Digital Europe Programme Info Day on Call 6: Cloud, data and artificial intelligence

DIGITAL-2024-CLOUD-DATA-06

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Good morning and Welcome!

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AGENDA Virtual Info Session – 13 March 2024

10:00 – 10:05	Welcome by Health and Digital Executive Agency (HaDEA)
10:05 – 10:25	**Data Space for Skills (deployment)** - *DIGITAL-2024-CLOUD-DATA-06-SKILLS* Topic briefing + Questions & Answers Nadja KERNCHEN, DG CNECT G2
10:25 – 10:45	**Data Space for Manufacturing (deployment)** - *DIGITAL-2024-CLOUD-DATA-06-MANUFSPACE* Topic briefing + Questions & Answers Yves PAINDAVEINE, DG CNECT A4
10:45 – 11:05	**Support for Health Data Access Bodies to foster efficient pathways for AI in healthcare** - *DIGITAL-2024-CLOUD-DATA-06-HEALTHCARE-AI* Topic briefing + Questions & Answers Renata PALEN, DG CNECT H3 and Licinio KUSTRA MANO, DG SANTE C1
11:05 – 11:15	Break
11:15 – 11:35	**Submitting a successful proposal via the Funding & Tenders Portal** Maria SAARELA, HaDEA B2 - Digital Europe
11:35 – 12:00	**Registering your organization, Legal validation, Financial capacity assessment and Ownership control** Elin SIDZHIMOV, Florin PUIU, Charlotte VIANE, European Research Executive Agency (REA), Central Validation Service
12:00	End of Info session

Digital Europe Programme

strategic autonomy

Main objectives

Compete globally

Other regions of the world invest huge amount of public capital in advanced technologies. For example, the US and China spend € 10-20 billion annually on Artificial Intelligence alone

Achieve scale through collective co-investments

Given the size of investments needed, scale required and risks involved, Europe needs to pool the resources together

Regain control over Europe's value chains

and ensure Europe's technological sovereignty

Better address Europe's economic and societal challenges

E.g. climate, health, mobility and public services

Ensure broad take-up of digital technologies across all regions of EU

In deploying latest technologies to offer best services to citizens and business

Support SMEs to acquire or access the latest technologies and skills

More than 400,000 EU vacancies in these fields

Digital EUROPE – Specific Objectives (SO)

SO1 - High Performance Computing

- Build up and strengthen the EU's supercomputing and data processing capacities.
- Increase accessibility and broaden the use of supercomputing in areas of public interest and in industry, including small and medium-sized enterprises.

SO2 - Cloud, Data and Artificial Intelligence

- Invest in and open up the use of artificial intelligence by businesses and public administrations.
- Set up a true European data space and facilitate safe access to and storage of large datasets and trustworthy and energy efficient cloud infrastructure.
- Strengthen and support existing artificial intelligence testing and experimentation facilities in areas such as health and mobility in Member States and encourage their cooperation.

SO3 - Cybersecurity

- Strengthening cybersecurity coordination between Member States tools and data infrastructures.
- Support the wide deployment of the cybersecurity capacities across the economy.

SO4 - Advanced Digital Skills

- Support programmes and traineeships for the future experts in key capacity areas like data and AI, cybersecurity, quantum and HPC.
- Support the upskilling of the existing workforce through short trainings reflecting the latest developments in key capacity areas.

SO5 - Accelerating the best use of digital technologies

- Support high impact deployments in areas of public interest: health (complemented by EU4Health programme), Green Deal, smart communities and the cultural sector.
- Build up and strengthen the network of European Digital Innovation Hubs, aiming to have a Hub in every region, to help companies benefit from digital opportunities.
- Support the uptake of advanced digital and related technologies by the industry, notably small and medium-sized enterprises.
- Support European public administrations and industry to deploy and access state of-the-art digital technologies (such as blockchain) and build trust in the digital transformation.

General Overview of the Call

Call title: Cloud, data and artificial intelligence

Call ID: **DIGITAL-2024-CLOUD-DATA-06**

DIGITAL-2024-CLOUD-DATA-06-**SKILLS**: Data Space for Skills (deployment)

DIGITAL-2024-CLOUD-DATA-06-**MANUFSPACE**: Data Space for Manufacturing (deployment)

DIGITAL-2024-CLOUD-DATA-06-**HEALTHCARE-AI**: Support for Health Data Access Bodies to foster efficient pathways for AI in healthcare

DIGITAL-2024-CLOUD-DATA-06 Call document in Funding & Tenders Portal

General overview of the Call

Topic ID	Type of action	Budget	Expected no. of Grants	Funding rate
DIGITAL-2024-CLOUD-DATA-06-**SKILLS** Data Space for Skills (deployment)	Simple Grants	3 000 000	1	50%
DIGITAL-2024-CLOUD-DATA-06-**MANUFSPACE** Data Space for Manufacturing (deployment)	Simple Grants *(Restricted)*	13 000 000	4	50%
DIGITAL-2024-CLOUD-DATA-06-**HEALTHCARE-AI** Support for Health Data Access Bodies to foster efficient pathways for AI in healthcare	Coordination and Support Action *(Restricted)*	4 000 000	1	100%

*Restricted as per Art 12(6) of the Grant Agreement. Specific rules apply
See Call document and Appendix 3 of the amended DEP Work Programme 2023-2024

Prefinancing rate 80% for all 3 topics – See Call document section 10 - *Reporting and payment arrangements*

DEP CALL 6 Timeline

Call opening	Deadline for submission	Evaluation	Information on evaluation results	Grant Agreement signature
29 February 2024	**29 May 2024 17:00 (Brussels)**	**June - July 2024**	**July 2024**	**February 2025**

Thank you!

We would like to receive your feedback

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Submitting a successful proposal

Maria Saarela

13/03/2024, HaDEA B2

Where to find the Call document

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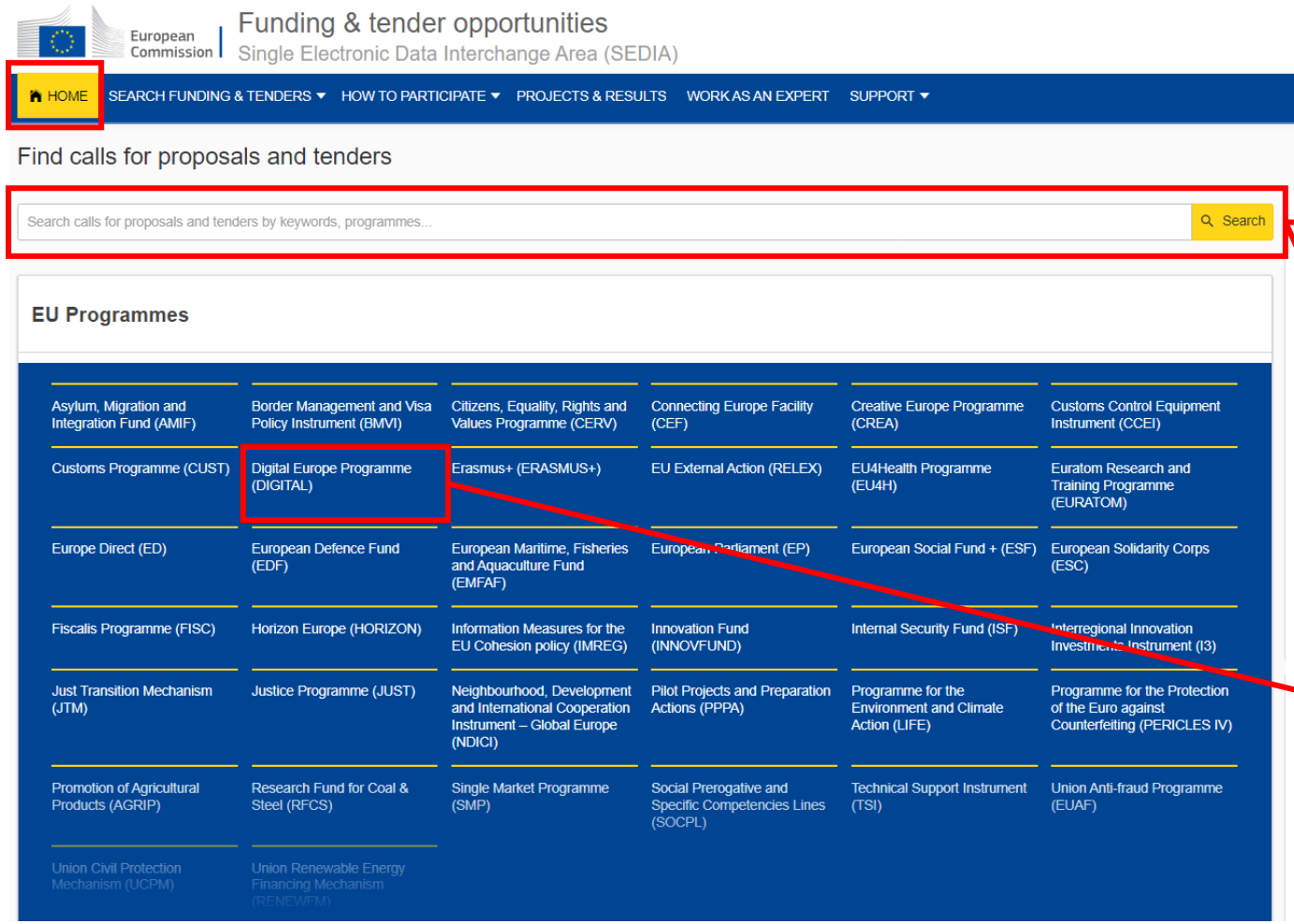
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home



