EU4Health Programme 2021-2027 – AWP 2024

Administrative aspects of Operating Grants

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Legal framework

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REGULATIONS

★ Regulation (EU) 2021/522 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 March 2021 establishing a Programme for the Union's action in the field of health ('EU4Health Programme') for the period 2021-2027, and repealing Regulation (EU) No 282/2014 (1) 1

Regulation (EU) 2021/522 – EU4Health Programme

2024 EU4Health Work Programme

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Activities

Operating grants provide support to the functioning of Health NGOs during 2024 for activities including awareness raising on various health aspects, communication and dissemination, capacity building and training, expert collaboration and networking.

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Available budget

DP-g-24-33.1

Call for proposals for operating grants to non-governmental organisations: financial contribution to the functioning of health nongovernmental bodies implementing one or more specific objectives of Regulation 2021/522

Call topic/sub-topic	Indicative call publication	Indicative Budget
a) Operating grants – DP-g-24-33.1	Q4/2023	EUR 9 000 000
b) Framework Partnership Agreement - DP-g-24-33.2	Q1/2024	
Procedure type	**Implemented by**	**Type of applicants targeted**
Two open calls for proposals for: a) operating grants for 2024 b) a Framework Partnership Agreements for 2025-2026	HaDEA	NGOs active in the public health area

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Process and indicative timeline

Publication of the call / Open for submission	**6 December 2023**
Deadline for submission	**31 January 2024**
Proposal evaluation	**February – March 2024**
Grant Agreement Preparation	**March – April 2024**
Grant Agreement signature	**30 April 2024**

External experts

At the latest

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Time-to-grant and starting date of the action I

***From* FINANCIAL REGULATION APPLICABLE TO THE GENERAL BUDGET OF THE UNION**

CHAPTER 2,
Article 193 Principle of non-retroactivity

[…]

4. *In the case of operating grants,* ***the grant agreement shall be signed within four months of the start of the beneficiary's financial year.*** *Costs incurred before the grant application was submitted or before the start of the beneficiary's financial year shall not be eligible for financing* […]

Starting date and operating grant duration

The operating grant starting date and duration will be fixed in the Grant Agreement. Normally, the starting date will be after grant signature. Retroactive application can be granted exceptionally for duly justified reasons — but **never earlier than the proposal submission date**.

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Time-to-grant and starting date of the action II

- **If the application is submitted after the beginning of the financial year of the beneficiary, the eligibility period can start not earlier than the date of submission of the application**; this implies that the eligibility period under the operating grant will not cover the entire financial year of the beneficiary

- **If the application for an operating grant is submitted before the beginning of the financial year of the beneficiary, the eligibility period can start at the earliest at the beginning of this financial year.**

- The duration of proposals **may not exceed the applicant's financial year, up to 12 months.**

Admissibility requirements and documents

- ❑ Health NGOs
- ❑ Proposals must be submitted before the call deadline
- ❑ Proposals must be submitted electronically via the Funding & Tenders Portal
- ❑ Proposals must be submitted using the forms provided inside the Submission System
- ❑ Application Form Part A
- ❑ Application Form Part B
- ❑ Mandatory annexes and supporting documents (*see call document*)

Eligible participants I

- ❑ Be legal entities
- ❑ 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 or countries which are in ongoing negotiations for an association agreement and where the agreement enters into force before grant signature.
    - ❑ other eligibility conditions:
- ❑ 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 below, and relevant criteria set out in the Financial Regulation (See eligibility section in the call document).

Eligible participants II

The call for operating grants is open for applications by a single entity only and only health non-governmental bodies are eligible

Proposals must relate to activities taking place in the eligible countries

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Eligible participants III

- Additionally, applicants, NGOs active in the public health area, have to comply as follows:
  - Non for profit
  - Independent from industry, commercial and business
  - Active in the public health area and pursue at least one of the specific objectives of Regulation (EU) 2021/522

Additionally, applicants, NGOs active in the public health area, have to comply as follows:

Criterion	Sub-criterion	Conditions to fulfil	Proof

Selection criteria, operational and financial capacity

Operational capacity,

Applicants must have the **know-how, qualifications** and **resources** to successfully implement the projects and contribute their share (including sufficient experience in projects of comparable size and nature).

