarity of the participants and extent to which the consortium as whole brings together the necessary expertise; Appropriateness of the allocation of tasks, ensuring that all participants have a valid role and adequate resources in the project to fulfil that role.

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Tentative Timeline

Remote **Opening Publication** Deadline Evaluation (IER) 14-22/08/19 27/10/2017 16/09/19 -[19]/03/19 27/09/19 CMs Remote Panel Meeting Evaluation in Bxl (ESR) **Ethics Screening** Ethics Screening (CR) 30/09-18/10/19 4-8/11/2019 21/10-1/11 October 2019 **Grant Preparation** Information to Programme Start of projects Security Scrutiny Programme Committee and Committee from to applicants consultation Nov-Dec 2019 May 2020 + Evaluation Review Jan 2020 Feb-April 2020

Understand the Topic Description

1. Specific Challenge

 <u>Background information</u>: context, policies, state of the art, existing gaps, etc

2. Scope (to be addressed in B.1 "Excellence" and B.3 "Implementation")

- Requirements for successful proposals: content, formal,...
- Additional information such as flags (SSH, international cooperation), TRL, indicative budget, etc...

Expected Impact (to be addressed in the B.2 "Impact" criterion)

- Short/medium term
- Long term

Understand the Types of Actions (ToA)

- Innovation Action (IA) 8 topics
- Research and Innovation Action (RIA) 8 topics
- Coordination and Support Action (CSA) 1 topic [GM01]

Innovation Action (IA)

Action primarily consisting of activities that <u>produce plans and</u> <u>arrangements or designs for new, altered or improved products, processes or services</u>

- May include prototyping, testing, demonstrating, piloting, largescale product validation and market replication.
- Aim to validate the technical and economic viability in a (near) operational environment and/or support the first application / deployment in the market of an innovation that has already been demonstrated but not yet applied/deployed in the market due to market failures/barriers to uptake
- Projects may include limited research and development activities
- TRL ≈ 6-8 (if not indicated otherwise in the WP)

Research & Innovation Action (RIA)

Action primarily consisting of activities to establish new knowledge and/or explore feasibility of new or improved technology, product, process, service or solution

- May include basic and applied research, technology development and integration, testing and validation on small-scale prototype in laboratory or simulated environment
- Projects may contain closely connected but limited demonstration or pilot activities to show technical feasibility in a near to operational environment
- TRL \approx 4-6 (if not indicated otherwise in the WP)

Coordination & Support Action (CSA)

Actions consisting primarily of accompanying measures such as:

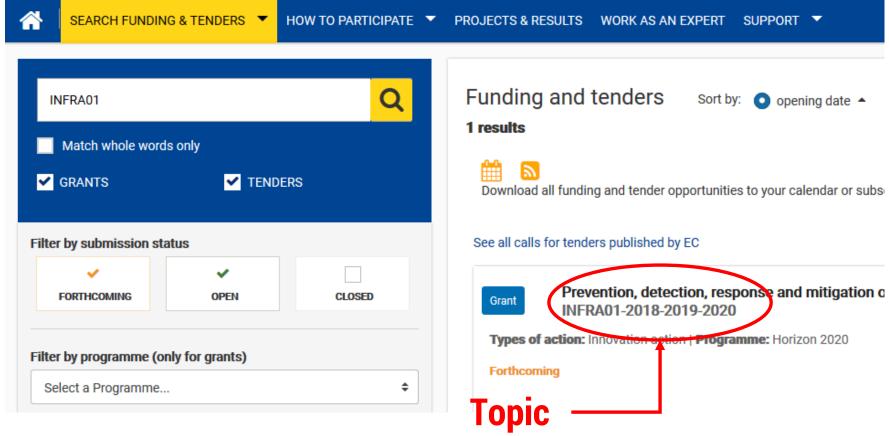
- standardisation, dissemination, awareness-raising and communication, networking, coordination or support services, policy dialogues and mutual learning exercises and studies, including design studies for new infrastructure
- may also include complementary activities of strategic planning, networking and coordination between programmes in different countries

