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Turkey in Horizon 2020 II

How to read a work programme. Demystifying the calls: every word counts.

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Basic principles...

Different levels of experiences and English language skills (if something is not clear, please ask)

Interaction

Ask questions, make comments, share experiences

Practical workshop, not an ex cathedra lecture











Topics for this session

- EIE overall demystification what is under the hood?
- Selected CONNECT calls breakdown
- Selected SCALEUP calls breakdown
- Selected INNOVSMES calls breakdown













Key things to have in mind 1/2

Interconnection of open innovation infrastructures (pilots, demos...)

Data and knowledge on innovation support

Core principles embedded within EIE WP across all destinations

Joint programmes for mentoring, coaching, technical assistance, etc.

National innovation authorities/agencies to work on common EU challenges & enabling framework conditions











Key things to have in mind 2/2

Main objective

To support
innovation all
across Europe,
and in all

dimensions and

Leverage with others

Through
complementary
EU and national
and regional
policies (via
effective
synergies with
ERDF and smart
specialisation
strategies) and

resources

Reducing innovation fragmentation

The starting point of this initiative is to reduce the current fragmentation of innovation ecosystems all over Europe



Public and private as well

Provides for renewed and reinforced coordination and cooperation mechanisms with EU and associated countries but private initiatives can also be

included



EU is looking at the broader sense of the word so it not just about innovative people but also about infrastructure and processes



forms







Focus on Regional Innovation Ecosystems 1/2

Regional Innovation Ecosystems – How?

MS and regions: co-creators and owners of their sustainable futures

Success factors (among others...):

1. Identify priorities / needs/ challenges (societal, market)

Mapping? Specialisation (RIS3)? Multidisciplinary approach? Need for reorganisation? Which areas? New trends?

2. Policy support & commitment

(regulatory environment, talents, ecosystem, funding) Existing or new policies/incentives/instruments? (tax, IP)

3. Regional innovation champion

(company, HEI, big event) Does the region has one?

4. Openness: All actors on-board & connected!

(+ Universities, investors, society → User-driven innovation!) All actors? Engaged? All forms of innovation?

Adequate interconnection / cooperation?

At all levels? (national/EU/international + Private-public)

Source: EC Policy Brief - Workshop: Mapping Innovation Ecosystems (15/3/2019)



Global Startup

Source: Startup Genome











Focus on Regional Innovation Ecosystems 2/2

What regions can do to boost regional innovation ecosystems? (..among others)

- Know well your ecosystems & "upscale" it"! political engagement! Startups FIRST in promising area(s)! → € will follow... "Smart" choices: NICHE? Green is "a la mode"!
- Use efficiently your resources (regulatory, talents, funding) Infrastructure counts! (physical place; connectivity, Big event!) Synergies with other EU, public, private funds

e.g. support upscale of market-driven R&I projects' outcomes ("Horizon Results Platform"), support high-tech SMEs/startups, regional hubs, clusters on disruptive innovation, SoE, ...)

Use all available EU / EIC initiatives/programmes/strategies

e.g EIC: Joint programmes (CO-FUND), Forum, Public Procurement of Innovative products Data sharing platforms, programmes for mentoring/coaching, access to R&I results, EU Observatory of Public Sector Innovation, EU Policy Support Facility (PSF)

Inter-connect - TRAVEL!:

Use networks & clusters e.g. NCPs, EEN, StartUp Europe Regions Network, ERRIN...) Create "open innovation platforms": co-creation!











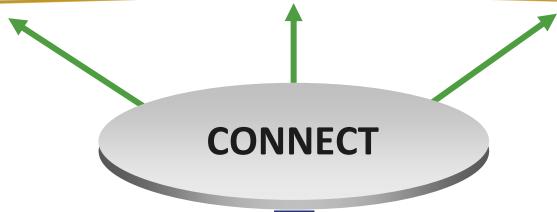


Offers a holistic package of actions that:

Foster the implementation of co-funded multi-annual programmes of activities among Member States,
Associated Countries and EU regions

encourage the inclusion of more stakeholders from across the quadruple helix and a wider participation of territories in existing successful initiatives and networks

Stimulate innovation procurement to help the market uptake of innovative solutions and the integration of social innovation that responds to the needs of people and society













Actions under CONNECT create links:



With all key innovation stakeholders

Among different innovators

With different support networks











Who are key innovation stakeholders?



Key innovation stakeholders

Private sector, in particular between SMEs, start-ups and other innovators with investors, industry and public and/or private buyers for faster access to funds and markets and the public sector including authorities in charge of national, regional or local innovation policies and programmes and bodies responsible for smart specialisation

Between innovators with foundations, civil society organisations and citizens to ensure that the innovations match the needs values and expectations of society

With universities and RTOs as sources of innovation and talent

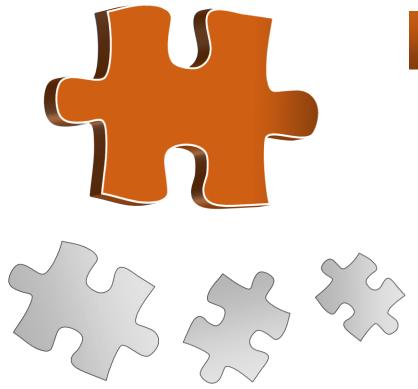








Who are different innovators?