This capacity will be assessed together with the 'Quality' award criterion, on the basis of the competence and experience of the applicants and their project teams, including operational resources (human, technical and other) or, exceptionally, the measures proposed to obtain it by the time the task implementation starts.

If the evaluation of the award criterion is positive, the applicants are considered to have sufficient operational capacity.

Financial capacity,

Applicants must have **stable and sufficient resources** to successfully implement the projects and contribute their share. Organisations participating in several projects must have sufficient capacity to implement all these projects.

Exclusion criteria

Exclusion from participation:

- Bankruptcy
- In breach of social security or tax obligations
- Guilty of grave professional misconduct
- Convicted of an offence concerning professional conduct
- Committed fraud, corruption, links to a criminal organisation, money laundering, terrorism-related crimes, child labour or human trafficking
- Shown significant deficiencies in complying with main obligations under an EU procurement contract, grant agreement, prize, expert contract, or similar
- Guilty of irregularities within the meaning of Article 1(2) of Regulation No 2988/95

Exclusion from granting procedure:

- Conflict of interest
- Guilty of misrepresenting the information required by the Agency

Exceptional Utility

Criterion	Sub-criterion	Conditions to fulfil	Proof
Exceptional Utility	n/a	At least 30 % of the budget of the operating grants is allocated to activities in (*one or more*) Member States whose Gross Net Income per inhabitant is less than 90% of the EU average.	Appropriate financial proof

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Submission of proposals

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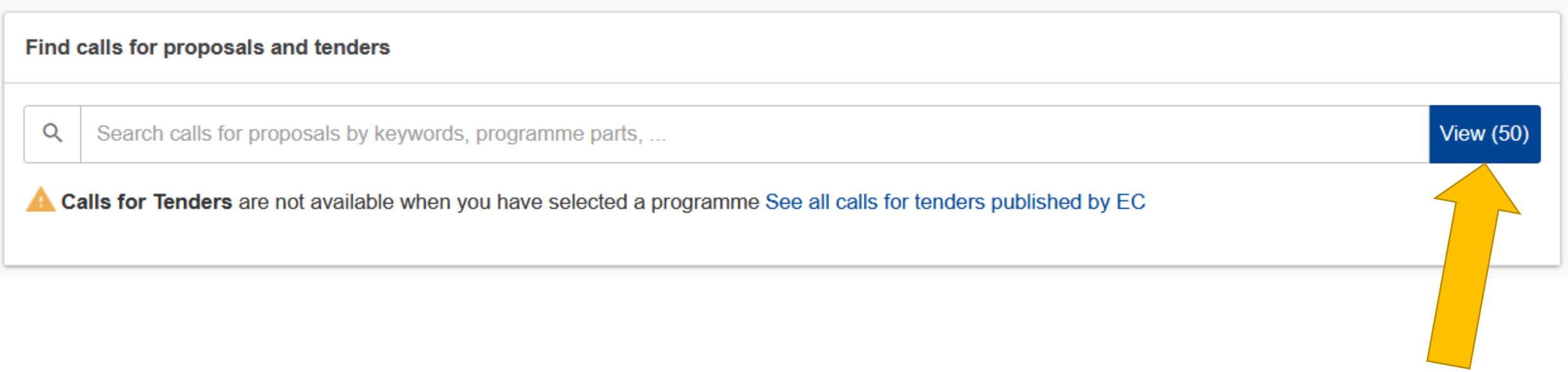
Submission of proposals II