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...or by Topic IDs:
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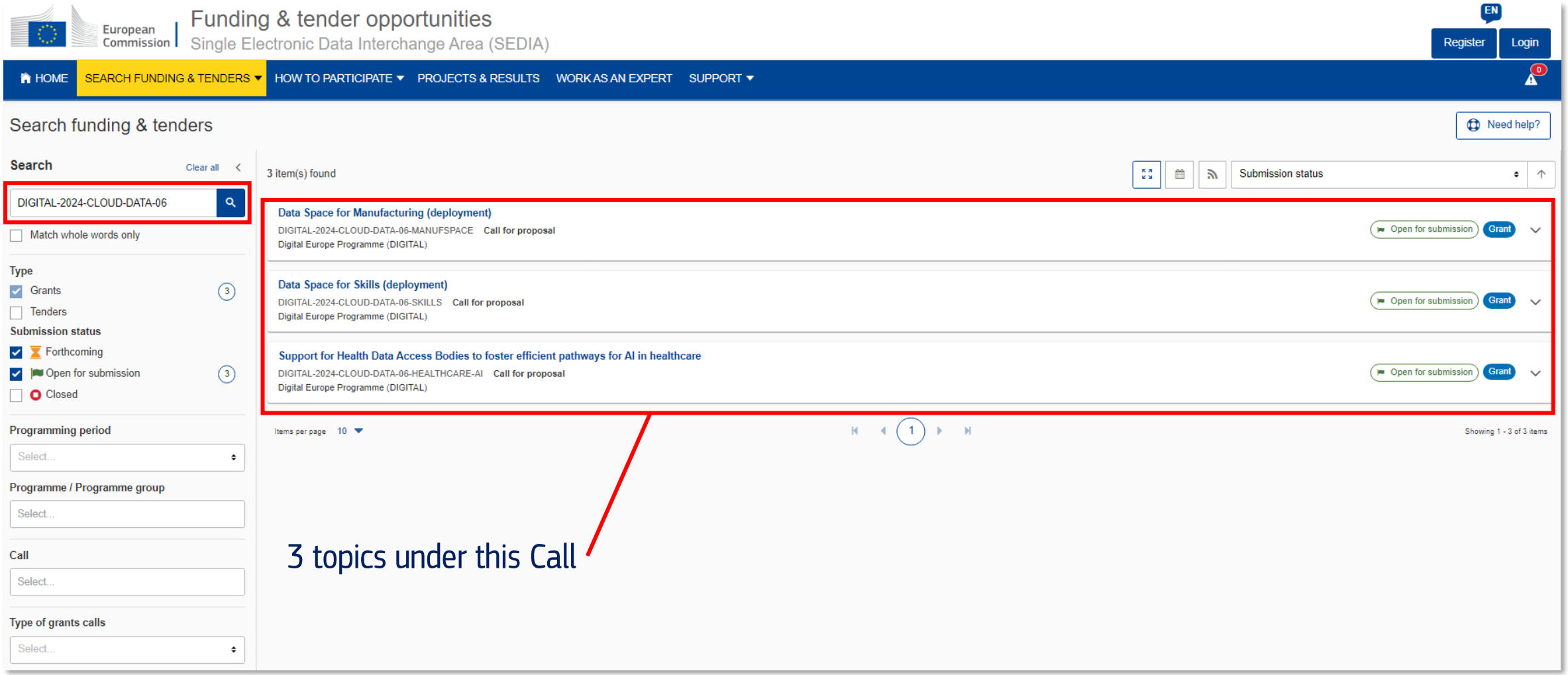

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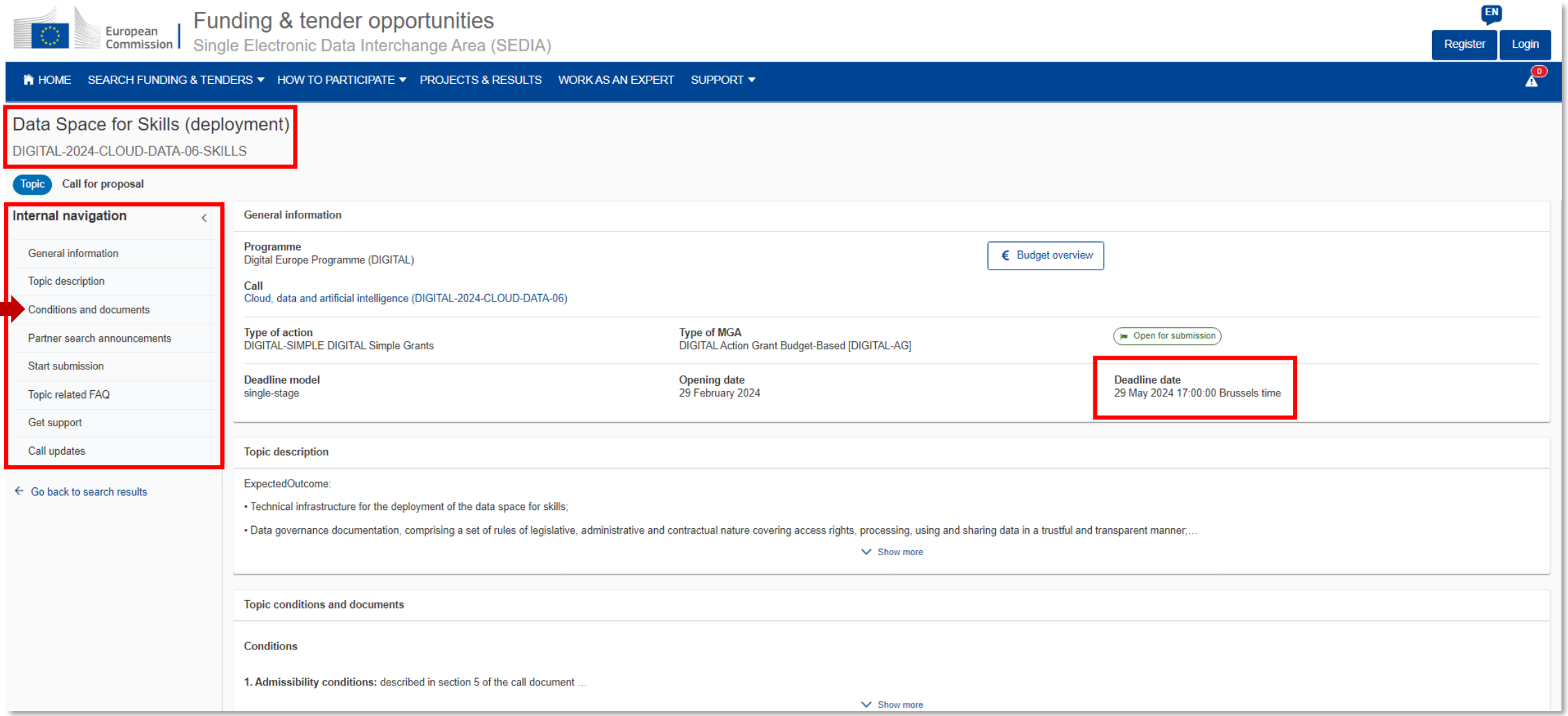