Different innovators

'Innovation leaders' and 'strong innovators' with 'moderate' and 'modest innovators' across the EU and Associated Countries to tackle the innovation gap6

Regional Innovation Scoreboard (RIS), European Innovation Scoreboard (EIS), Global Innovation Index (GII).



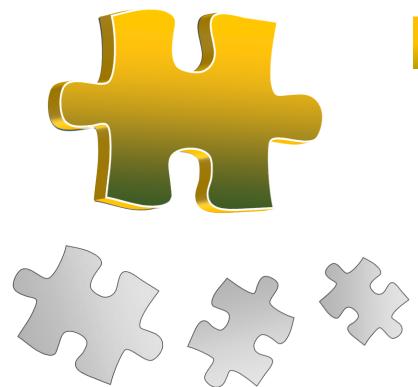








Who are support networks?



Support networks

Such as National Contact Points, Enterprise Europe Network, social innovation networks, clusters, pan-European platforms such as Startup Europe, regional or local innovation actors, public but also private, in particular incubators and innovation hubs that could moreover be interconnected to favour partnering among innovators











Expected impact



Interconnected, inclusive and more efficient **innovation ecosystems** across Europe that draws on the existing strengths of European, national, regional and local ecosystems and pulls in **new, less well-represented stakeholders and less advanced in innovation territories**, to set, undertake, and achieve collective ambitions towards challenges for the benefit of the society, including green, digital, and social transitions











The following call(s) contribute to CONNECT

Call	Budgets (E	Deadlines(s)	
	2021	2022	
HORIZON-EIE-2021- CONNECT-01	8.00		26 Oct 2021
HORIZON-EIE-2022- CONNECT-01		7.00	26 Apr 2022
HORIZON-EIE-2022- CONNECT-02		12.50	27 Sep 2022
Overall indicative budget	8.00	19.50	











The basic characteristics of CONNECT calls

<u>Deadline</u> <u>model</u>	Single-stage
Types of action	Coordination and Support Action (CSA) - up to 30 pages proposals Programme Co-fund Actions (COFUND) - up to 70 pages proposals
Funding range	0.5 - 2 M EUR
<u>Funding</u> <u>rates</u>	From 50% to 100%
<u>Eligibility</u>	At least 3 independent legal entities - but somewhere different levels of innovators is needed (RIS, EIS)











HORIZON-EIE-2021-CONNECT-01

Topics	Type of Action	Budgets (EUR million)	Expected EU contribution per project (EUR million) ⁹	Number of projects expected to be funded
Opening: 06 Jul 2021 Deadline(s): 26 Oct 2021				
HORIZON-EIE-2021-CONNECT-01-01	CSA	4.00	Around 0.50	8
HORIZON-EIE-2021-CONNECT-01-02	CSA	4.00	Around 0.50	8
Overall indicative budget		8.00		











HORIZON-EIE-2021-CONNECT-01-01

Preparatory action for setting up joint programmes among innovation ecosystems actors

Specific conditions			
Expected EU contribution per project	The Commission estimates that an EU contribution of around EUR 0.50 million would allow these outcomes to be addressed appropriately. Nonetheless, this does not preclude submission and selection of a proposal requesting different amounts.		
Indicative budget	The total indicative budget for the topic is EUR 4.00 million.		
Type of Action	Coordination and Support Actions		
Eligibility conditions	The conditions are described in General Annex B. The following exceptions apply: The following additional eligibility criteria apply: Consortia must have at least three (3) independent legal entities.		
Legal and financial set-up of the Grant Agreements	The rules are described in General Annex G. The following exceptions apply: Eligible costs will take the form of a lump sum.		











Expected outcome

All of the following:

- Open the dialogue towards more <u>dynamic</u>, <u>inclusive</u>, <u>gender diverse</u>, <u>and connected</u> <u>innovation ecosystems</u>, <u>via co-creation</u>, <u>co-planning and co-investments</u> around promising areas of joint and European interest
- Prepare the implementation of joint long-term programme of activities (action plans) fostering collaboration and creation of common knowledge assets
- Ensure the inclusiveness of all key innovation players from across the **quadruple helix**, and all EU territories

Target group(s): National, regional and/or local authorities together with private actors, Including public-owned enterprises, and research and innovation actors