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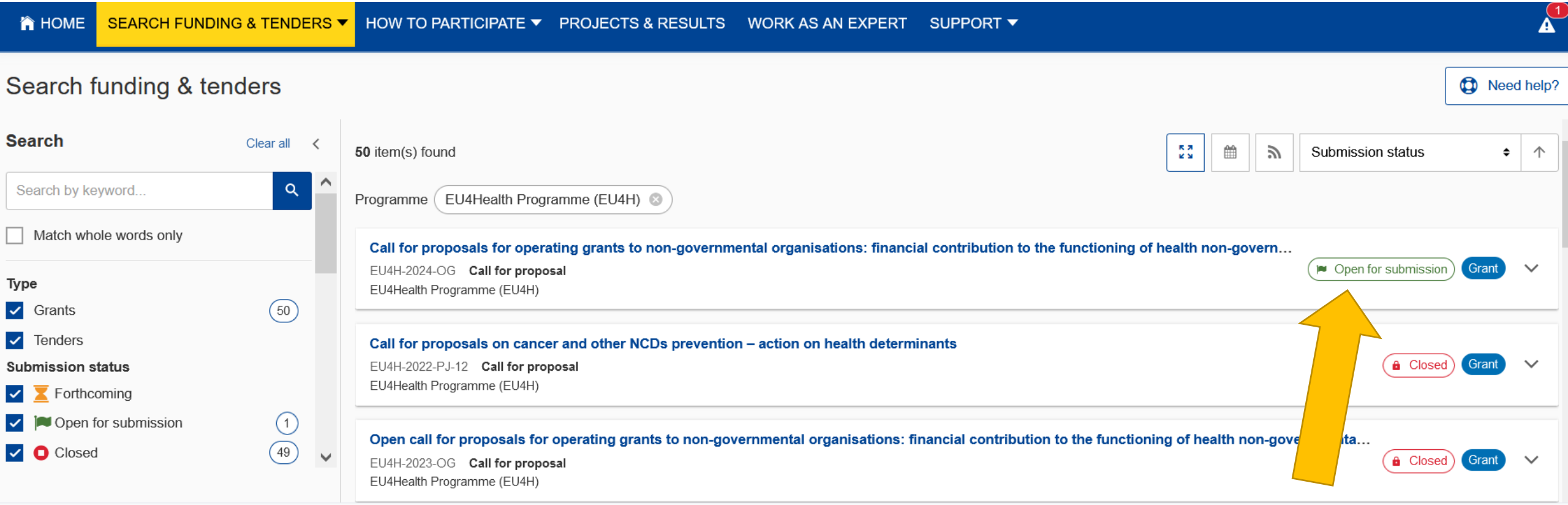
Submission of proposals III



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Submission of proposals

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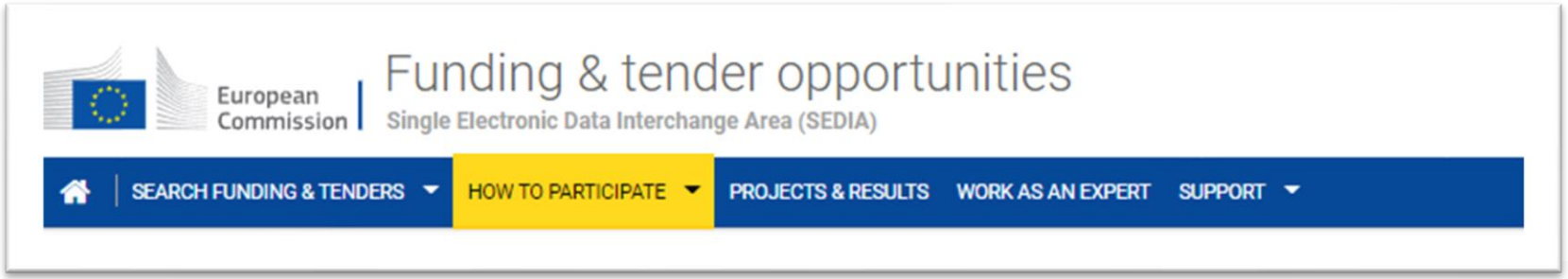
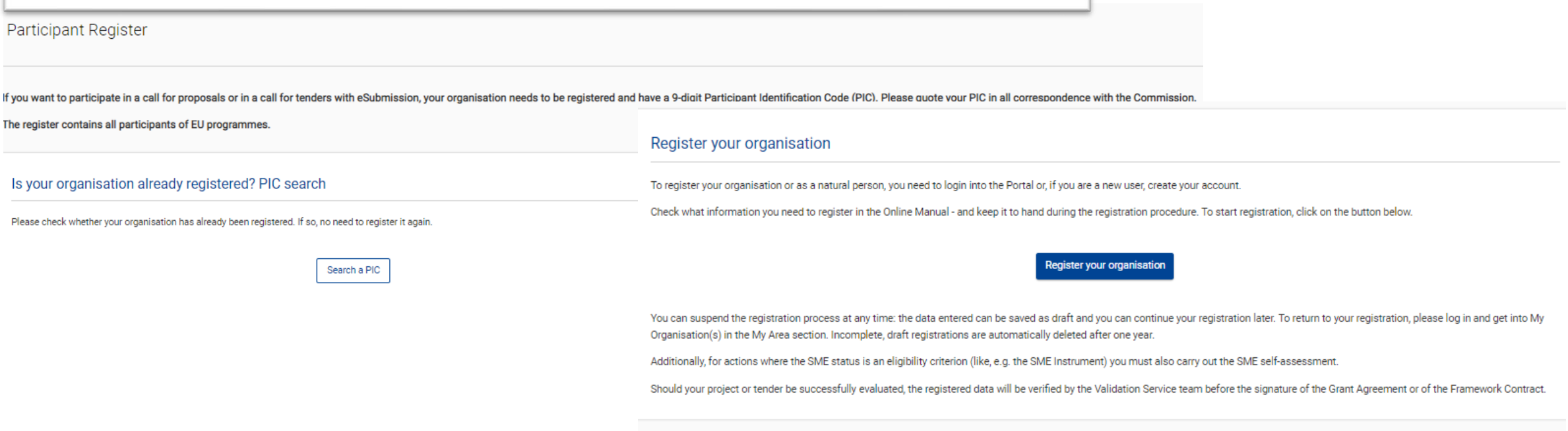
Participant Identification Code (PIC) number — unique identifier for organisations. This 9-digit number is received after you register in the **Portal Participant Register.**