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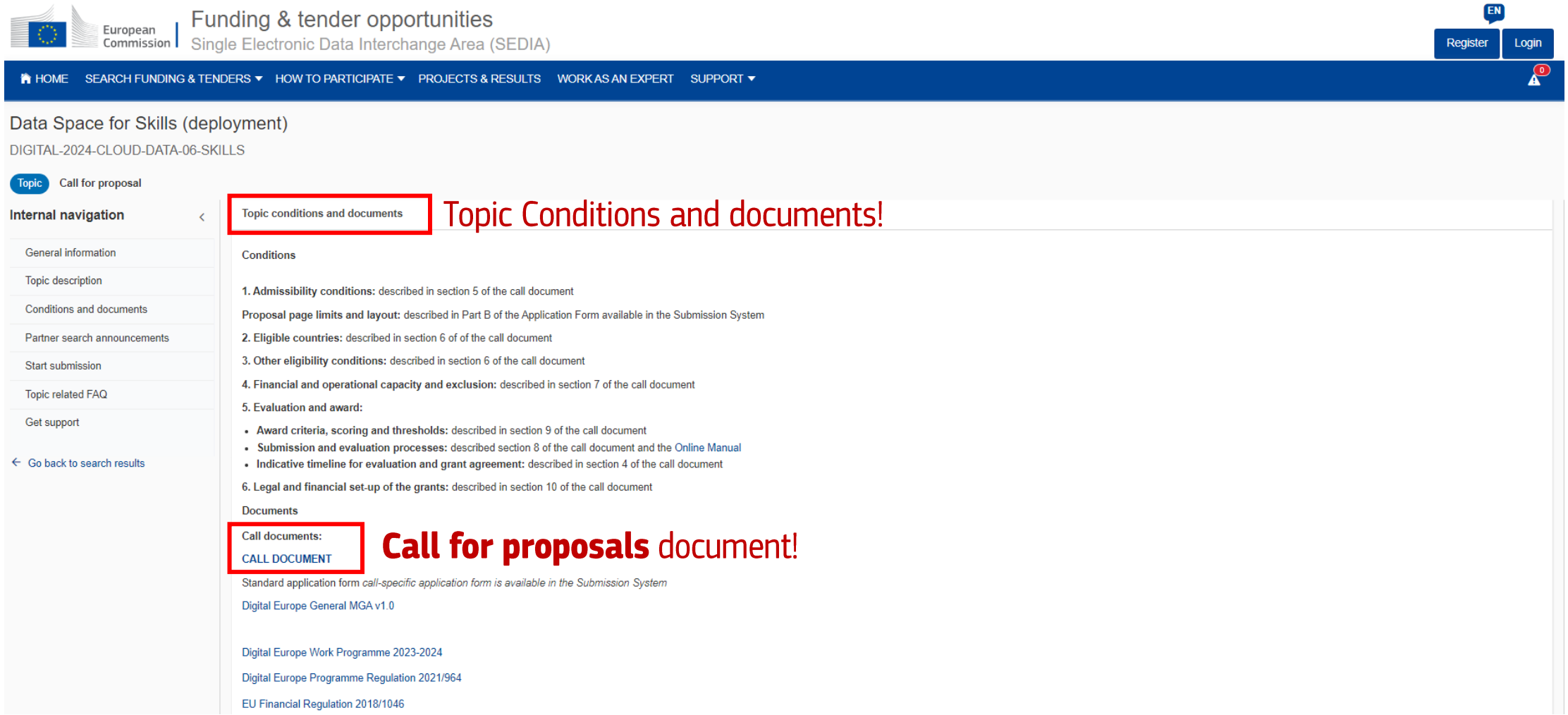

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- Scope
- Outcomes and deliverables
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- Targeted stakeholders
- Type of action and funding rate
- Specific topic conditions

Outline of the Call document

Sections 3-13 common for the Call

- Budget, Timetable, Deadlines
- Admissibility and Eligibility requirements
- Evaluation and award procedure
- Award criteria
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- Help
- Important – *rules and tips*
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Article 12(6) concerning security restrictions is applicable for topics DIGITAL-2024-CLOUD-DATA-06-**MANUFSPACE** and DIGITAL-2024-CLOUD-DATA-06-**HEALTHCARE-AI**

Applicants (beneficiaries and affiliated entities) must be **legal entities established in eligible countries** i.e.:

- **EU Members States + Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein** (listed EEA countries), or
- **DEP associated counties**, but only if they are formally associated to DEP and have received a positive assessment by the EC.

Furthermore, entities **established in associated countries and controlled from non-EU countries** may participate, if they submit a guarantee demonstrating that they have taken measures to ensure that their participation does not contravene security or EU strategic autonomy interests.

See: list of participating countries

The ownership and control status of applicants will be determined based on the **Ownership Control Declaration** that must be submitted as part of the proposal (supporting documents will be requested later).

Outline of the Call document – Art 12(6)

Article 12(6) concerning security restrictions is applicable for topics DIGITAL-2024-CLOUD-DATA-06-**MANUFSPACE** and DIGITAL-2024-CLOUD-DATA-06-**HEALTHCARE-AI**

The security restrictions **have an impact on a number of specific Grant Agreement provisions**:

- project activities must take place in eligible countries
- subcontracted work must be performed in the eligible countries
- only costs for activities carried out in eligible countries are eligible
- exploitation must take place in eligible countries
- special rules for implementation, exploitation of results, transfers and exclusive licensing of results

See:

- Call document section 6. Eligibility – *Eligible participants*
- Call document section 10. Legal and financial set up of the Grant Agreements - *Provisions concerning the project implementation*
- Call document Annex 2
- list of participating countries
- Guidance on participation in DEP, HE, EDF and CEF-DIG restricted calls

How to submit a proposal

How to submit a proposal

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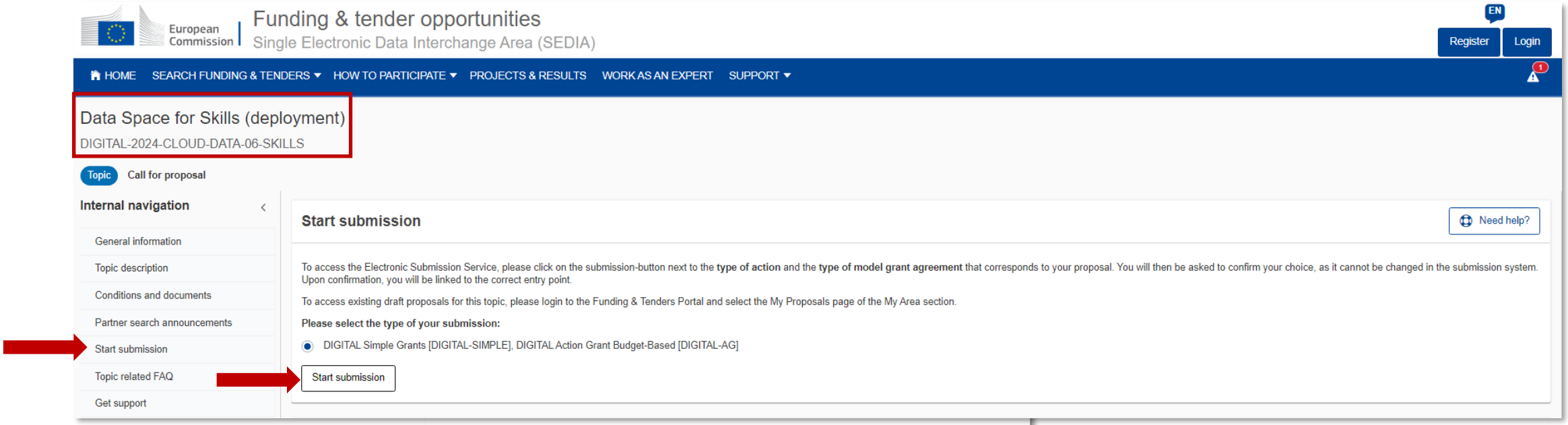