Scope

- National, regional and/or local authorities in charge of innovation policies and programmes, in cooperation with private and research and innovation actors, to prepare joint multi-annual programmes of activities (action plans) with the aim of strengthening their efficiency, capacities and interconnection and jointly tackle challenges at EU, national, regional and local level.
- The applicants are encouraged to consider a project duration of up to two years











The proposals may focus on a thematic/technological **area of common interest** and **innovation priorities with an EU added-value**, and/or around one or more EU priorities; the proposals are encouraged to contribute to one or more EU priorities and challenges, including **climate action, green deal and digital transformation**, and should pay attention to **gender equality** objectives

The proposals should plan their long-term commitment; the applicants are encouraged to consider planning commitments of **at least five (5) years**, towards engaging in the joint cooperation activities set up in the frame of the projects

The proposals should explain the potential for **growth and competitiveness** foreseen in the **targeted sector** and/or expected impact in EU challenge(s) through the proposed cooperation

The proposals should ensure inclusiveness and diversity with the involvement of **all innovation actors applicants**, enhance <u>complementarities</u> of EU, national and/or regional <u>funds</u> and programmes and encourage the alignment of their innovation agendas











The proposals should provide a justification on the need for those joint activities that should be <u>scalable</u> at European level and demonstrate their strong EU added value

The proposals should explain how the proposed action plans complement and reinforce their national and/or regional and/or local innovation plans, policies and/or strategies in synergy, including with their <u>smart</u> <u>specialisation strategies</u>

The proposals should explain the process that they plan to follow, with an **open, clear, realistic and impact-oriented approach**, including relevant guidance mechanisms and tools

The proposals should present what **common knowledge assets** are expected from the proposed action plans, and the benefit of the intended beneficiaries of the plans; they should also present the targeted milestones to be achieved











HORIZON-EIE-2021-CONNECT-01-01

Preparatory action for setting up joint programmes among innovation ecosystems

actors

The proposals for the development of a joint long-term action plan may include 2 phases:

1. phase

Foster dialogue, mapping and analysis of existing innovation agendas, the relevant active/inactive actors and ways to motivate their inclusiveness, identification of areas of competitive advantage for sustainable economic growth mapping of gaps, needs and opportunities

2. phase

Dedicated to the concretising, setting up and finalising the joint action plan(s) and allocation of the activities over a period of the proposed action plans

The implementation of the proposed action plans is not part of this topic











HORIZON-EIE-2022-CONNECT-01

Topics	Type of Action	Budgets (EUR million) 2022	Expected EU contribution per project (EUR million) ¹³	Number of projects expected to be funded
Opening: 11 Jan 2022 Deadline(s): 26 Apr 2022				
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HORIZON-EIE-2022-CONNECT-01-01	CSA	4.00	Around 0.50	8
HORIZON-EIE-2022-CONNECT-01-02	CSA	3.00	Around 0.50	6
Overall indicative budget		7.00		











HORIZON-EIE-2022-CONNECT-01-01

Towards more inclusive networks and initiatives in European innovation

ecosystems

Eligibility conditions

The conditions are described in General Annex B. The following exceptions apply:

Consortia must have at least three (3) independent legal entities, of which at least one (1) is established in 'modest' or 'moderate' innovator region and at least one (1) in 'strong' or 'innovation leader' innovator region. The Regional Innovation Scoreboard is taken as a reference, and in the case of entities representing national authorities, the European Innovation Scoreboard. The applicants must use as a reference the latest version of the documents mentioned above at the time of the call closure. Associated Countries which are not included in the European Innovation Scoreboard and are ranked below 25 on the Global Innovation Index 2020 are considered as 'moderate' or 'modest innovators'. In cases of Associated Countries not included in any of the previously mentioned references, the participation rank of the country in the Horizon Europe programme (H2020 country profile) will be taken as a reference and countries ranked below the average will be considered as 'moderate' or 'modest innovators'.

Legal entities established in Widening countries may join already selected actions, subject to the agreement of the respective consortium and provided that legal entities from such countries are not yet participating in it.

Legal and financial set-up of the Grant Agreements

The rules are described in General Annex G. The following exceptions apply:

Eligible costs will take the form of a lump sum.

Specific conditions		
Expected EU contribution per project	The Commission estimates that an EU contribution of around EUR 0.50 million would allow these outcomes to be addressed appropriately. Nonetheless, this does not preclude submission and selection of a proposal requesting different amounts.	
Indicative budget	The total indicative budget for the topic is EUR 4.00 million.	
Type of Action	Coordination and Support Actions	











Expected outcome

All of the following:

- Increased inclusiveness by enlarging the participation of **more diverse innovation actors** and broaden the participation among EU and Associated Countries territories, in **already existing successful initiatives and networks** that interconnect European innovation ecosystems and promote the deployment and scale-up of innovative solutions
- **Reduce the innovation divide in Europe** and reinforce the innovation aspect of the European Research Area in the areas of inclusiveness and connectivity

