

Call for proposals - Framework Partnership Agreement for operating grants

Q & A

Q: Could you let us know more about the indicative budget for the FPA?

A: According to page 7 of the call doc (link [here](#)), the indicative budget for 2025 and 2026 is not yet available. Information on the budget for the potential SGA is expected to become available after the adoption of the next Annual Work Programme (2025).

Q: What is the meaning of "Independent from the industry"?

A: According to page 9 of the call doc (link [here](#)): the applicant must, at submission stage, demonstrate that is financially independent by:

a) submitting proof that not more than 30% of the core funding of the applicant organisation is received from private sector donors; or

b) if the above core funding threshold is exceeded, but is below 50%, demonstrating that private sector donors do not exercise influence on the decision and regular activities of the applicant organisation.

Q: So this call is only for patient federations?

A: For the full list of admissibility and eligibility criteria, please refer to sections 5 and 6 of the call document (link [here](#)).

Q: Maybe you can list who this call is NOT for?

A: Applicants are required to comply with the criteria set out in Article 13(1)-(4) and (8), of Regulation (EU) 2021/522, including the specific criteria detailed in the call document, and relevant criteria set out in the Financial Regulation.

Q: For the beginners: how much time does every step take as an indication? To estimate the time/risk?

A: The call opening date is set on 14 March and the call deadline is set on 17 June. Developing the full proposal takes time. Normally, we recommend allocating at least two months prior to the deadline for proposal writing and development. That being said, if you are targeting a deadline that falls around a downtime period (e.g. holiday season, summer vacation), we'd recommend allocating even more time for preparing the application.

Q: You mentioned that the SGA actions would require co-funding by beneficiaries at 40%. Will there be any 'exceptional utility' actions for which co-funding is at 20%?

A: Information on the budget for the potential SGA is expected to become available after the adoption of the next Annual Work Programme (2025).

Q: This call is just for NGO's?

A: Yes, indeed. For further details, please check section 6 of the call document (link [here](#)).

Q: Is the Fed Rep of Georgia allowed to participate?

A: Fed Rep of Georgia is not a country associated to the EU4Health programme.

Q: Is Trinidad & Tobago allowed to participate

A: In order to be eligible, the applicants (beneficiaries and affiliated entities) must:

- be legal entities (public or private bodies)
 - be established in one of the eligible countries, i.e.:
 - EU Member States (including overseas countries and territories (OCTs))
 - eligible non-EU countries:
 - listed EEA countries and countries associated to the EU4Health Programme
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Q: Will you send us the slides?

A: Yes they will be made available on HaDEA's website.

Q: where on the web? they should be sent to those who registered. like most of webinars.

A: The presentations are uploaded both on the [event page](#) and on the [news article of the call](#).

Q: Could you let us know more about the indicative budget for the FPA?

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Q: Federations representing a Medical Sector are not allowed?

A: For further details, please check section 6 of the call document (link [here](#)).

Q: We would like to apply for this call.

However, the organisation must be "active at Union level in at least half of the Member States with a balanced geographical coverage of the Union," according to the criteria. We therefore ask if this means that the only organisations eligible are those that are engaged in many member states and not only in one.

A: As per section 6 of the [call document](#) (p.10), indeed we confirm *the applicant must provide proof of being active at Union level and, through its statutory member organisations, in at least half of the Member States, in a geographically balanced coverage. The proof that the applicant needs to submit includes the statutes, list of members of the NGO, and the annual activity reports from the last two years.*

Q: We wanted to seek clarification on the number of awards the agency expects to issue under this call for proposal. In other words: does HaDEA expect to issue a single award (to a single organization) or multiple awards to different organizations?

A: This information is not currently available. In addition, as per section 3 of the [call document](#), the indicative budget for 2025 and 2026 is not yet available.