Funding & tender opportunities

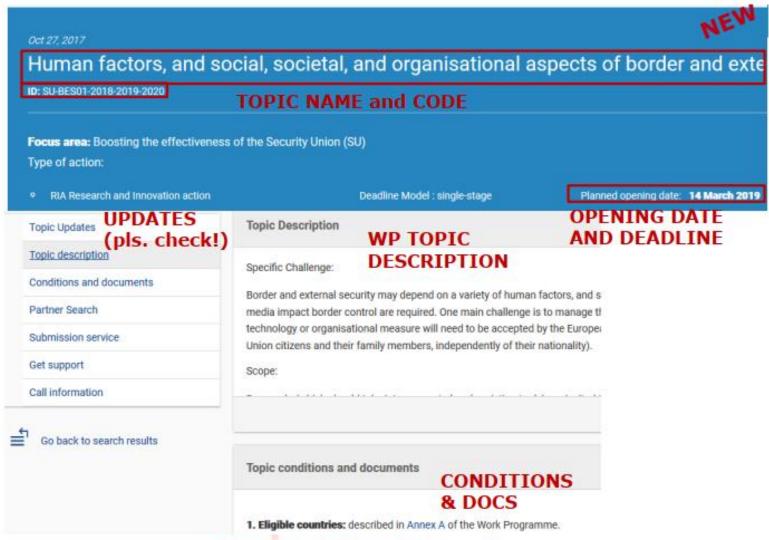


Funding & tender opportunities

Single Electronic Data Interchange Area (SEDIA)

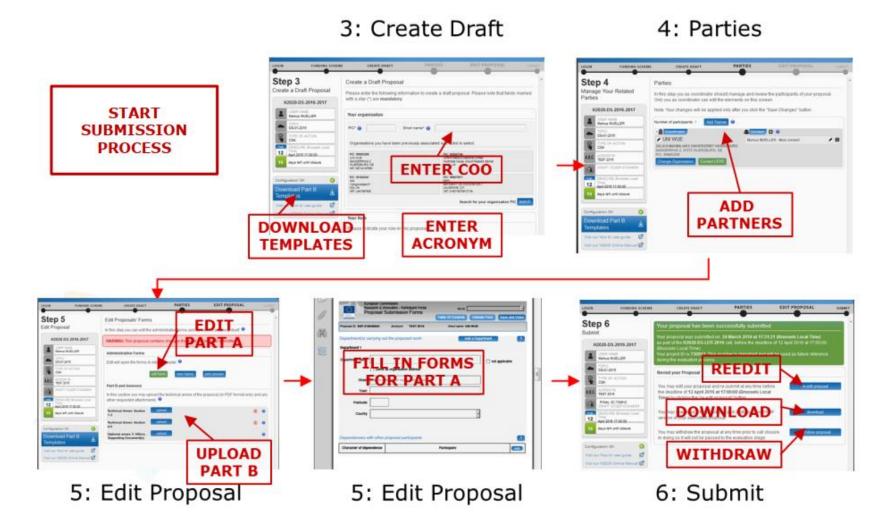


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PARTNER SEARCH TOOL

How to create your proposal and submit



Proposal - General Structure in SC7

Part A (fill-in on-line): Sections 1 to 5

Part B (upload 2 pdf): please download templates from topic page

1- First pdf file - Sections 1-3 (specific to ToA!):

- Section 1: Excellence
- Section 2: Impact
- Section 3: Implementation

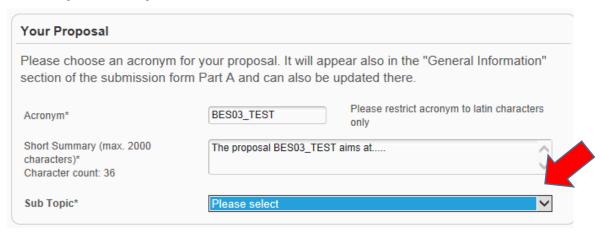
Page limits: 70 pages (RIA/IA) or 50 pages (CSA)

