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**Questions and Answers related to the  
Call for proposals under the Annual Work Programme 2022  
EU4H-2022-PJ**

**General questions**

**1. Where can I find information on awarded grants and dates of future grants publications? Where can I find a model of the Grant Agreement?**

Ongoing and previous projects and their results can be found on the website [Projects & Results \(europa.eu\)](#).

Additionally, you can visit the [EU4Health \(europa.eu\)](#) to gather more details on the current Annual Work Programme 2022 and the EU4Health Regulation with regards to the funding mechanism, objectives and topics for funding. [2022 EU4Health Work Programme \(europa.eu\)](#).

Information on the estimated dates of publication for all grants and procurements are available in the Annual Work Programmes.

Open calls to submit proposals can be found on the [Funding and Tender portal](#). [Calls for proposals \(europa.eu\)](#).

You can also contact the National Focal Point (NFP). The NPSs are the national experts for the Health Programme in EU countries and participating countries. NFP representatives are appointed by their national health ministries. Please find more information on [National Focal Points \(europa.eu\)](#).

The model of the annotated grant agreement is available at the following link [mga\\_eu4h\\_en.pdf \(europa.eu\)](#).

**2. Do you have a list of all grant recipients or projects that have successfully participated in a call for proposals?**

Concerning your query kindly note that all grants awarded in the course of a financial year shall be published on the internet site [Project databases | European Commission \(europa.eu\)](#) during the first half of the year following the closure of the budget year in respect on which they were awarded.

**3. Could you please provide me with the link to the presentations of the Webinar on the 1<sup>st</sup> wave of the 2022 EU4HEALTH open call?**

The copies of the presentations and the recording of the information session on the first wave of open calls for Action Grants under the EU4Health 2022 work programme are available at the following link:

[https://hadea.ec.europa.eu/news/recording-info-session-new-eu4health-calls-now-available-2022-03-11\\_en](https://hadea.ec.europa.eu/news/recording-info-session-new-eu4health-calls-now-available-2022-03-11_en)

**4. Regarding the call EU4Health Programme (EU4H) *Call for proposals under the Annual Work Programme 2022*; EU4H-2022-PJ, can you please send us call documentation in another official EU language?**

Thank you very much for consulting us on the request below.

We would like to inform you that, according to our Vademecum, the deadline for requesting on-demand translations is 10 days after the call opening. In this case the request should have been received by the beginning of March, therefore it is not eligible. In addition, the EU4 Health programme is not multi-lingual, because the language regime is fixed as part of the on-boarding criteria.

However, we can try to do our best to accommodate language-related issues (as long as the request has effect utile, i.e. can be provided in time to have any useful value for the applicant). Therefore, please let us know whether there is any specific matter with any of the call topics which you would like us to clarify.

**5. I need some assistance with funding. Is HaDEA the correct EU agency to assist me?**

Concerning your query and based on the information you shared with us, we would like to recommend you as follows:

- Contact your 'National Focal Point': They will provide you information on the available Funds and in particular its interactions with national funding instruments and other EU programmes. [National Focal Points \(europa.eu\)](#). We also recommend you to present to them more details of the scope of your project, so they will be able to assess the options for funding to your project.
- You can also visit the [EU4Health Work Programme 2022](#) to know the upcoming grants to be launched. Once launched, the call and related information will be published on [Funding & tenders \(europa.eu\)](#) and on HaDEA website [Calls for proposals \(europa.eu\)](#).

**6. Who should I contact if I have questions when submitting an application for funding or tendering?**

Please address any communications to the functional mailbox [HaDEA-HP-CALLS@ec.europa.eu](mailto:HaDEA-HP-CALLS@ec.europa.eu) and not directly to the Head of Unit or to any other member of the Unit.

In particular, **questions on the Prior Information Notice (PIN) for a specific call for tenders** must be submitted via the dedicated Questions and answers' tab in eTendering.

**Questions on a specific call for tenders once it has been published** must be submitted via the dedicated 'Questions and answers' tab in eTendering.

**For general issues on procurement not linked to a specific call for tenders**, contact with HaDEA should be performed via the functional mailbox [hadea-procell@ec.europa.eu](mailto:hadea-procell@ec.europa.eu)

While there is no specific rule that would preclude the possibility to contact directly HaDEA personnel, the functional mailboxes remain the preferred communication channel with the external public.

## **7. How do I submit an application for funding?**

In order to apply for funding, you need to follow the procedure for the opening calls as you will see in the in Funding & Tender Portal. The information on how to provide documents and annexes is available at [Funding & tenders \(europa.eu\)](https://ec.europa.eu/eu4health/funding-tenders/) and on the HaDEA website [Calls for proposals \(europa.eu\)](https://ec.europa.eu/eu4health/calls-for-proposals/).