Target group(s): Public national, regional and/or local authorities, private organisations, public-owned enterprises, professional associations, clusters, accelerators, innovation hubs, incubators, technology parks, and/or any other representatives that lead initiatives/networks that support the deployment of innovation

Scope

- Increase Europe's innovation efficiency and capacity via expanding the participation of more diverse innovation stakeholders in existing successful initiatives and networks that support innovation deployment
- Some innovation-related stakeholders are not aware of these networks, the nature of their activities, ways to get involved, and support they offer
- Europe sees too many innovation actors to still miss from the innovation ecosystems (including investors, foundations, public and private buyers, social innovators, civil society and NGOs, as well as women-innovators)











The proposals should present the **existing initiatives and/or networks**, their role and activities towards uniting, and representing a bigger ecosystem of stakeholders with a joint clearly defined purpose to support key stakeholders, including SMEs and start-ups towards innovation deployment; potential initiatives and/or networks that will be supported may include, inter alia, clusters, accelerators, innovation hubs and platforms

The proposals should demonstrate that they **successfully operate in Europe** and explain the reasons for which they are considered <u>to be successful in supporting innovation</u> deployment

The proposals should describe the process applicants plan to follow in order to implement a solid "openingup" strategy of the initiatives and/or networks they represent - so to include more participants and territories

The proposals should explain how expansion to new territories and/or inclusion of new stakeholders would bring added value both at initiative/network level and at EU level











The proposals should describe the proposed activities to achieve the topic outcomes, including i) ways to better identify the specific needs of key innovation stakeholders, ii) design and development of joint strategies and/or new supporting services, tools and resources to facilitate and expand the support provided to innovation stakeholders and iii) joint awareness raising and communication campaigns to reach out to more stakeholders in different territories

The proposals should present the **variety of involved stakeholders** (e.g. universities, investors, public and private buyers, foundations, social innovators and women-led businesses, civil society organisations) and **the new ones that they bring in**, in comparison to their current and other initiatives with a proper justification on the need for their involvement

The proposals should explain the diversion of involved Member States and Associated Countries with the participation of legal entities from countries and/or regions that are **moderate and modest innovators**; provide information on how this could help those lagging behind in terms of innovation performance to attain a competitive position in the European and global value chains

The proposals should demonstrate the **complementarity** and encourage the **alignment** of the proposed initiatives/networks with other national and/or regional and/or local policies and strategies, including the smart specialisation strategies











HORIZON-EIE-2022-CONNECT-02

Topics	Type of Action	Budgets (EUR million)	Expected EU contribution per project	Number of projects
		2022	(EUR million) ²²	expected to be funded
Opening: 14 Jun 2022 Deadline(s): 27 Sep 2022				
HORIZON-EIE-2022-CONNECT-02-01	COFUND	8.00	Around 2.00	4
HORIZON-EIE-2022-CONNECT-02-02	COFUND	4.50	Around 1.50	3
Overall indicative budget		12.50		











HORIZON-EIE-2022-CONNECT-02-01

Implementing co-funded action plans for interconnection of innovation

ecosystems

Specific conditions			
Expected EU contribution per project	The Commission estimates that an EU contribution of around EUR 2.00 million would allow these outcomes to be addressed appropriately. Nonetheless, this does not preclude submission and selection of a proposal requesting different amounts.		
Indicative budget	The total indicative budget for the topic is EUR 8.00 million.		
Type of Action	Programme Co-fund Action		
Eligibility conditions	The conditions are described in General Annex B. The following exceptions apply: The following additional eligibility criteria apply: Consortia must have at least three (3) independent legal entities.		
Legal and financial set-up of the Grant Agreements	The rules are described in General Annex G. The following exceptions apply: The funding rate is up to 50% of the eligible costs as the beneficiaries will carry out the proposed activities mainly themselves and the activities will not include financial support to third parties. Grants award under this topic will have to submit the following deliverable(s): Annual work plans subject to approval by the Commission. For the first year the annual work plan needs to be submitted together with the respective proposal.		









Expected outcome

All of the following:

- Open, efficient inclusive and interconnected innovation ecosystems across Europe
- Enhanced synergies, complementarities and collaboration among all European innovation ecosystems' stakeholders
- Increased innovation **capacities** and better **links** between innovation leaders and strong innovators with moderate and modest innovators
- More innovation **co-investments**, fostering other funding leverages, including national or regional public funds and/or other private funds

Target group(s): National and/or regional innovation authorities together with private actors, all relevant key stakeholders of innovation ecosystems from across the quadruple helix, the EEN

Scope

- Foster the creation of efficient, open, inclusive and interconnected European innovation ecosystems
- The applicants are encouraged to consider a project duration of at least five years
- The topic will support strategic-oriented long-term programmes of activities (action plans) to enable authorities in charge of public innovation policies and programmes, with the participation of the private sector and research and innovation actors, to implement joint activities











