



# How to participate to H2020

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# H2020 rules for participation

# Forms of funding

## Grants

- Research and innovation actions
- Innovation actions
- Coordination and support actions
- SME instrument
- Programme co-fund
  - ERANET co-fund
  - Pre-commercial procurement co-fund
  - Public procurement of innovative solutions co-fund

## Other

- Framework Partnership Agreement
- Prizes, procurement, financial instruments



## Research and Innovation Action

- **Action primarily consisting of activities aiming to establish new knowledge and/or to explore the feasibility of a new or improved technology, product, process, service or solution**
  - For this purpose they may include basic and applied research, technology development and integration, testing and validation on a small-scale prototype in a laboratory or simulated environment
  - Projects may contain closely connected but limited demonstration or pilot activities aiming to show technical feasibility in a near to operational environment



## Innovation Action

- **Action primarily consisting of activities directly aiming at producing plans and arrangements or designs for new, altered or improved products, processes or services**
  - For this purpose they may include prototyping, testing, demonstrating, piloting, large-scale product validation and market replication
  - Aiming to validate the technical and economic viability in a (near) operational environment and/or aiming to 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



## Coordination & Support Action

- **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, and
  - may also include complementary activities of strategic planning, networking and coordination between programmes in different countries

# Eligibility conditions for participation

- **Proposal is in scope of topic**
- **Minimum conditions**
  - For standard collaborative actions (RIA and IA)
    - **3** independent legal entities, each established in different Member States and/or Associated countries
  - For CSA
    - **1** legal entity
  - For SME instrument and programme co-fund
    - **1** legal entity established in a MS/AC
- **Additional conditions**

To be set out in the Workprogramme  
(i.e. number of participants, type of participants, etc.)

# Eligibility for funding

- Entities established in a Member State, Associated Country\* or third country identified in the WP
- Entities created under Union law
- International European interest organisation
- Other entities may receive funding if:
  - participation is essential or
  - such funding is foreseen in a bilateral agreement between the Union and a third country/  
international organisation

\* Please note that Switzerland is considered an associated country for some calls and a third country for others.  
[For details, see the "What's new" tab on the PP's home page](#)



# Simplified Funding Model

- **1 reimbursement rate** by action  
(same rate for all beneficiaries and all activities):
  - Up to 100% for Research and Innovation actions and CSAs
  - Up to 70% for Innovation actions (non-profit entities up to 100%) and Programme co-fund actions
  - WP to specify the reimbursement rate (e.g. 33% for ERANET co-fund)
- 1 method for calculation of **indirect costs**:
  - Flat rate of 25% of total direct costs, excluding subcontracting, costs of third parties and financial support to third parties
  - If provided in WP, lump sum or unit costs
- Funding of the action cannot exceed **total eligible costs minus receipts**

# **Some findings and lessons learnt after the first calls**



# Some numbers for LEIT ICT-related calls:

<u>H2020 ICT2014-1</u>	
Numbers of Proposals:	
•Submitted:	1639
•Ranked (above thresholds):	795
•Retained:	207
Quality (ranked/submitted):	49%
Success (retained/submitted):	13%
<u>H2020-FoF-2014</u>	
Numbers of Proposals:	
•Submitted:	55
•Ranked (above thresholds):	20
•Retained:	8
Quality (ranked/submitted):	36%
Success (retained/submitted):	15%

<u>SME Instruments -- ODI 1<sup>st</sup> cut-off date</u>	
Numbers of Proposals:	
•Submitted:	886
•Ranked (above thresholds):	107
•Retained:	30
Quality (ranked/submitted):	12%
Success (retained/submitted):	3%
<u>H2020-EUJ-2014</u>	
Numbers of Proposals:	
•Submitted:	23
•Ranked (above thresholds):	12
•Retained:	4
Quality (ranked/submitted):	52%
Success (retained/submitted):	17%

## Lessons learnt

### Oversubscription:

- *This is a normal consequence of the decision to have less prescriptive calls.*
- *Pre-proposal checks might help to discourage out-of-scope proposals → NCP are tasked with the pre-proposal checks*

### Innovation:

- *R&IA and IA have the same evaluation criteria: the topic description and the expected impacts reflect the difference*

### Participant Portal

- *It is rather complex and clarity can be improved*

# Make use of existing facilities

*Participant Portal → to find information*

*NCP network → to get clarification*

*Information Days → to improve your understanding of the topics, but also to network*

- **to this end, you may also make use of the Florence Proposers Days web portal**
  - <http://ec.europa.eu/digital-agenda/en/ict-proposers-day-9-10-october-2014>

# Experts

Appropriately qualified professional should apply to work as experts in H2020 evaluations

*Application via the Participant Portal*



*The selection per call is made to ensure broad ranging and expertise, and avoiding conflicts of interest*