2- Second pdf file – Sections 4-6 (common for all ToAs):

- Section 4: Members of the consortium (operational capacity)
 SEC and INFRA only: 4.3 with table for declaration of practitioners
- Section 5: Ethics and Societal Impact (in addition to the self-assessment of part A)
- Section 6: Security (no classified information in the proposal, to address possible classification of fore/background)
 No page limit

Mandatory sub-topic selection (for SEC only)

Only applicable to 6 topics (≥ open 2 sub-topics in 2019): BES01, BES02, BES03, DRS02, FCT01, FCT02



Sub-topic selection required (blocking feature):

The information you have entered is incomplete or invalid. Please review the following error messages: Sub Topic is required

Sub-topic visible in part A and can be changed later

All calls: specific templates - Part A

A.5: Societal Impact Table

- must be filled in (cf. also part B5.2 "Societal Impact on next slide).
- compliance with the provisions of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union!
- When developing technologies, please consider the concept of "Privacy by Design"

5-Call-specific questions

Does your research meet the need of society?		Page
1. Does the proposed research address documented societal security need(s) (e.g. life, liberty, health, employment, property, environment, values)?	● Yes ○ No	25
2. Does the research output meet these needs? Will this be demonstrated? Will the level of societal acceptance be assessed?	• Yes O No	36-59
3. Does the research address threats to society (e.g. crime, terrorism, pandemic, natural and man-made disasters etc.)?	○ Yes ● No	
4. Does the proposed research address in an appropriate way these threats?	○ Yes ● No	
Does your research benefit society?		Page
5. Do segment(s) of society benefit from the proposed research?	○ Yes ● No	

All calls: specific templates - Part B

B 5.2: Societal Impact

5.2 Societal Impact

If in the administrative proposal forms (Part A), you have replied YES to at least one of the questions and you refer to additional information to be given, you must complete this section:

Describe how your project will assess the Societal Impact by providing formal consideration

B 6: Security

Section 6: Security⁴



This section is not covered by the page limit.

Please download part B templates using button at step 3 (cf.previous slides)!

This section applies only to certain projects. Please check whether it is relevant to yours. See Guidance - Guidelines for the classification of research results.

Please indicate if your project will involve:

- Activities or results raising security issues: (YES/NO), if YES please complete sections 6.1, 6.3 and 6.4
- 'EU-classified information' as background or results: (YES/NO), if YES please complete sections 6.2.2, 6.3 and 6.4.

Limited dissemination list

Provide an overview of all deliverables subject to limited dissemination, clearly stating the date of production, the entities responsible and the intended dissemination.

All calls: specific templates - Part B

4.3 Participants fulfilling the additional Eligibility and Admissibility Conditions as specified in the Work Programme

If the call conditions of the work programme foresee additional eligibility and admissibility conditions in terms of required participation of certain categories of entities (e.g. critical infrastructure operators, local governments (of cities or metropolitan areas,) first responder organizations / agencies, LEAs, standardisation organisations, organizations in charge of national planning in relations with pandemics preparedness, border or coast guards authorities, practitioner organizations under civilian authority and command, practitioner organizations, "buyers", ...) the qualifying entities should be clearly identified in the following table:

Participant Short Name	Participant No. (as in administrative forms)	Country	Category of entity as required in the WP	Justification or comment

Facilitates the verification of the additional admissibility and eligibility conditions for both sides!!

