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Horizon Europe – Session 1: The WHAT (What the Call is about)

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Hop On Facility...

- Nothing new at all...
- Happened before...
- Another name...
- Another Framework Programme...
- When?
- ...



Hop On Facility...

- It is a great instrument
- Repeat: ***a great instrument***
- Offers ***an excellent opportunity***
- You can think of it as...
- A shortcut, or
- As a service



Why a shortcut?...

- Do you know how difficult is to win a place in a successful Horizon Europe project?
- (lets discuss this...)



Lets read together the Call...

- Expected Outcome:
- The Hop On Facility is based on Article 20 (3) of the HE Common Understanding providing that the work programme **may foresee the possibility for legal entities from low R&I performing countries to join already selected collaborative R&I actions, subject to the agreement of the respective consortium and provided that legal entities from such countries are not yet participating in it.**
- What does this mean?
- As long as the consortium of a running . Currently under implementation project 'accepts' you, you can apply for it!

Reading the Call together (*cont'd*)

- The scheme further aims at achieving the Inclusiveness ambition of the future ERA policy by involving research institutions from widening countries under Horizon Europe Pillar 2 actions.
- Key term here:
- The Inclusiveness Ambition
- What is this about exactly?
- ...

Reading the Call together (*cont'd*)

- Main selection criteria are excellence and added value of the new partner performing a relevant additional task in the project.
- What does this mean?
- Practically speaking:
 1. You have to convince for the excellence you possess
 2. You have to convince for the added value you bring
 3. You have to delineate a relevant additional task

Reading the Call together (*cont'd*)

- All consortium partners need to agree on the accession of the new partner whereas the R&I relevance and complementarity needs to be demonstrated. The accepted application will trigger a GA amendment with the service in charge of the related topic.
- Here come tactics on the stage!
- Practically speaking:
- You have to convince the Coordinator and the other consortium members to get you on board
- ‘Relevance’ and ‘complementarity’ are mentioned, but they don’t mean as much as one thinks...
- Why?
- ...

Reading the Call together (*cont'd*)

- Project results are expected to contribute to the following expected outcomes:
 1. ***At system level***, it mobilises excellence in the Widening countries, increases visibility of the participants from the Widening countries, improves knowledge circulation, and reduces lack of participation of the Widening countries in specific thematic domains.
 2. [...]
 3. [...]
- This is the highest (i.e. more ‘abstract’) level so sth. Like:
- Why being part of this project is ‘good’ for your (Widening) country
- (Good for the Widening country can also be understood as good for EU at large!
- So it is some type of **win-win**
- And you have to document this, by providing the necessary narrative (: i.e. **a good and convincing story**)

Reading the Call together (*cont'd*)

- Project results are expected to contribute to the following expected outcomes:
 1. [...]
 2. ***At organisation level***, it opens up silos of established closed consortia, improves research excellence of the Widening country's institutions in specific fields, enlarges outreach of the participants' R&I actions and provides access to new talent pools.
 3. [...]
- ***Against silos and silo thinking!***
- Consortia should open
- Consortia should be come extroverted
- Consortia should share what they already have access to (: knowledge, networks, visibility)
- We shouldn't forget that thy are **also** on public money
- Key term here?
- → The concept of the talent pools

Reading the Call together (*cont'd*)

- Project results are expected to contribute to the following expected outcomes:
 1. [...]
 2. [...]
 3. ***At the level of the beneficiary,*** new competencies and skills for working in transnational projects including research management and dissemination and exploitation are acquired.
- This is the 'lowest' level – in terms of the considered value chain and ***not*** in terms of value
- The gain for the new partner should be in different levels:
- Acquire new skills and competencies
- But also...
- Build skills for research management and 'other' aspects such as dissemination and exploitation
- An all-worth note here on the vicious cycle of illiteracy on the two previous aspects...

Reading the Call together (*cont'd*)

- Scope:
- The Hop On Facility integrates one additional participant from a Widening country to an ongoing project under **Pillar 2** or the **EIC pathfinder** scheme while topping up a relevant task or work package and the cost incurred by the additional participant. This will happen on a voluntary basis without affecting the freedom of choice for the consortium and the principle of excellence.



II. Open Funding

- II.1 EIC Pathfinder Open.....
- II.2 EIC Transition Open.....
- II.3 EIC Accelerator Open.....

III. EIC Strategic challenges.....

- III.1 EIC Pathfinder Challenges

Reading the Call together (*cont'd*)

- The Hop On Facility is open to all topics under Pillar 2 and the EIC pathfinder.
- Applications with activities that contribute to the policy objective of the transition towards a green and digital economy are especially encouraged.
- Do you realise the opportunity?
- ***‘open to all topics under Pillar 2 and the EIC pathfinder’***
- Special focus and importance:
- ***‘transition towards a green and digital economy’***
- May read here: ‘European Green Deal ’

Reading the Call together (*cont'd*)

- The action will be part of an existing project with a valid Grant Agreement.
- Applications must demonstrate the R&I added value of the new partner and present a visible and distinct work package for the acceding partner.
- Proposal should include a detailed description of the profile of the new partner and its role in the existing project.
- Existing means:
- Currently running
- Still under Implementation
- Why visible and distinct work package?
- Can you imagine the complexity of revising the entire existing project description to reflect the new partner tasks and interdependencies?

Reading the Call together (*cont'd*)

- The additional partner and task should be presented in a distinct font or colour in a document based on the Description of the Action (DOA) of the ongoing action.
- Selected consortia will be invited to submit an amendment request for accession of a new partner, modification of the description of the action and upgrade of the budget.
- This is a technicality though important
- Also important: bureaucratic burdens will not be avoided but still will be dealt with once a proposal for the accession of a new partner gets accepted!

Reading the Call together (*cont'd*)

- The budget increase must be exclusively account at the benefit of the new partner with the exception of a coordination fee of up to 10% of the increased budget to be allocated to the coordinator of the consortium.
- 10% makes sense and many Coordinators would appreciate this extra 'bonus' funding – especially for projects that are nearing completion, to extend contracts, keep some key project admin processes alive, etc.
- So this is an all worth incentive for them to 'welcome' a new partner

Reading the Call together (*cont'd*)

- Specific Topic Conditions:
- The indicative allocation of the budget to each call deadline is EUR 20.00 million.
- This is sufficient funding to allow for several projects
- In the previous cut-off date only 7 proposals had been submitted – now competition may be fiercer so better to plan for humbler budgets...

Call identity...

- HORIZON-WIDERA-2022- ACCESS-07
- And the Call link:
- <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-widera-2022-access-07-01>

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Q&A

Time to ask your
questions!

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