The proposals should present the **applicants' joint strategic visions** and their proposed innovation programme of activities (action plans); during the *proposal submission the participants should have already reached an agreement* on what they want to achieve, in order to be able to present *concrete action plans*; the plans can be further detailed at annual level during the implementation of the action

The proposals should describe the **activities necessary**, the process that will be followed and the assets that will be mobilised; activities should be *open, clear, realistic, impact-oriented* and ensure i) participation of private actors, ii) inclusiveness and diversity by expanding to territories that are less advanced in innovation deployment and iii) complementarity and synergies with other funds and programmes

The proposals should explain the *need and the reasons for selecting the proposed programme of activities* that should be scalable at European level and demonstrate their strong EU added value

The proposals should explain the reasons for selecting the proposed strategic areas of cooperation, and how this cooperation will improve the efficiency and performance of Europe's innovation ecosystems, fostering their interconnection and scale-up; the action plans may focus on a thematic/technological area and innovation priorities of common interest











The proposals should present how the consortium plans to implement these joint activities; the topic <u>will not</u> <u>co-fund financial support to third parties</u>, however the applicants may consider including such activities in their action plan (as additional joint activities non-eligible for co-funding), to be funded by other sources (national and/or regional and/or local or private)

The proposals should include **clear targets in terms of outcomes** for the measures/activities underpinned by verifiable indicators (applicants may wish to refer to the <u>Sustainable Development Goals, the EU taxonomy</u> on sustainable finance, or other relevant policy frameworks)

The proposals should ensure their **long-term commitment towards engaging in the joint cooperation activities** set up in the frame of their projects











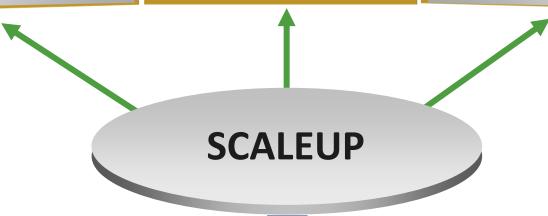


A credible pathway to contributing to elevating the scalability potential of business

expanding cooperation between innovation players to better support the next generation of innovative companies

This destination will
help innovation
ecosystems to support
companies to better
sustain their growth
and gain new
competitive advantage

Ecosystem integration can provide companies with access to new markets and customers and contribute to disruptive strategies













Expected impact



Enhanced network connectivity within innovation ecosystems by reinforcing their capacity to support existing and emerging innovators and companies

Strengthened and expanded cooperation between innovation ecosystems worldwide

More inclusive and gender equal innovation ecosystems











The following call(s) contribute to SCALEUP

	Budgets (E	Deadlines(s)	
Call	2021	2022	
HORIZON-EIE-2021- SCALEUP-01	13.75		10 Nov 2021
HORIZON-EIE-2022- SCALEUP-01		5.00	10 May 2022
HORIZON-EIE-2022- SCALEUP-02		5.00	04 Oct 2022
Overall indicative budget	13.75	10.00	











The basic characteristics of SCALEUP calls

<u>Deadline</u> <u>model</u>	Single-stage
Types of action	Coordination and Support Action (CSA) - up to 30 pages proposals Research and Innovation Action (RIA) - up to 45 pages proposals
<u>Funding</u> <u>range</u>	0.075 - 5 M EUR
Funding rates	100%
<u>Eligibility</u>	At least 3 independent legal entities - but somewhere different levels of innovators is needed (RIS, EIS)











HORIZON-EIE-2021-SCALEUP-01

Topics	Type of Action	Budgets (EUR million) 2021	Expected EU contribution per project (EUR million) ²⁸	Number of projects expected to be funded
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Deadlir	ne(s): 10 l	Nov 2021		
HORIZON-EIE-2021-SCALEUP-01-01	CSA	5.00	Around 1.00	5
HORIZON-EIE-2021-SCALEUP-01-02	RIA	5.00	Around 5.00	1
HORIZON-EIE-2021-SCALEUP-01-03	CSA	3.75	Around 0.075	50
Overall indicative budget		13.75		











HORIZON-EIE-2021-SCALEUP-01-02

Scaling up deep tech ecosystems

Specific conditions	
Expected EU contribution per project	The Commission estimates that an EU contribution of around EUR 5.00 million would allow these outcomes to be addressed appropriately. Nonetheless, this does not preclude submission and selection of a proposal requesting different amounts.
Indicative budget	The total indicative budget for the topic is EUR 5.00 million.
Type of Action	Research and Innovation Actions
Eligibility conditions	The conditions are described in General Annex B. The following exceptions apply: At least one Pan-European Research Infrastructure ³² to be part of the consortia.