Q: I am asking for clarification regarding the **Consortium composition** as described on **page 12 of the Call Document**: "*Only applications by single applicants are allowed (single beneficiaries).* From this definition it seems that a partnership composition is not expected, but from the evaluation criteria of the proposal that is going to be applied for, in particular "*Project team and cooperation arrangements,*" (**pag.16 Call Document**) it seems instead that it can be expected to.

May you please clarify this aspect: whether or not there is provision for partners within the proposal we would like to apply and, if a partnership is planned, how should the relationship between the lead and partners be regulated?

A: We confirm that, as per the call document, only applications by single applicants are allowed (single beneficiaries).

Q: Regarding the Call for proposals for a Framework Partnership Agreement for operating grants (2025-2026) to non-governmental organisations: Financial contribution to the functioning of health non-governmental bodies implementing one or more specific objectives of Regulation (EU)2021/522 (EU4H-2024-OG-FPA), we have a question regarding the allocated budget for this Call.

Also, we kindly ask you the information on the minimum and maximum budget per eligible project.

A: As per section 3 of the [call document](#), the indicative budget for 2025 and 2026 is not yet available.

Q: We would appreciate it, if you could provide further explanations and clarification regarding the following eligibility criterion

- Being active at the EU level in at least half of the Member states with a balanced geographical coverage of the Union.

From our understanding this criterion can be covered only by umbrella organizations (which have as members other NGOs in different countries) or networks of NGOs or if a specific organization has registered offices in different countries within EU Member States. Is there any other possibility for an organization to be considered eligible under the above criterion? For example, if an NGO has implemented projects in different EU Member States can be considered eligible?

A: As per section 6 of the [call document](#), the applicant must *provide proof of being active at Union level and, through its statutory member organisations, in at least half of the Member States, in a geographically balanced coverage*. The proof that the applicant needs to submit includes the *statutes, list of members of the NGO, and the annual activity reports from the last two years*.

It is the applicant's responsibility to determine whether they appropriately fulfil all the eligibility criteria of the call. HaDEA is not in a position to give advice on the preparation or structure of proposals for competitive calls – any proposal must be assessed on its own merit.

Q: As per the call document, Associated Partners are mentioned as potential participants (page 11, page 17 and page 19). Could you please clarify why they are mentioned if it is not in fact a possibility to include them?

A: The sections you refer to include general guidance for associated partners (or e.g. other beneficiaries), in the event that a call allows for their participation.

However, this particular call clearly defines under "Consortium composition" that only applications by single applicants are allowed.

In addition, as mentioned on p. 3, *operating grants are always mono-beneficiary grants, supporting the work programme of activities of only one organisation*.

Q: In light of what has been communicated, does the award criteria "*Project team and cooperation arrangements*" only concern the evaluation of the proposing applicant's expertise and team's problem solving ability?

A: Yes, the award criteria refer in this case to the organisation that is applying.

Q: We are aware that the aforementioned Call specifically mentions that "The indicative budget for 2025 and 2026 is not yet available." Nonetheless, on page 7, the call document refers that "Application Form Part A — contains administrative information about the participants (future coordinator, beneficiaries and affiliated entities) and the summarised budget for the project (to be filled in directly online)".

Notwithstanding, when entering the Portal and trying to fill Part A, there is no Budget section. Only 1) General information and 2) Participating Organisations & Contacts. Bearing this in mind, we kindly ask you if a budget template will be available soon (whether on Excel, or in Part A).

A: The section you refer to includes general guidance for completing the application form part A, in the event that a call foresees a summarized budget table as an annex.

However, in this particular call indeed there is no such annex, and consequently no budget section on the portal.

The only information to be included related to budget is the multi-annual estimate in the part B template (under section 4).