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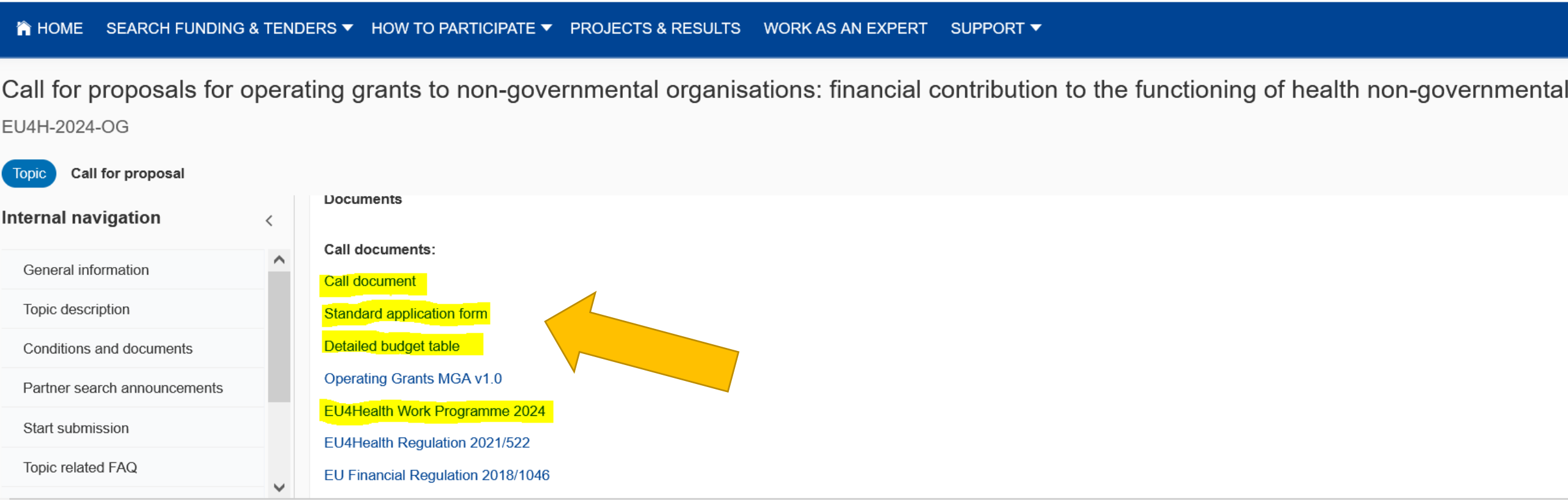