## **8. I would like to submit an application for an EU4Health call in the dedicated area on the EU Funding & Tenders portal, but am experiencing some difficulties loading the data. Can you provide assistance?**

For this question related to technical issues of the portal submission system, you have contact the IT Helpdesk. All information available on how to proceed on this link: [Funding & tenders \(europa.eu\)](https://ec.europa.eu/eu4health/funding-tenders/).

## **9. Is it possible to apply for more than one call under the EU4Health Programme at the same time?**

Yes, you may apply for several calls. Nevertheless, you have to fulfil all the eligibility criteria for the specific calls.

## **10. To prepare a proposal under the EU4H-2022-PJ, one of the mandatory annexes in the CVs (annex 2 to Part B), if required in the call document. Is there any template we can use for all partners in the consortium? Is there any recommendation, guideline or sample of how a CV should look like?**

CVs can be made available following a free format. Nonetheless, you may wish to consider the following indications:

- A short resume of the core project team is sufficient. If needed, more detailed CVs may be requested at a later stage;
- CVs can be merged and uploaded in a unique pdf.

## **11. Which countries are eligible for actions under the EU4Health Programme? I would also like to know if researchers from USA could participate.**

The proposals for an action under the EU4Health Programme must relate to activities taking place in the “eligible countries”. Currently only the EU Members States, Iceland and Norway are eligible for funding.

We also call you attention to Article 13.4 of the EU4Health Regulation which specifies that *Natural persons shall not be eligible for grants under the Programme.*

## **12. Can legal entities in third countries join EU-based partnering organisations to participate in those research-related activities taking place in the eligible countries?**

Legal entities that are established in a third country which are not associated to the EU4Health Programme may in exceptional cases be eligible to participate in the Programme where such participation is necessary for the achievement of the objectives of a given action. It should be clearly specified in the application what your entity, will do, how and where.

The assessment to be carried out by the EU of that necessity shall be duly reflected in the funding decision. The applicants must be prepared to remove such entity from the application if the assessment of your entity participation is negative.

Be informed that Legal entities that are established in a third country which is not associated to the Programme shall bear the cost of their participation, if they participate as associated partners.

Additionally it may be considered by the applicant to include an entity like yours as subcontracting within the proposal, please note that subcontracting should normally constitute a limited part of the project. Additionally, it needs to be justified (give reasons). The applicant needs to explain why they are not able to carry on these tasks and therefore are needed to be subcontracted to other entity. If the entity asking for subcontracting is a public body, it needs to follow national procedures for tendering. National public procurement rules apply. This principle applies unless there is a monopoly situation, which will be invoked, thus no open procedure will be launched. This explanation should be mentioned in the application if it is the case.

Please note as well that in order to give you a definitive answer; the project application must be assessed in its full complexity.

### **Topic EU4H-2022-PJ-01**

**13. Page 9 in the call fiche of Topic EU4H-2022-PJ-01 mentions: “For this specific topic, proposals by a single applicant are also eligible”. Can the proposal be submitted by one organization for one Member State? If that is the case, how will it cover the specific action-level indicators?**

Applications from a single beneficiary are accepted. Nevertheless, this call is a competition and therefore each proposal addressing those specific action-level indicators needs to demonstrate in which Member States will implement the action and will be evaluated accordingly.

**14. I'm writing to you regarding the following open call: *Call for proposals to monitor and strengthen the implementation of innovative approaches to prostate, lung and gastric cancer screening at Union level*; TOPIC ID: EU4H-2022-PJ-01. I've noticed that there are no partners/collaborators listed in the call, is there any reason why?**

The following are listed in the call topic ID: EU4H-2022-PJ-01 for the description as targeted applicants:

*“Academia and education establishments, research institutes, national and regional health authorities dealing with cancer screening programmes, hospitals, civil society organisations (associations, foundations, NGOs and similar entities), expert networks and established networks in the field of public health”.*

**15. We are involved in the preparation of a consortium and proposal for the following call: EU4H-2022-PJ-01: CR-g-22-09.01/02/03 *Call for proposals to monitor and strengthen the implementation of innovative approaches to prostate, lung and gastric cancer screening at Union level.***

**We have well noted that International Organisations are in principle eligible to receive funding as the rule on countries eligibility does not apply to them for EU4H projects.**

This is seems to be contradicted however with the fact that international organisations are not specifically mentioned in the specific eligibility criteria of EU4H-2022-PJ-01: CR-g-22-09.01/02/03 *Call for proposals to monitor and strengthen the implementation of innovative approaches to prostate, lung and gastric cancer screening at Union level* copied below.