Q: I am reaching out in connection with the call for proposals EU4Health program referenced as EU4H-2024-OG-FPA, dated 14-03-2024. I am seeking clarification on several points outlined below:

1. In the section on 'Consortium composition', it is indicated that 'only single applicants are allowed (single beneficiaries)'. However, in Section 9. Award Criteria, 'the quality of the consortium and project teams' is listed as one of the criteria. Could you kindly clarify this matter and confirm whether forming a national consortium is permissible?
2. Should the project deliverables have applicability across Europe?
3. Additionally, the indicative budget for 2025 and 2026 has not been specified in the call. Could you please provide an update on this matter? If not available yet, could you inform us of the maximum budget per project?

A: Please find below the replies to your questions:

1. In this case, the award criteria refer to the organisation that is applying, and therefore concern the proposing applicant's expertise and quality of the team. This particular call clearly defines under "Consortium composition" that only applications by single applicants are allowed.
In addition, as mentioned on p. 3 of the [call document](#), operating grants are always mono-beneficiary grants, supporting the work programme of activities of only one organisation.
2. As per the [call document](#) (p.3), *operating grants provide general financial support to organisations whose statutory activities serve the strategic objectives of EU policies (mainly non-profit organisations, voluntary associations, foundations, NGOs or similar). They do not support a specific project (like action grants), but the annual operating budget of the organisation (or part of it).*

In addition, as per section 6 of the call document (p.10), the applicant must provide proof of being active at Union level and, through its statutory member organisations, in at least half of the Member States, in a geographically balanced coverage. Furthermore, the applicant must

provide proof of effectiveness at Union level. The relevant proof that needs to be submitted is also outlined on p.10 of the call document.

It is the applicant's responsibility to determine whether they appropriately fulfil all the admissibility/eligibility criteria of the call. HaDEA is not in a position to give advice on the preparation or structure of your proposal for competitive calls – any proposal must be assessed on its own merit.

3. There is currently no further information on this matter – all relevant information is available in the call document.

Q: I am reaching out to inquire about the availability of the budget for the 'EU4Health Programme (EU4H) Call for Proposals for a Framework Partnership Agreement for Operating Grants (2025-2026) to Non-Governmental Organizations'. We are currently in the process of preparing our application and understanding the timeline for the availability of funds would greatly assist us in our planning.

If possible, could you kindly provide an estimate of when the budget will be accessible?

A: Information on the budget for the potential SGA is expected to become available after the adoption of the next Annual Work Programme (2025).

Q: We were wondering when the available budget will be published and if there will be an own contribution (and if yes, how high it will be). Or will this specific call only allow us to apply for a Framework Partnership Agreement but without any further budget?

A: Information on the budget for the potential SGA is expected to become available after the adoption of the next Annual Work Programme (2025).

For this specific call, the only information to be included by the applicants related to budget is the multi-annual estimate in the part B template (under section 4).

Q: Regarding the (...) **Expected Impact**, the text says:

*The beneficiaries are expected to further demonstrate in their proposals the Union added value of their activities and commit to deliver concrete results **such as:** online materials, webpages, manuals and tools on case studies **promoting health in schools**, factsheets and relevant literature, materials for teachers on health literacy, and **assistance and promotion of twinning with other schools** in the Union capacity-building and training activities to reduce the impact of risk factors for noncommunicable diseases; new approaches to promote healthy and sustainable diets; expert guidance and peer-to-peer connections; and collaborate in shared areas of activity.*

Some of the beneficiaries' activities are expected to contribute to the implementation of non-legislative policy initiatives and/or the implementation of relevant Union health

legislation. Such activities will support the implementation of the revised Council Recommendation on Smoke-free environments and key actions in this context

Our understanding is that this paragraph restricts the scope of the call exclusively to activities addressed to schools, that must also include some actions supporting the implementation of the revised Council Recommendation on Smoke-free environments. Could you please confirm whether this interpretation is correct, or if this is just a non-exhaustive list of proposed activities (as hinted by the expression '*such as*')?

A: We confirm this is a list of examples. As per sections 5 and 6 of the call document, applicants need to provide the appropriate proof that they fulfil the admissibility and eligibility criteria of the call.