HORIZON-EIE-2021-SCALEUP-01-02

Scaling up deep tech ecosystems

Technology Readiness Level	Activities are expected to achieve Technology Readiness Level (TRL) 2-6 by the end of the project – see General Annex B.
Procedure	The procedure is described in General Annex F. The following exceptions apply: The granting authority can fund a maximum of one project.
Legal and financial set-up of the Grant Agreements	The rules are described in General Annex G. The following exceptions apply: Beneficiaries may provide financial support to third parties. At least 60% of budget must be distributed in the form of grants to third parties. The maximum amount to be granted to each third party is EUR 75 000. This amount is justified as providing grants to third parties is the primary activity of the action and this amount is necessary to fund projects of sufficient scale.









Deep tech is technology that is based on cutting-edge scientific advances and discoveries and is characterised by the need to stay at the technological forefront by constant interaction with new ideas and results from the lab



Expected outcome

- Enhanced development of **deep tech ecosystems** around pan-European research and technology infrastructures to generate, scale and deploy breakthrough technologies with market and social value
- Increased involvement of industry, including SMEs, with research and technology infrastructures to raise the technology level and competitiveness of companies and generate market opportunities, including through the generation of start-up or spin-off companies
- Improved valorisation of the socio-economic impact **of past investments** in pan-European research and technology infrastructures from the European Structural and Investment Funds

Target group(s): Pan-European research and technology infrastructures, industry including SMEs, clusters, universities, RTOs, business schools, national / regional innovation funding agencies

Scope

- The aim of the action is to explore how to fully utilise and build on the experience and knowledge of existing or previous relevant initiatives at pan-European and, where appropriate national or sub-national level, that have exploited the ecosystem-building potential of interactions with industry during the construction, operation and upgrading of research infrastructures
- Pilot the possibility to seed the development of innovation ecosystems around diverse technological areas providing grants to pilot projects in three to five different technological areas











The proposals should **identify deep tech opportunities** related to pan-European research infrastructures with breakthrough potential and *assess the feasibility and scalability* of the identified opportunities

The proposals should **suggest a selection and clustering of those opportunities** and nascent ecosystems that demonstrate sufficient maturity to provide a clear potential for industrial implementation

The proposals should <u>identify those opportunities with strongest potential towards industrial application</u> with societal or market value

The proposals should **run and evaluate calls to provide grant funding to pilot projects** in the identified technological areas and **assess the outcome of the pilot grants**











HORIZON-EIE-2022-SCALEUP-01

Topics	Type of Action	Budgets (EUR million) 2022	Expected EU contribution per project (EUR million) ³⁸	Number of projects expected to be funded
Deadline(s): 10 May 2022				
HORIZON-EIE-2022-SCALEUP-01-01	CSA	5.00	Around 1.00	5
Overall indicative budget		5.00		











HORIZON-EIE-2022-SCALEUP-01-01

Expanding Entrepreneurial Ecosystems

Specific conditions	
Expected EU contribution per project	The Commission estimates that an EU contribution of around EUR 1.00 million would allow these outcomes to be addressed appropriately. Nonetheless, this does not preclude submission and selection of a proposal requesting different amounts.
Indicative budget	The total indicative budget for the topic is EUR 5.00 million.
Type of Action	Coordination and Support Actions
Eligibility conditions	The conditions are described in General Annex B. The following exceptions apply:
	The following additional eligibility criteria apply:
	Consortia must have at least three (3) independent legal entities, of

which at least one (1) is established in 'modest' or 'moderate' innovator region and at least one (1) in 'strong' or 'innovation leader' innovator region. The Regional Innovation Scoreboard is taken as a reference, and in the case of entities representing national authorities, the European Innovation Scoreboard. The applicants must use as a reference the latest version of the documents mentioned above at the time of the call closure. Associated Countries which are not included in the European Innovation Scoreboard and are ranked below 25 on the Global Innovation Index 2020 are considered as 'moderate' or 'modest innovators'. In cases of Associated Countries not included in any of the previously mentioned references, the participation rank of the country in the Horizon Europe programme (H2020 country profile) will be taken as a reference and countries ranked below the average will be considered as 'moderate' or 'modest innovators'.

The consortium must consist of at least one educational institution and at least one representative of the private sector.

Legal entities established in Widening countries may join already selected actions, subject to the agreement of the respective consortium and provided that legal entities from such countries are not yet participating in it.

Legal and financial set-up of the Grant Agreements

The rules are described in General Annex G. The following exceptions apply:

Eligible costs will take the form of a lump sum.