Attention points

- Respect the page limits: excess pages will be blank
- Note: All tables must be included within this limit. Minimum font size
 allowed is 11 points. The page size is A4, and all margins (top, bottom,
 left, right) should be at least 15 mm (not including any footers or headers).
- Note: Relevant information for Sections 1-3 cannot be moved to sections
 4-6 or elsewhere.
- Submit on time:
- Complete the submission, including all checks, well before the deadline to avoid last-minute technical problems, human errors, time-delay in uploading, ...
- Note: Until the deadline you can always reedit and resubmit

Reminder - no "creative" formatting attempts!Extracts from the template

The use of a different font for the body text is not advised and is subject to the cumulative conditions that the font is legible and that its use does not significantly shorten the representation of the proposal in number of pages compared to using the reference font (for example with a view to bypass the page limit).

Page limit: The title, list of participants and sections 1, 2 and 3, together, should not be longer than 70 pages. All tables, figures, references and any other element pertaining to these sections must be included as an integral part of these sections and are thus counted against this page limit.

Section 4: Members of the consortium

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⚠ The information provided here will be used to judge the operational capacity. Please make sure that you do not include information here that relates to the headings under sections 1 to 3. Experts will be instructed to ignore any information here which appears to have been included to circumvent page limits applying to those sections.

Operational Capacity

As part of the Individual Evaluation, the evaluators give their view on whether each applicant has the necessary basic operational capacity to carry out their proposed activity (ies) based on the information provided in Section 4:

- Curriculum Vitae or description of the profile of the applicant
- Relevant publications or achievements
- Relevant previous projects or activities
- Description of any significant infrastructure or any major items of technical equipment

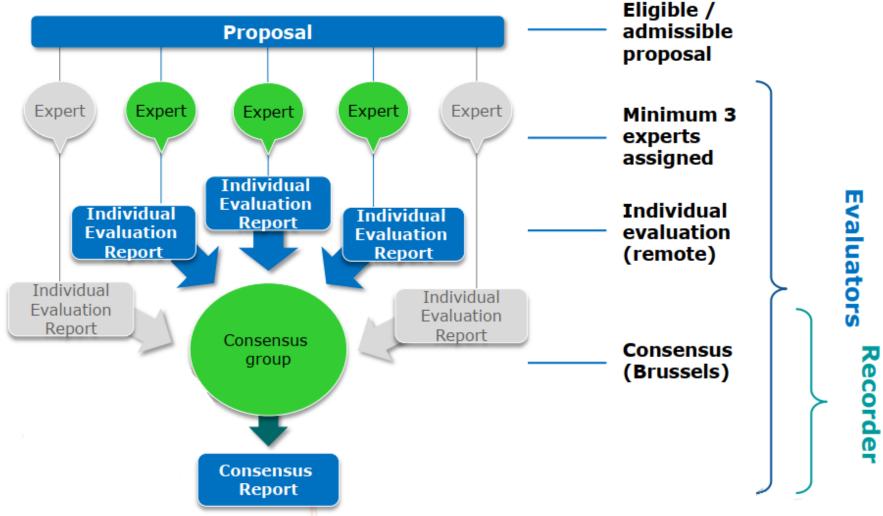
At the consensus group, the evaluators consider whether an applicant lacks basic operational capacity

If yes, the evaluators make comments and score the proposal without taking into account this applicant and its associated activity(ies)

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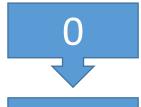
Evaluation - Process



Evaluation - Scoring/weights/thresholds

- Each criterion scored out of 5 (cf. next slide)
- Individual threshold of 3
- Overall threshold of 10
- Ranking: sum of the scores on each criterion
- For IA, Impact (CR2) weighted by 1.5 to determine ranking:
- Normalised score = (CR1+1.5*CR2+CR3)/17.5*15
- The procedure for setting a priority order for proposals with the same score is given in part H of the General Annexes

Evaluation - Interpretation of the Scores



The proposal fails to address the criterion or cannot be assessed due to missing or incomplete information.



Poor. The criterion is inadequately addressed, or there are serious inherent weaknesses.



Fair. The proposal broadly addresses the criterion, but there are significant weaknesses.



Good. The proposal addresses the criterion well, but a number of shortcomings are present.