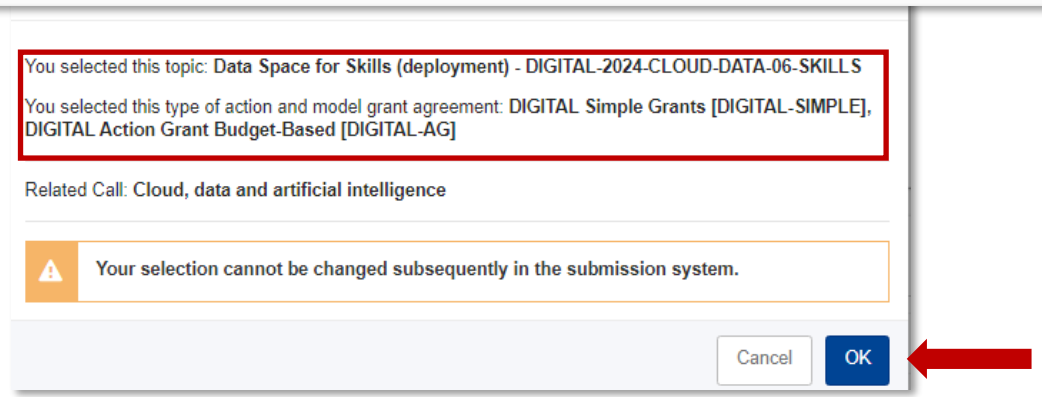

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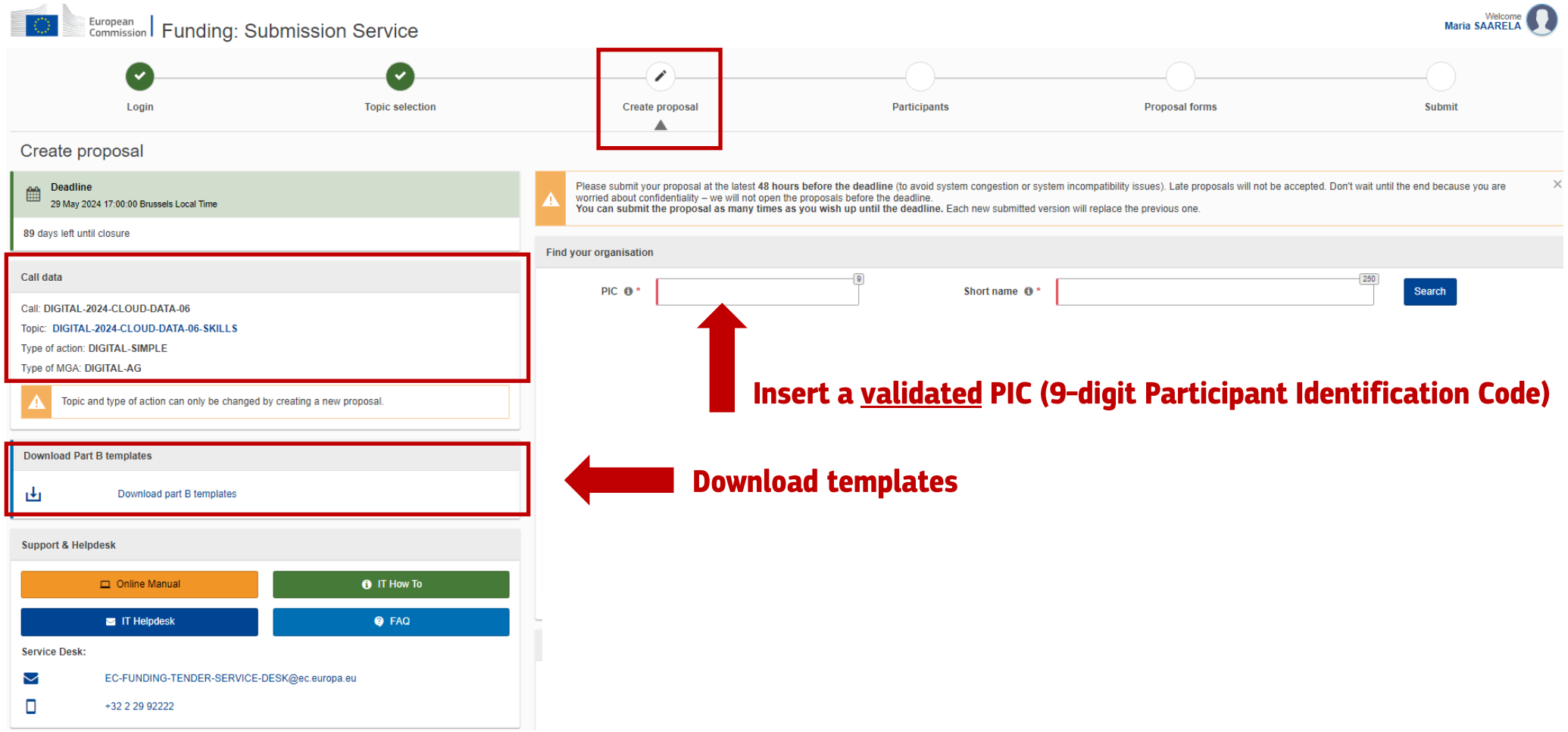

Correct topic?

Insert a validated PIC (9-digit Participant Identification Code)

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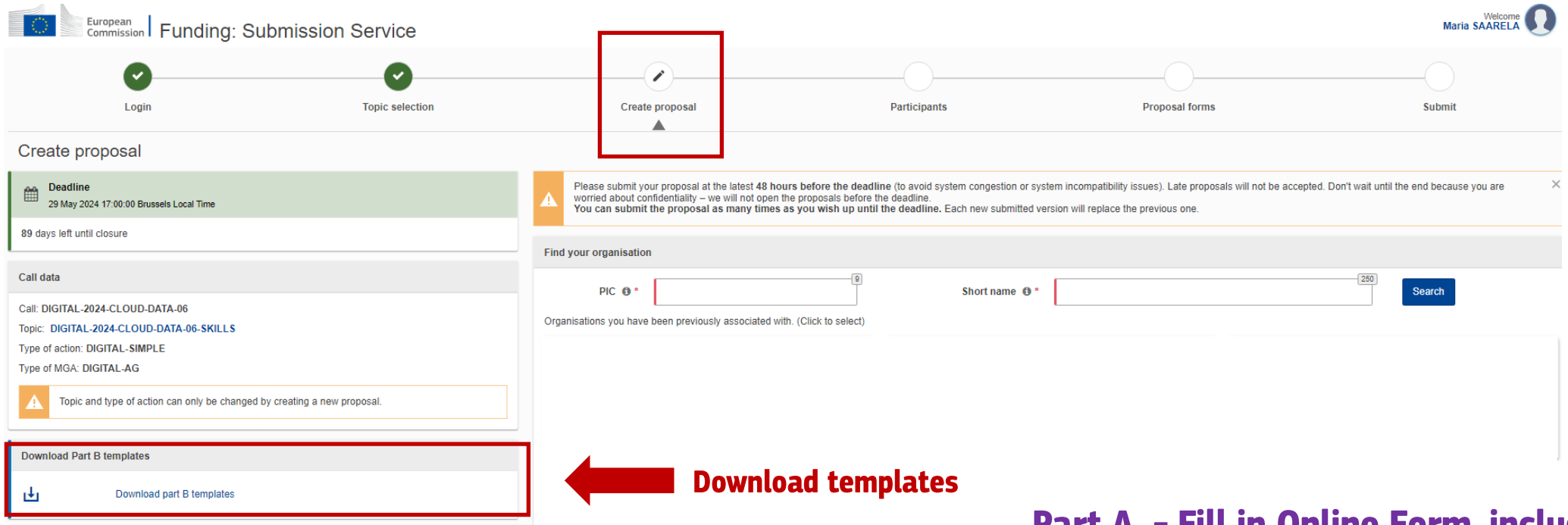

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Part B - Download Zip File with templates:

- Tpl_Application Form (Part B) (DEP).rtf
- Tpl_Ownership Control Declaration (DEP, HE, EDF and CEF-DIG).rtf

Part A - Fill in Online Form, including:

1. Details of the coordinator & consortium partners
2. Budget Table
3. Ethics Issues Table
4. Security issues table

Ownership Control Declaration – mandatory for topics:
DIGITAL-2024-CLOUD-DATA-06-**MANUFSPACE** and DIGITAL-2024-CLOUD-DATA-06-**HEALTHCARE-AI**

Outline of the proposal

Part A & Part B

Outline of the proposal – Part A

Part A – the administrative part of the application	
Section 1 – General information	Call, Topic, Type of Action, Proposal number, Proposal acronym, Type of Model Grant Agreement
Section 2 – Participants	Information on the applicants and consortium partners
Section 3 – Budget	Budget allocation per costs category and per partner
Section 4 – Other Questions	Ethics & Security issues tables

Outline of the proposal – Part A

Part A – the administrative part of the application	
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Section 3 – Budget	Budget allocation per costs category and per partner
Section 4 – Other Questions	Ethics & Security issues tables

See Call document:

- Section 6. Eligibility
- Section 2. *Targeted stakeholders* and *Specific topic conditions*

Outline of the proposal – Part A

Part A – the administrative part of the application	
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Section 4 – Other Questions	Ethics & Security issues tables

See Call document:

- Section 3. Available budget
- Section 10. *Budget categories and cost eligibility rules*