**Special requirements**

<p><b>Applicants – specific eligibility criteria</b></p>	<p>Academia and education establishments, research institutes, national and regional health authorities dealing with cancer screening programmes, hospitals, civil society organisations (associations, foundations, NGOs and similar entities), expert networks and established networks in the field of public health.</p> <p>For this specific topic, proposals by a single applicant are also eligible.</p>
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**Could you please clarify whether International Organizations are eligible to participate and receive funding as part of this call for proposals?**

Article 13.1 (b) of the EU4Health Regulation lists International Organisations as Eligible legal entities under the EU4Health Programme.

However, and for this specific call topic, according to the Annual Work Programme, we confirm to you that International Organisations are not eligible to apply for funding to the mentioned call, namely *CR-g-22-09.01/02/03 to monitor and strengthen the implementation of innovative approaches to prostate, lung and gastric cancer screening at Union level*. International Organisations may be an associated partner in a proposal covering their own costs.

International Organisations may be eligible for some other topics and in specific cases may be funded through direct grants or contribution agreements (indirect management) as specified in the work programme.

**16. We are interested in participating in a consortium for EU4H-2022-PJ-01: CR-g-22-09.01/02/03: *Call for proposals to monitor and strengthen the implementation of innovative approaches to prostate, lung and gastric cancer screening at Union level*.**

**In the proposed consortium there are mostly public partners. I have a question about the eligibility of private entities in participating in this call.**

**In the call document the following is listed on page 9:**

## Special requirements

<b>Applicants – specific eligibility criteria</b>	Academia and education establishments, research institutes, national and regional health authorities dealing with cancer screening programmes, hospitals, civil society organisations (associations, foundations, NGOs and similar entities), expert networks and established networks in the field of public health.  For this specific topic, proposals by a single applicant are also eligible.
<b>Specific eligibility criteria applicable to the consortium composition</b>	1 proposal per subtopic. One applicant may cover more than one subtopic (i.e. one proposal per sub-topic).
<b>Non-eligible activities</b>	NO

However, on page 36 of the call document the following is listed:

### 6. Eligibility

#### Eligible participants (eligible countries)

In order to be eligible for funding, 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 linked to it (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 the deadline for submission.

Beneficiaries and affiliated entities must register in the [Participant Register](#) — before submitting the proposal — and will have to be validated by the Central Validation Service (REA Validation). For the validation, they will be requested to upload documents showing legal status and origin.

#### **Are private entities thus invited to apply for this grant opportunity?**

The specific eligibility criteria for a concrete topic, in this case for EU4H-2022-PJ-01: CR-g-22-09.01/02/03, needs to be fulfilled. In principle, if there are restrictions on participation for a specific topic (type of applicants), they prevail over the general rule of eligibility (eligible participants).

**If the specific eligibility criteria are fulfilled, then there is no restriction to enter private partners as part of the consortium and being reimbursed by the grant? Can they enter as full partner and be reimbursed by the grant or do we need to list them as associated partners not receiving grant funding? I assume that subcontracting from an applicant to a private party is allowed.**

If the eligibility criteria are fulfilled, those entities can be partners applicants requesting EU funding contribution according to the arrangements specified in the call for eligible costs. Entities listed as associated partners will not receive EU funding.

Subcontracting should normally constitute a limited part of the project. Additionally it needs to be justified (give reasons). The applicant needs to explain why they are not able to carry on these tasks and therefore are needed to be subcontracted to other entity.

**17. Regarding the EU4H-2022-PJ-01 Call for proposals to monitor and strengthen the implementation of innovative approaches to prostate, lung and gastric cancer screening at Union level, the total funding of 10 000 000 euro will be given to one single project?**

For the topic EU4H-2022-PJ-01 it is specified that up to 3 proposals, each proposal addressing 1 different subtopic, 1 addressing prostate cancer, 1 lung cancer, and 1 gastric cancer, will be awarded. For each subtopic the EU contribution budget available is 10 000 000 EUR.

**18. We intend to apply under the call EU4H-2022-PJ, Topic EU4H-2022-PJ-01. Is there a maximum budget per partner allowed that we have to bear in mind, or it depends on the tasks developed? Is it forecast a co-financing rate for this topic?**

There is no maximum budget per partner, it depends on the tasks developed and according to the proposal you will submit.

The costs will be reimbursed at the funding rate fixed in the Grant Agreement (60% is the maximum). You can apply for a higher project funding rate (maximum 80%), if your project is of 'exceptional utility'.

Actions with a clear Union added value shall be considered to have exceptional utility, inter alia, where:

- *At least 30 % of the budget of the proposed action is allocated to Member States whose GNI per inhabitant is less than 90 % of the Union average (it will also apply in the case of a single beneficiary if the MS fulfils the criteria mentioned); or*
- *Bodies from at least 14 participating Member States participate in the action, of which at least four are Member States whose GNI per inhabitant is less than 90 % of the Union average.*

Moreover, please be aware that the final grant amount may be reduced in case of non-compliance with the Grant Agreement (e.g. improper implementation, breach of obligations, etc.)."