Expected outcome

To some of the following:

- Improved flows of innovation resources between innovation ecosystems at various levels of developments
- Improved quality of entrepreneurial education and local talents equipped with skills to support business acceleration and digitalisation
- Enhanced entrepreneurial activity in developing innovation ecosystems and its scale up across Europe or internationally
- Increased youth (self) employability
- Raised awareness of diverse business cultures and opportunities across sectors and / or geographies

Target group(s): Vocational schools, higher education establishments, public authorities in the field of education and employment, SMEs, corporations

Scope

- More than ever should educational institutions work hand in hand with the business sector to prepare students for a rapidly changing working environment by nurturing their entrepreneurial competences
- The Expanding Entrepreneurial Ecosystems should enhance entrepreneurial skills of youth in 'modest' and 'moderate' innovation ecosystems by supporting entrepreneurial education through programmes designed in closed collaboration with the private sector and business acceleration entities
- The action supports co-designed programmes of activities, of at least two (2) study vears











The proposals should **consider engagement of business experts** into the implementation of educational programmes

The proposals should consider **engagement of students and graduates from various disciplines and departments into the respective companies' structures**, and engagement of educational staff in companies' business processes, both with a target of gender-balanced participation

The proposals should consider <u>organisation of co-ideation challenges</u>, where students can propose innovative solutions in the field of partners' expertise and are provided with resources and support to develop the product and its business development strategy

It is encouraged that the consortium works closely with innovation agencies from their respective territories and beyond, and seeks for synergies with relevant EU initiatives such as the European Institute of Technology and Innovation











HORIZON-EIE-2022-SCALEUP-02

Topics	Type of Action	Budgets (EUR million) 2022	Expected EU contribution per project (EUR million) ⁴²	Number of projects expected to be funded
Opening: 21 Jun 2022 Deadline(s): 04 Oct 2022				
HORIZON-EIE-2022-SCALEUP-02-01	CSA	5.00	Around 1.00	5
Overall indicative budget		5.00		











HORIZON-EIE-2022-SCALEUP-02-01

Expanding Investments Ecosystems

Specific conditions	
Expected EU contribution per project	The Commission estimates that an EU contribution of around EUR 1.00 million would allow these outcomes to be addressed appropriately. Nonetheless, this does not preclude submission and selection of a proposal requesting different amounts.
Indicative budget	The total indicative budget for the topic is EUR 5.00 million.
Type of Action	Coordination and Support Actions
Eligibility conditions	The conditions are described in General Annex B. The following exceptions apply: The following additional eligibility criteria apply: Consortia must have at least three (3) independent legal entities, of which at least one (1) is established in 'modest' or 'moderate' innovator region and at least one (1) in 'strong' or 'innovation leader' innovator region. The Regional Innovation Scoreboard is taken as a reference, and in the case of entities representing national authorities, the European Innovation Scoreboard. The applicants must use as a reference the latest version of the documents mentioned above at the time of the call closure. Associated Countries which are not included in the European Innovation Scoreboard and are ranked below 25 on the Global Innovation Index 2020 are considered as 'moderate' or 'modest innovators'. In cases of Associated Countries not included in any of the previously mentioned references, the participation rank of the country in the Horizon Europe programme (H2020 country profile) will be taken as a reference and countries ranked below the average will be considered as 'moderate' or 'modest innovators'. Legal entities established in Widening countries may join already selected actions, subject to the agreement of the respective consortium and provided that legal entities from such countries are not yet participating in it.











Expected outcome

All of the following:

- Increased access to capital and investments in less connected innovation ecosystems, enhancing their openness, competitiveness, and global potential
- Increased venture investments and enabled late-stage growth of local start-ups in less connected and developing innovation ecosystems
- Facilitated investors' access to the flow of local deals
- Improved investors' knowledge on regulatory frameworks and networks to support joint cross-border ventures in new markets

Biz-acceleration providers such as incubators, accelerators, company-builders, inno agencies, biz clubs and networks, public and private VCs and their networks, promotional banks.

Scope

- The lack of funding is one of the most problematic aspects of business growth in less connected innovation ecosystems and there are huge disparities between company needs and the available funding
- The Expanding Investments Ecosystems should attract foreign investors into "modest' and 'moderate' innovation ecosystems by raising awareness of local innovation ecosystems and their start-ups, as well as the potential of the whole region, to capital providers from across Europe
- The action supports co-designed programmes of activities, of at least two (2) years proposed by business acceleration service providers and/or investor networks and clubs











The proposals should consider market orientation / introduction programmes for European investors

The proposals should consider assistance to foreign EU and international investors / Venture Capitalists, including women investors, during the whole process of investment, from the pre-entry stage until the exit, by ensuring support in administrative, legal, linguistic and cultural issues

The proposals should consider <u>peer-matching of investors and other networking activities to encourage joint</u> <u>ventures and creation of a repository of best practices of market entry facilitation for international investors</u>

It is encouraged that the consortium works closely with innovation agencies from their respective territories and beyond, and seeks for synergies with relevant EU initiatives such as the Enterprise Europe Network













Partnership on Innovative SMEs

Strengthening the resilience of the European innovation ecosystem

Addressing the productivity and internationalisation gap between innovative SMEs and large companies and aiming to improve SMEs' global scale-up potential