Financial support to third parties: not allowed.
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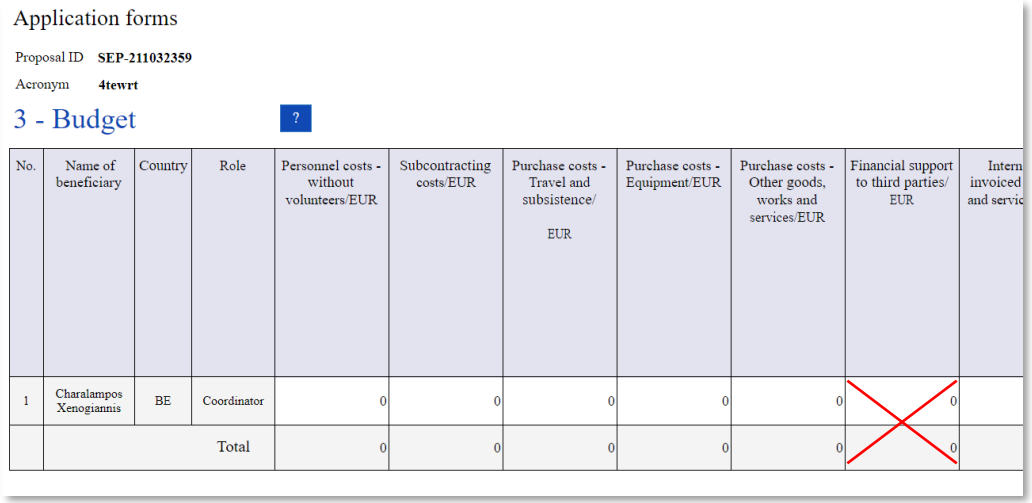

Application forms

Proposal ID **SEP-211032359**

Acronym **4tewrt**

3 - Budget

No.	Name of beneficiary	Country	Role	Personnel costs - without volunteers/EUR	Subcontracting costs/EUR	Purchase costs - Travel and subsistence/ EUR	Purchase costs - Equipment/EUR	Purchase costs - Other goods, works and services/EUR	Financial support to third parties/ EUR	Intern invoiced and servic
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			Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Outline of the proposal – Part A

Part A – the administrative part of the application	
Section 1 – General information	Call, Topic, Type of Action, Proposal number, Proposal acronym, Type of Model Grant Agreement
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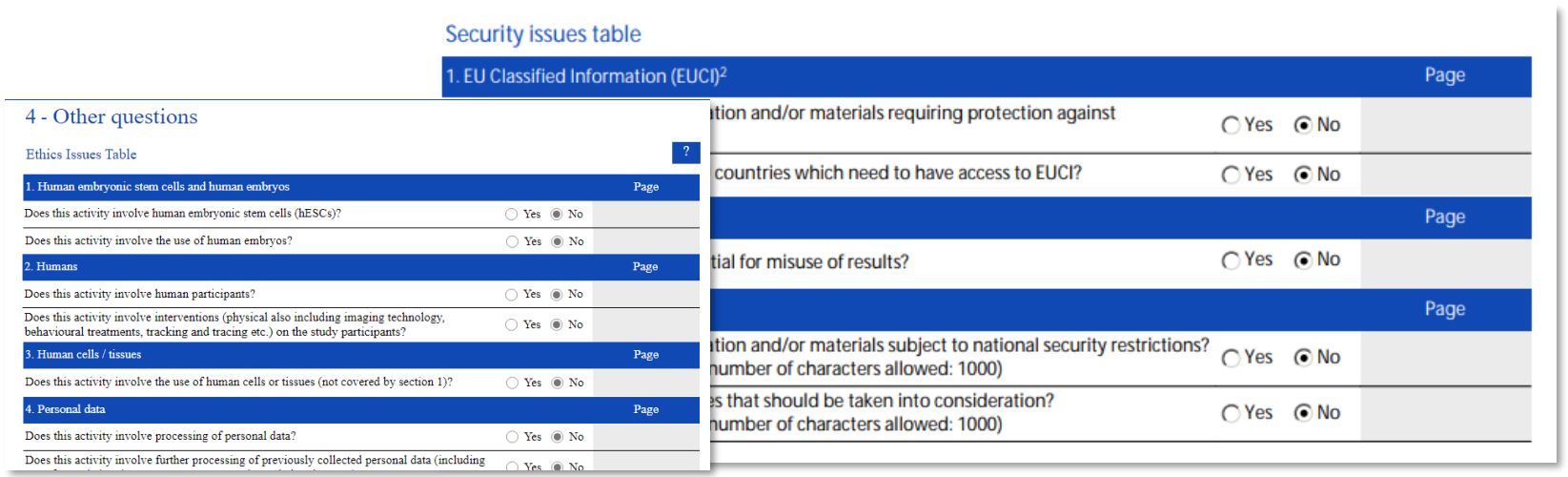
Section 3 – Budget	Budget allocation per costs category and per partner
Section 4 – Other Questions	Ethics & Security issues tables - must be completed for all topics

See Call document:

- Section 6 *Ethics*, *Security*



4 - Other questions

Ethics Issues Table

1. Human embryonic stem cells and human embryos	Page
Does this activity involve human embryonic stem cells (hESCs)?	Yes / No
Does this activity involve the use of human embryos?	Yes / No
2. Humans	**Page**
Does this activity involve human participants?	Yes / No
Does this activity involve interventions (physical also including imaging technology, behavioural treatments, tracking and tracing etc.) on the study participants?	Yes / No
3. Human cells / tissues	**Page**
Does this activity involve the use of human cells or tissues (not covered by section 1)?	Yes / No
4. Personal data	**Page**
Does this activity involve processing of personal data?	Yes / No
Does this activity involve further processing of previously collected personal data (including	Yes / No

Security issues table

1. EU Classified Information (EUCI)[2]	Page
...tion and/or materials requiring protection against	Yes / No
...countries which need to have access to EUCI?	Yes / No
	Page
...tial for misuse of results?	Yes / No
	Page
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...s that should be taken into consideration? ...number of characters allowed: 1000)	Yes / No

Outline of the proposal – Part B

Part B – the technical part of the application	
Section 1 – Relevance In line with Award Criteria 1	1.1 Objectives and activities 1.2 Contribution to long-term policy objectives, policies and strategies — Synergies 1.3 Digital technology supply chain* (not applicable in this Call) 1.4 Financial obstacles* (if applicable, see Call document)
Section 2 – Implementation In line with Award Criteria 2	2.1 Maturity 2.2 Implementation plan and efficient use of resources 2.3 Capacity to carry out the proposed work
Section 3 – Impact In line with Award Criteria 3	3.1 Expected outcomes and deliverables 3.2 Competitiveness and benefits for society 3.3 Environmental sustainability and contribution to European Green Deal goals* (if applicable, see Call document)

* Part B Section **1.3** is **NOT APPLICABLE** for topic *DIGITAL-2024-CLOUD-DATA-06-**MANUFSPACE***
* Part B Sections **1.3, 1.4** and **3.3** are **NOT APPLICABLE** for the topics:
  *DIGITAL-2024-CLOUD-DATA-06-**SKILLS*** and *DIGITAL-2024-CLOUD-DATA-06-**HEALTHCARE-AI***

Outline of the proposal – Part B

Part B – the technical part of the application	
Section 4 – Work plan	Work plan, Work Packages, Staff effort, Subcontracting, Purchases and equipment, Other cost categories, Timing (Gantt) – fill in tables following the template format
Section 5 - OTHER	Ethics, Security - leave empty in Part B; fill in tables in Part A
Section 6 - DECLARATIONS	Information concerning other EU grants – must be completed for all topics Financial support to third parties – not applicable in this call
ANNEXES	Ownership Control Declaration – upload as separate pdf (SKILLS and HEALTHCARE-AI) Annex 4 to Part B: List of Previous projects - upload as separate pdf (MANUFSPACE and HEALTHCARE-AI)

Part B page limit for Simple Grants: **70 pages** (SKILLS and MANUFSPACE)
Part B page limit for Coordination and Support Actions: **50 pages** (HEALTHCARE-AI)