Very Good. The proposal addresses the criterion very well, but a small number of shortcomings are present.



Excellent. The proposal successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion. Any shortcomings are minor.

Ranking proposals with identical total scores

Proposals that sub-topics, not otherwise covered by more highly ranked proposals, will be considered to have the highest priority.

The panel then orders them according to:

- First, their score for EXCELLENCE (IMPACT [IA only])
- And second, their score for IMPACT (EXCELLENCE [IA only])

If there are ties, further prioritisation on:

- First, the size of the budget allocated to SMEs
- Second, the gender balance of personnel carrying out the research and/or innovation activities

If there are still ties, the panel agrees further factors to consider:

 e.g. synergies between projects or contribution to the objectives of the call or of Horizon 2020

The same method is then applied to proposals that address topics that are already covered by more highly-ranked proposals

SEC: Exceptions for priority order for funding

<u>Evaluation Procedure</u>: The procedure for setting a priority order for proposals with the same score is given in General Annex H of the work programme. The following exceptions apply:

SU-BES01-2018-2019-2020, SU-BES02-2018-2019-2020, SU-BES03-2018-2019-2020, SU-DRS02-2018-2019-2020, SU-FCT01-2018-2019-2020, SU-FCT02-2018-2019-2020, SU-GM01-2018-2019-2020

Grants will be awarded to proposals according to the ranking list. However, in order to ensure a balanced portfolio of supported actions, at least the highest-ranked proposal per subtopic will be funded provided that it attains all thresholds.

Ethics Review

- Only proposals that comply w/ the ethical principles and legislation may receive funding
- For main and reserve list proposals an ethics screening and, if required, an ethics assessment is carried out by independent ethics experts after the scientific evaluation
- For those proposals in which one or more ethical issues have been identified, the experts will assess whether the ethics issues are
- adequately addressed
- The ethics experts will produce an ethics report and give an opinion on the proposal, such as:
 - granting ethics clearance (or not)
 - recommending the inclusion of 'ethics requirements' in the grant agreement, or
 - recommending a further Ethics Assessment and/or an Ethics Check or Audit

Security Scrutiny Procedure

- No "classified" proposals (i.e. proposals disclosing classified information) are allowed (SEP IT tool does NOT allow)... BUT: a proposal could lead to a "sensitive" project
- The Security Scrutiny Group will be requested (via their national security authority representatives – not done by EC staff) to verify that all security aspects are properly addressed
- the scrutiny procedure is done, in a 2 months period, following the technical evaluation and before the start of the GAP
- The results of the scrutiny could be:
 - go ahead with GAP no security concerns;
 - recommendations for the GAP without classification;
 - recommendations for the GAP with classification;
 - recommendation not to finance the proposal

Applicants receive the conclusions of the scrutiny procedure with the "Information letter" via the Participant Portal

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Final Tips!

- Check carefully [incl. additional!] admissibility and eligibility conditions
- Read carefully the topic description ("scope", "expected impact") will your proposal match the expectations?
- Use the right proposal templates and follow the instructions
- Address thoroughly the selection and award criteria
- Respect the page limits
- Clearly describe what you will achieve and how you will do it
- Choose your consortium based on your project needs (e.g. no duplications or partners without clear responsibilities,...)
- Describe carefully the impact (expected, societal, economic [IA: business analysis, market potential,..])
- Submit (a first version) well before the final deadline

More Info

- Funding & Tender Opportunities
 https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/how-toparticipate/tenders
- H2020 Reference Documents https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/how-toparticipate/reference-documents
- Research Enquiry Service https://ec.europa.eu/info/research-and-innovation/contact/research-enquiryservice-and-participant-validation_en
- Support Overview (including FAQ and Helpdesks)
 https://ec.europa.eu/info/fundingtenders/opportunities/portal/screen/support/support
- National Contact Points
 https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/support/ncp

Thank you! Any Questions?