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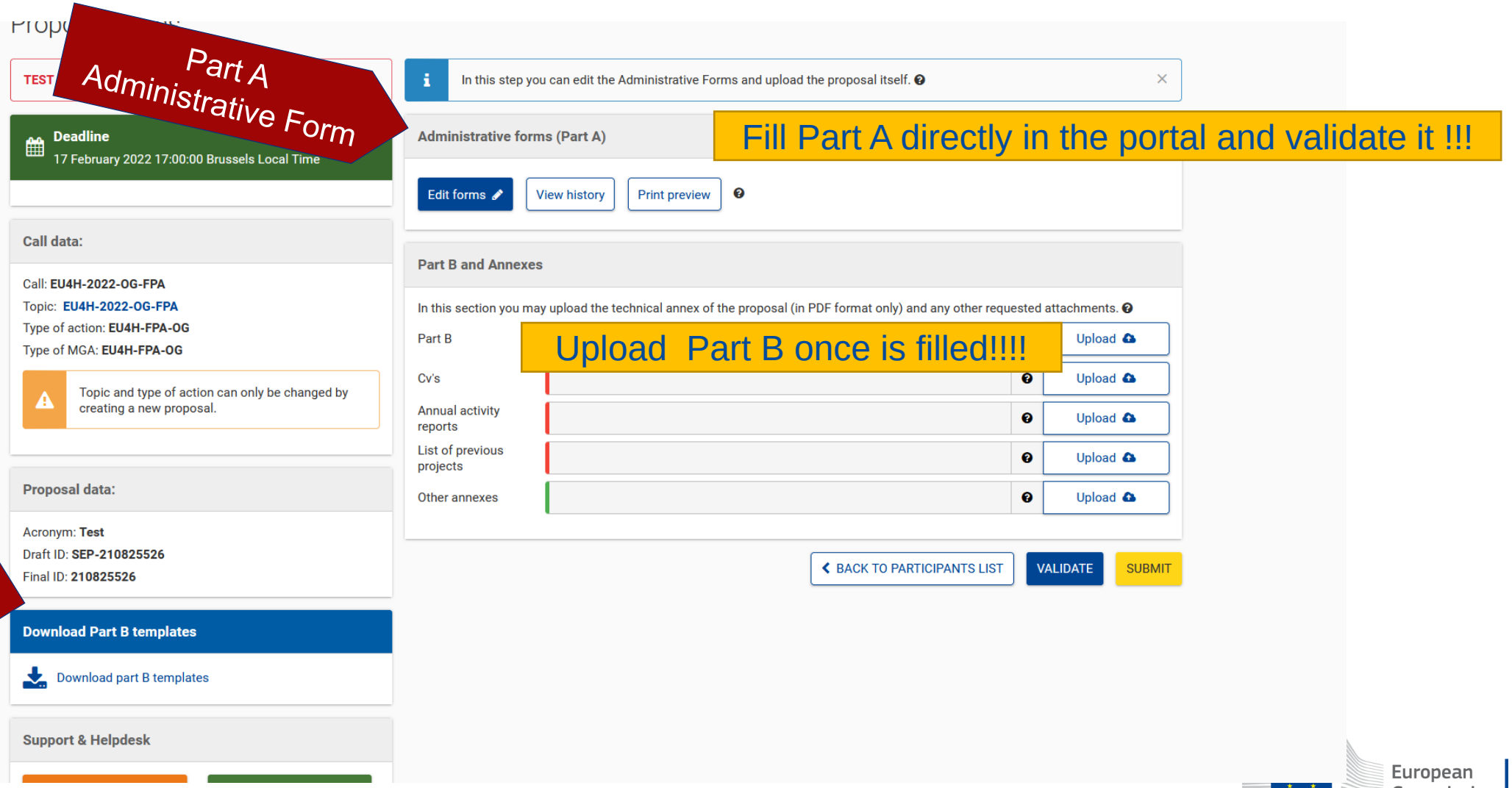