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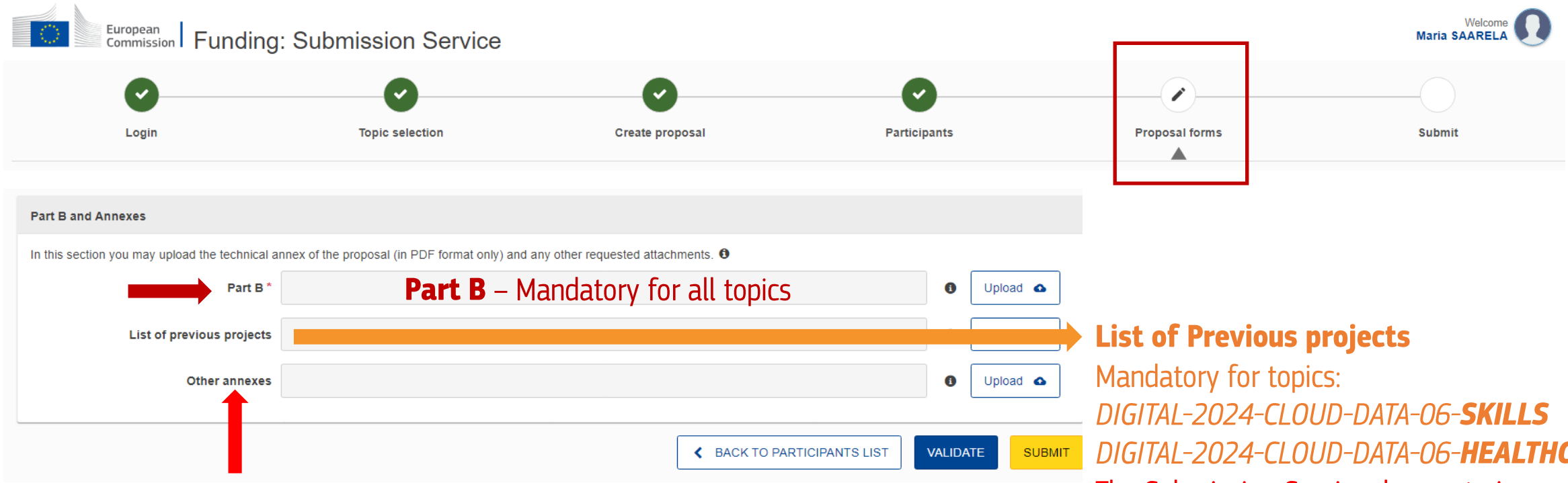
Part B and Annexes:



List of Previous projects

Mandatory for topics:

*DIGITAL-2024-CLOUD-DATA-06-**SKILLS***

*DIGITAL-2024-CLOUD-DATA-06-**HEALTHCARE-AI***

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Other Annexes!

Ownership Control Declaration – mandatory for topics:

*DIGITAL-2024-CLOUD-DATA-06-**MANUFSPACE***

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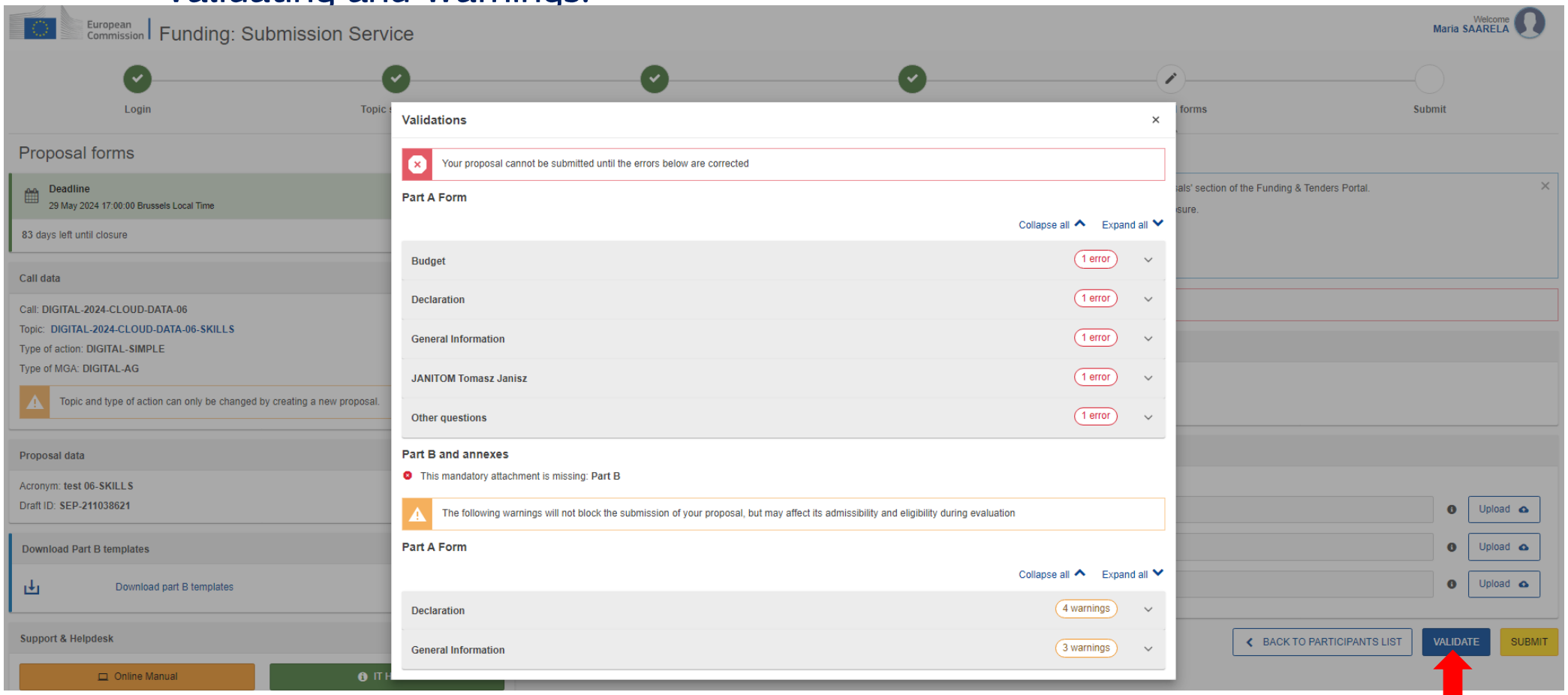

Before submitting the application **Validate** and ***address warnings*** **!!!**

Award criteria

Award criteria

1. RELEVANCE	2. IMPLEMENTATION	3. IMPACT
1.1 Alignment with the objectives and activities as described in section 2 1.2 Contribution to long-term policy objectives, relevant policies and strategies, and synergies with activities at European and national level 1.3 Extent to which the project would reinforce and secure the digital technology **supply chain** in the EU* 1.4 Extent to which the project can overcome **financial obstacles** such as the lack of market finance*	2.1 Maturity of the project 2.2 Soundness of the implementation plan and efficient use of resources 2.3 Capacity of the applicants, and when applicable the consortium as a whole, to carry out the proposed work	3.1 Extent to which the project will achieve the expected outcomes and deliverables referred to in the call for proposals and, where relevant, the plans to disseminate and communicate project achievements 3.2 Extent to which the project will strengthen competitiveness and bring important benefits for society 3.3 Extent to which the project addresses environmental sustainability and the **European Green Deal goals**, in terms of direct effects and/or in awareness of environmental effects*

* Sub-criteria **1.3** is **NOT APPLICABLE** for this call topic *DIGITAL-2024-CLOUD-DATA-06-**MANUFSPACE***

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Award criteria - thresholds

AWARD CRITERIA	MINIMUM SCORE	MINIMUM PASS SCORE (CRITERION)	MINIMUM PASS SCORE (PROPOSAL)	MAXIMUM SCORE (CRITERION)	MAXIMUM SCORE (PROPOSAL)
RELEVANCE	0	3	10	5	15
IMPLEMENTATION	0	3		5	
IMPACT	0	3		5	

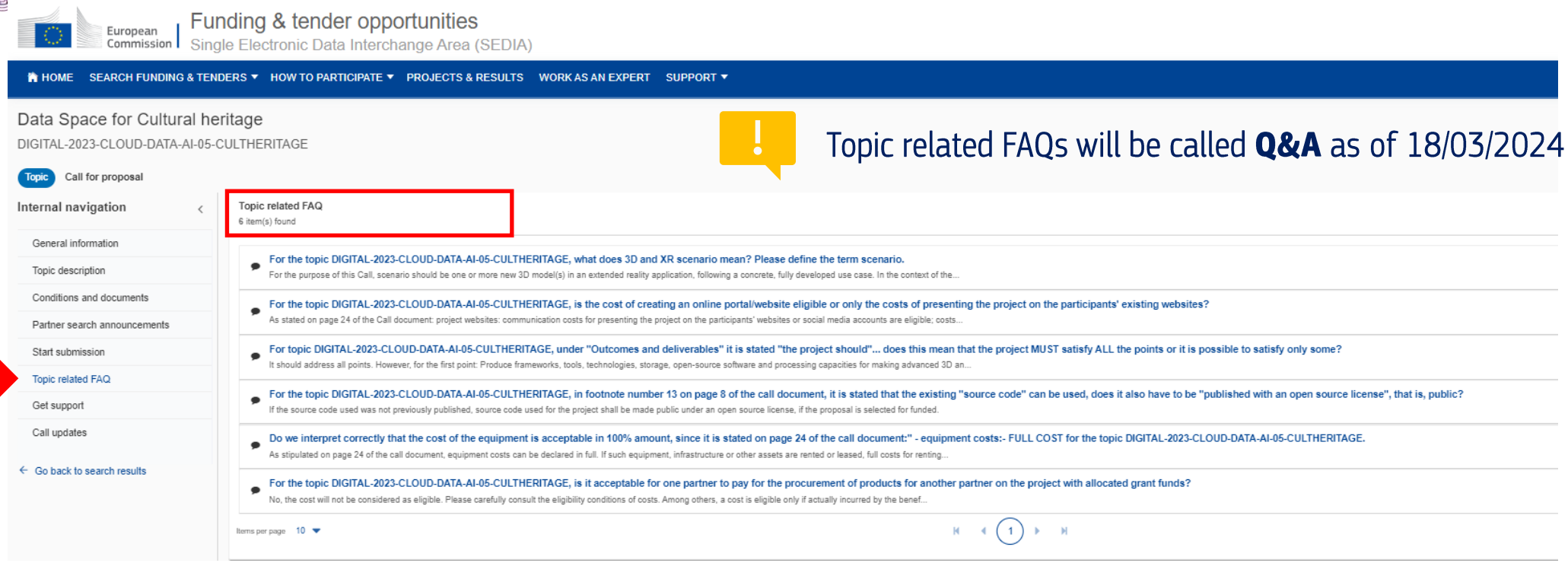
- For a proposal to be considered for funding, it **MUST**:

Pass the individual award criterion threshold for each criteria: **3 points** **AND** Obtain an overall score of or above **10 points**

- All proposals that are scored *below* these thresholds will be rejected.
- Only proposals *above* these thresholds and within the limits of the *available call budget*, can be funded.
- *For further details, please refer to the Call Document Section 9 – Award Criteria*

Questions and Guidance

FAQs / Q&A – How to submit a question



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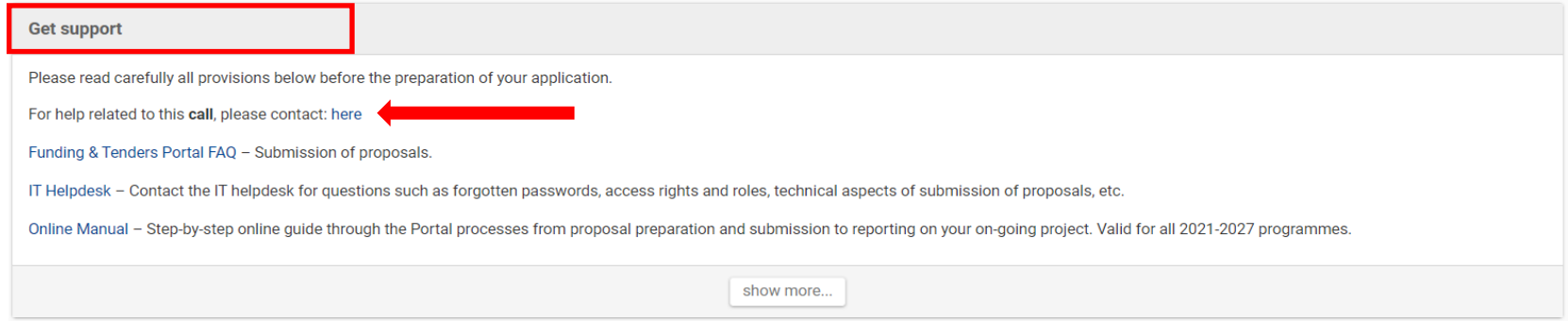

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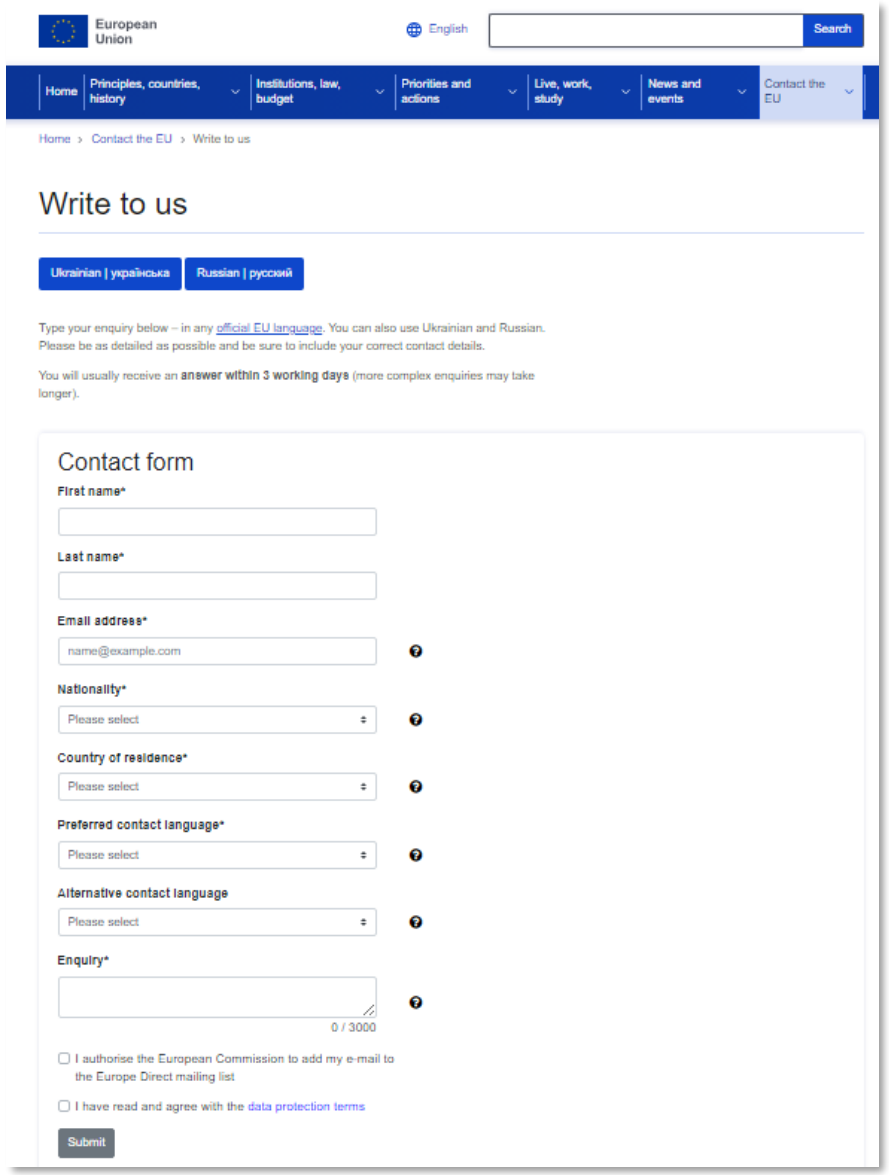

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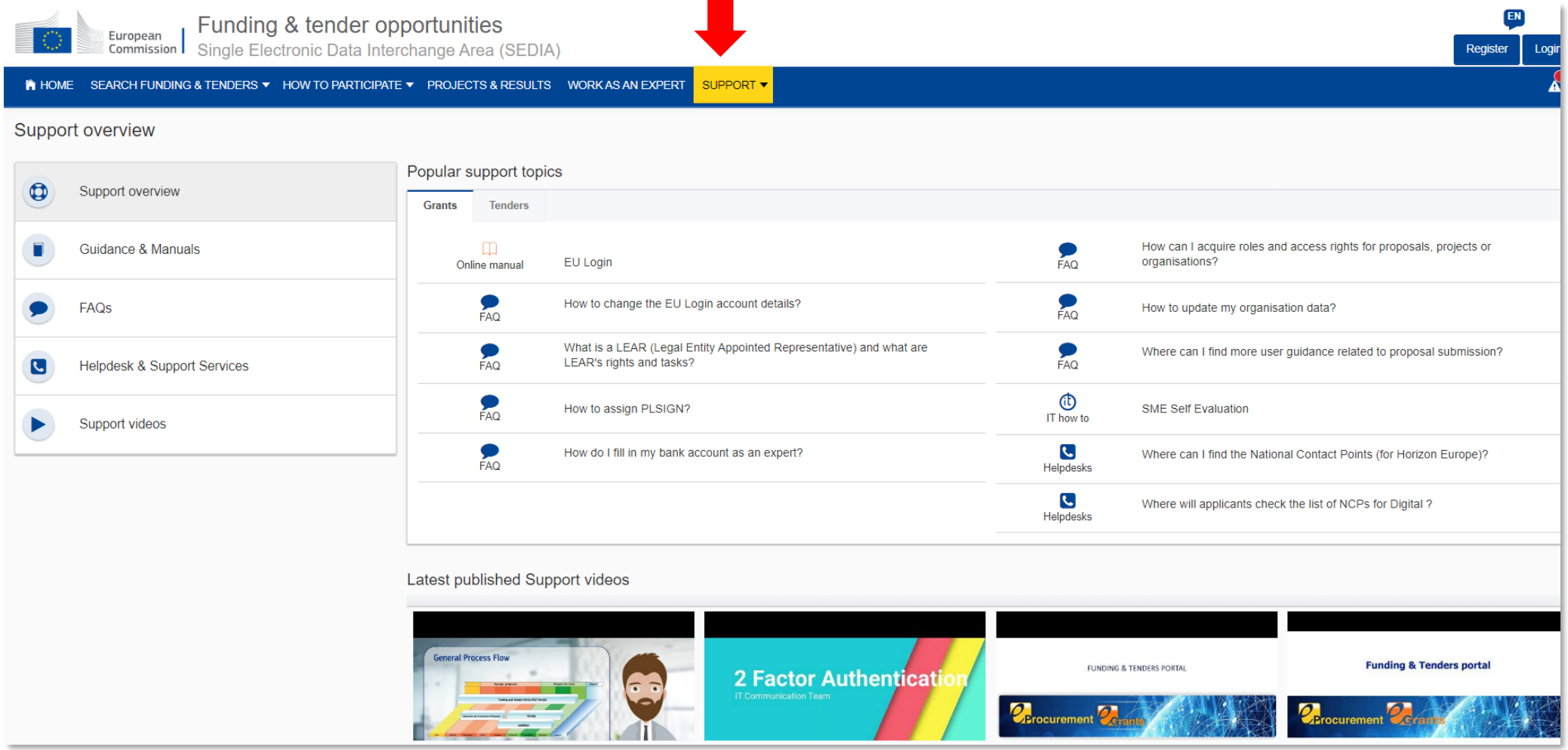