Leveraging investment for innovative SMEs













Expected impact



The proposal for the topic under this destination should cover a specific niche that other EU, national and regional interventions do not address for the benefit of innovative SMEs in Europe: cooperation among European and/or international partners, with at least one innovative SME as the project leader











The following call(s) contribute to INNOVSMES

0.11	Budgets (E	Deadlines(s)	
Call	2021	2022	
HORIZON-EIE-2021- INNOVSMES-01	34.99	37.89	01 Sep 2021
Overall indicative budget	34.99	37.89	











HORIZON-EIE-2021-INNOVSMES-01

Topics		Type of Action	Bud (EU mill	JR	Expected EU contribution	Number of projects
			2021	2022	per project (EUR million) ⁴⁶	expected to be funded
	•	ing: 22 Jun 2 ne(s): 01 Sep				
HORIZON-EIE-2021-INNO	OVSMES-	COFUND	34.99	37.89	Around 72.88	1
Overall indicative budget			34.99	37.89		











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European Partnership on Innovative SMEs

Specific conditions	
Expected EU contribution per project	The Commission estimates that an EU contribution of around EUR 72.88 million would allow these outcomes to be addressed appropriately. Nonetheless, this does not preclude submission and selection of a proposal requesting different amounts.
Indicative budget	The total indicative budget for the topic is EUR 72.88 million.
Type of Action	Programme Co-fund Action
Procedure	The procedure is described in General Annex F. The following exceptions apply: The granting authority can fund a maximum of one project.
Legal and financial set-up of the Grant Agreements	The rules are described in General Annex G. The following exceptions apply: The starting date of grants awarded under this topic may be as of the submission date of the application. Applicants must justify the need for a retroactive starting date in their application. Costs incurred from the starting date of the action may be considered eligible. The funding rate is 30 % of the eligible costs. Beneficiaries may provide financial support to third parties. The support to third parties can only be provided in the form of grants. Financial support provided by the participants to third parties is one of the primary activities of this action in order to be able to achieve its objectives. The EUR 60 000 threshold provided for in Article 204(a) of the Financial Regulation No 2018/1046 does not apply.
Total indicative	The total indicative budget for the partnership is up to EUR 250

million.

budget









Expected outcome

All of the following:

- Improved knowledge transfer in the innovative SMEs ecosystem, through increased and sustained collaboration between SMEs, public research partners and academia
- Mitigation of difficulties in access to finance for innovative SMEs and thus contribute to enhanced growth and expansion of innovative SMEs
- Improved innovative SME access to new international markets or value chains thus leading to improved market share and sales for innovative SMEs increasing their employment capacity

Expected outcome

- Increase public research and innovation funding to innovative SMEs, to spur more high quality collaborations and more innovative solutions
- Pull together national efforts to spur internationalisation and collaboration in innovative SMEs, avoiding unnecessary duplication leading to a simplified offer to beneficiaries, achieving a more balanced geographic participation, ensuring complementarity and improved innovation ecosystems across Europe











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European Partnership on Innovative SMEs

The proposal should provide mainly two types of activities:

1

Regular calls for proposals resulting in collaborative research and innovation activities. These activities should result in a faster time to market, de-risking investment, supporting business growth, contributing to EU and global priorities and supporting access to markets and knowledge

2.

Through coordination and support activities, the creation of synergies between and synchronisation of national programmes, and a better cooperation and knowledge exchange between national intermediaries











Scope

- Support transnational near-market collaborative research and innovation addressing technological and societal challenges
- Enhance SME readiness (absorptive capacities in all participating countries)
- Attract wide range of beneficiaries by country and SME type and age
- Create synergies among national programmes by streamlining their execution
- Enhance cooperation and knowledge exchange at level of national intermediaries

National administrations and National Funding Bodies (NFBs)

Type and range of activities

- A main activity would be to run calls for proposals, organise the evaluation process and enable collaborative cross-border research and innovation projects. Beyond providing funding to innovative SMEs for cross-border R&I collaboration, they should include further promotion of the programme in underrepresented Member States, including but not limited to, through dissemination events, mutual learning seminars or roadshows
- The initiative should exploit synergies with cohesion policy funds and significantly support the widening aspect. In any case, links with regional smart specialisation strategies should be a priority. Accompanying measures such as Innowwide should be included in the proposal.











Other actions not subject to calls for proposals

1. Intellectual Property Helpdesk (IP Helpdesk)

2. Use of individual experts on assisting with the monitoring of actions (2021)

3. Mapping and scoping of frugal and reverse innovation

4. Innovative practices in legislation around emerging tech

5. EIC FORUM support











Other actions not subject to calls for proposals

6. Commission expert group on EIC FORUM

7. Use of individual experts on assisting with the monitoring of actions (2022)

8. Commission fee as EUREKA member (administrative costs)

9. Establishment of an indicator system and defining relevant data collection methods











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