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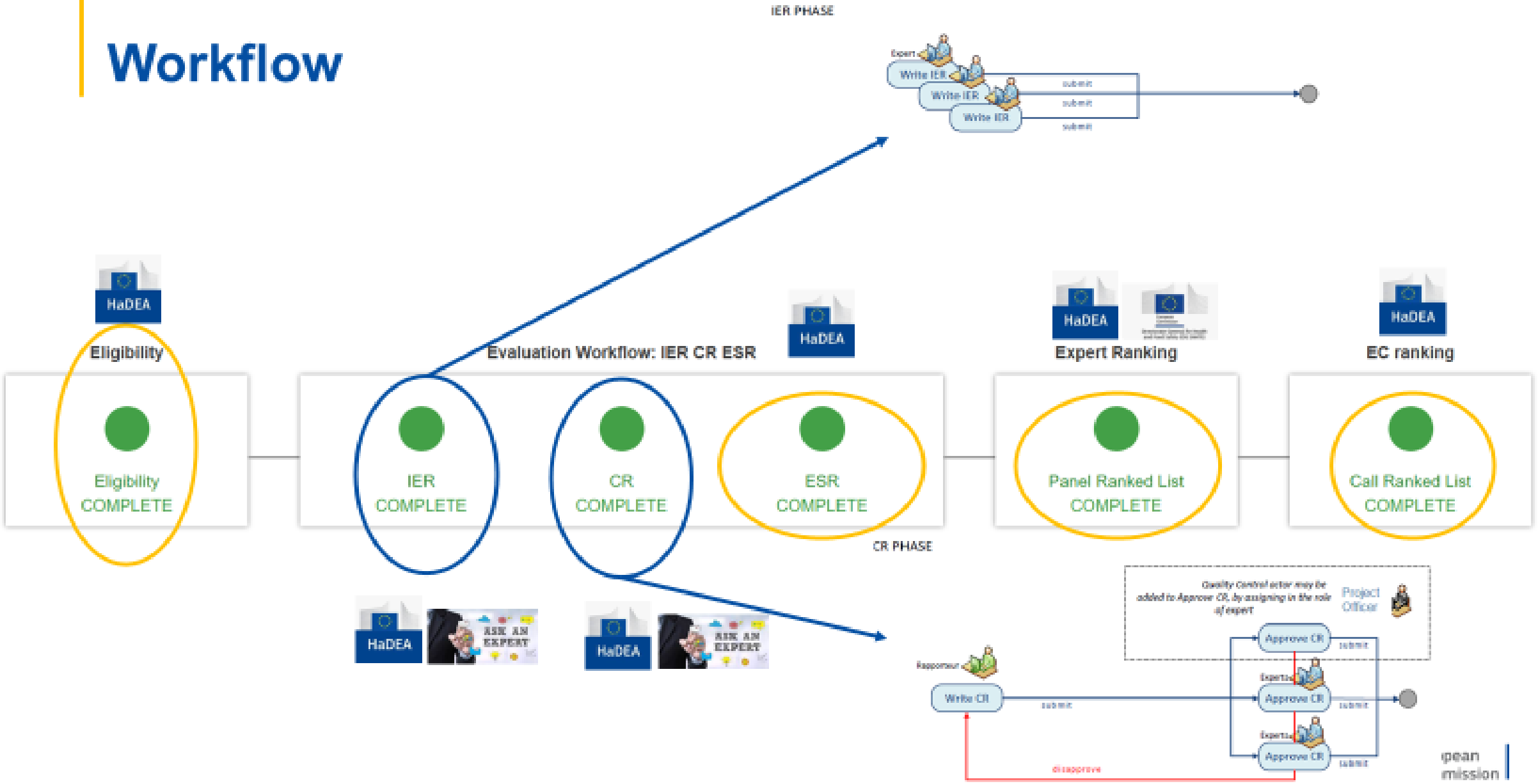
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Award criteria

Award criteria	Min pass score	Max score
Relevance	21	30
Quality — Project design and implementation	21	30
Quality — Project team and cooperation arrangements	21	30
Impact	7	10
Overall (pass) scores	**70**	**100**

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Award criteria

Relevance

Clarity and consistency of project, objectives and planning; extent to which they match the themes and priorities and objectives of the call; contribution to the EU strategic and legislative context; **justification why the financial support is necessary for the implementation of one or more of the specific objectives of Regulation (EU) 2021/522 (mandatory annex, free format);** European/trans-national dimension; impact/interest for a number of countries (EU or eligible non-EU countries); possibility to use the results in other countries; potential to develop mutual trust/cross-border cooperation.

Quality

Project design and implementation: technical quality; logical links between the identified problems, needs and solutions proposed (logical frame concept); methodology for implementing the project (concept and methodology, management, procedures, timetable, risks and risk management, monitoring and evaluation); feasibility of the project within the proposed time frame; cost effectiveness (sufficient/appropriate budget for proper implementation; best value for money).

Project team and cooperation arrangements: quality of the project teams; appropriate procedures and problem-solving mechanisms for cooperating within the project teams and consortium

Impact

Ambition and expected long-term impact of results on target groups/general public; appropriate dissemination strategy for ensuring sustainability and long-term impact; sustainability of results after EU funding ends

Process for an open call for proposals

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