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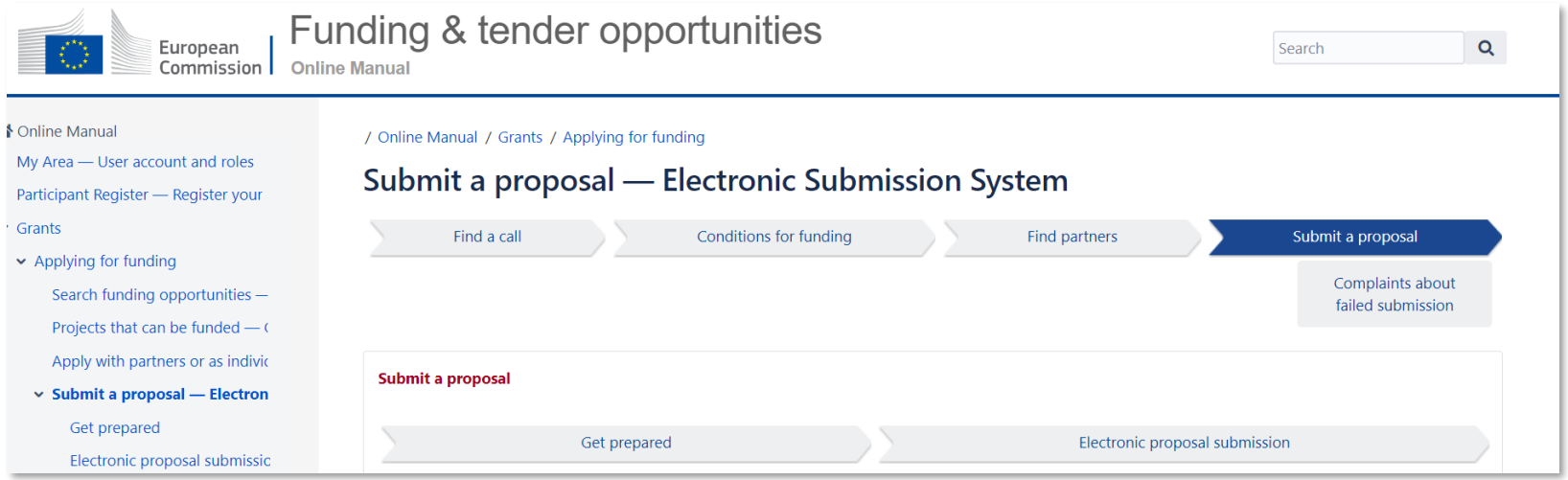

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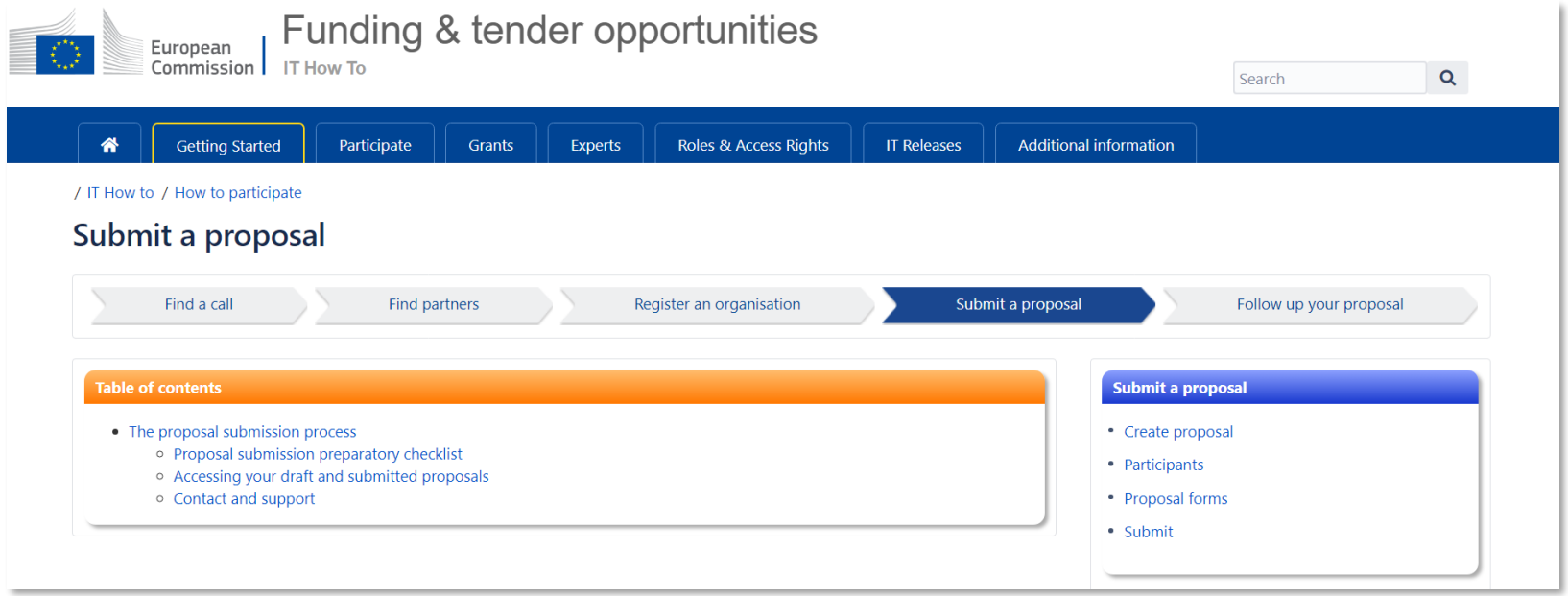
Detailed instructions with screenshots



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- **Admissibility requirements:**
  - Application form **is readable** – before uploading Part B, check that it has been correctly converted to PDF and that there are no missing parts or missing tables.
  - Always use the **standard template Part B,** downloaded from the submission system (not an old copy or own format).

- **Eligibility requirement:**
  - **Consortium composition compliance is a must** – Read carefully *Section 6* of the call document and section *Targeted Stakeholders*.
  - **Ownership Control Declaration** – mandatory for topics DIGITAL-2024-CLOUD-DATA-06-**MANUFSPACE** and DIGITAL-2024-CLOUD-DATA-06-**HEALTHCARE-AI**

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- **Ethics and Security issues table:**
  - Applicable for **all topics**.
  - Mark with great attention the **relevant Ethics & Security issues**.
  - Include the corresponding **proposal Part B page** in the respective table.
  - Describe how your proposal **complies with ethical principles and relevant legislation** for any issues marked in the ethics form.

- **Award Criteria:**
  - Take into account the **award criteria** as detailed in the Call document and follow that logic in your application to provide all necessary information.

Final tips

- **Page Limit:**
  - **70 pages** for topics DIGITAL-2024-CLOUD-DATA-06-**SKILLS** and DIGITAL-2024-CLOUD-DATA-06-**MANUFSPACE**
  - **50 pages** for topic DIGITAL-2024-CLOUD-DATA-06-**HEALTHCARE-AI**
  - Any additional pages will be hidden

- **Deadline:**
  - **Do not submit your proposal on the last day**, to avoid last minute or technical problems!

Thank you!

We would like to receive your feedback

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