### **Topic EU4H-2022-PJ-02**

**19. I am writing to you with regards to the EU4H-2022-PJ-02 Call for proposals on NCDs - other NCDs (different from cardiovascular prevention and diabetes) as I have a doubt related to the activities that would be supported in this framework.**

**As far as I understood by reading the call, the objective is to allocate a budget of 5 000 000 euro to 7 proposals and activities that can positively promote health, and help prevent NCDs - other than diabetes and/or cardiovascular diseases. All of this in order to achieve the health goals of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development of the United Nations, while increasing awareness around this important public health issue.**

**Are activities aimed at preventing and/or tackling obesity covered, in light of the strong support that the European Commission has shown towards the subject in its Resilience strategy? More specifically, will adult and child obesity be considered as NCD, or is the**

**focus of this call only on kidney and liver diseases, autoimmune diseases, musculoskeletal dysfunction?**

As you can see from the call text, the aim of the action is to reduce the burden of NCDs by targeting NCDs other than those in the five action strands of the 'Healthier Together – EU NCD Initiative' and cancer; for example, kidney diseases and liver diseases, auto-immune diseases, musculo-skeletal conditions etc., by increasing awareness, sharing knowledge and building capacity to improve public health, especially at local level.

Kidney diseases and liver diseases, auto-immune diseases, musculo-skeletal conditions etc. are mentioned as examples and therefore other NCDs can also be addressed in this call.

**20. I am writing for a question regarding the following: *Call for proposals on prevention of NCDs - other NCDs (different from cardiovascular diseases and diabetes)* (TOPIC ID: EU4H-2022-PJ-02). Specifically, I would like to ask about the scope of the call; is this limited to primary prevention, or does it also cover secondary and tertiary prevention?**

The focus is on health promotion and primary prevention (e.g. weight loss to avoid diabetes) and secondary prevention (like screening). Tertiary prevention is not the focus as it concerns for example different types of treatments, pharmaceuticals or clinical methods.

**21. We are a potentially interested company on the EU4Health grant EU4H-2022-PJ-02. The call reads about funding projects that address NCDs "other than those in the five action strands of the 'Healthier Together - EU NCD Initiative'". One of the "five action strands" is "mental health and neurological disorders." Does this mean that topics concerning Parkinson's syndrome automatically fall within the 'Healthier Together - EU NCD Initiative'? In addition to that, are there National Focal Points for the 'Healthier Together - EU NCD Initiative' within the Member States, e.g. in Germany?**

The rationale for the call on "other NCDs" is to allow those which do not fall under the NCD 5 strands to be funded. As there is a strand on mental health and neurological disorders, such diseases as Parkinson fall under that strand, and not on "other NCDs" (which aim more at liver, kidney etc. diseases).

The "Healthier Together - EU NCD Initiative" does not have national focal points as that is a concept of EU4health. There are national representatives at the Steering Group on Promotion and Prevention (SGPP) subgroup. We cannot provide contacts but you may wish to inquire by the non-communicable diseases unit of the German Federal Ministry of Health.

### **Topic EU4H-2022-PJ-03**

**22. We are considering applying to the EU4H-2022-PJ-03: DP-g-22- 07.01/03 grant for promoting mental health. Reading through the call document, I noticed that it is written that one proposal will be awarded for each subtopic under this grant. Does this mean that only two proposals will receive the funding? Or could it be possible that the funding will be redistributed over more proposals based on the evaluation results?**



We confirm that only 1 proposal will be funded for each subtopic for topic EU4H-2022-PJ-03. Therefore, it will be 2 proposals that will be funded under this topic.

### **Topic EU4H-2022-PJ-06**

**23.** We are representing a consortium to apply for the EU4H-2022-PJ-06 - *Call for proposals to provide training for health workforce, including digital skills*. When carefully reading the call proposal, a question was raised regarding *section E - Specific mandatory deliverables and/or milestones – point 2) training components with following elements: “training should be carried out in at least 5 Member States and should be provided in national languages of these countries”*. Can you please clarify if this means one of two things:

- ALL developed training programs must be implemented in at least 5 Member States
- Or
- The consortium is required to have at least 5 Member States in the proposal but do not need to implement ALL programs in ALL these 5 Member States.

The requirement that the training should be carried out/implemented in at least 5 Member States is separate from the one of the number of the members of the consortium. For the consortium composition, the general rule applies *“proposals must be submitted by a consortium of at least 3 applicants, which complies with the following conditions: Minimum 3 entities from 3 different eligible countries”*.

The consortium does not need to originate from countries where training will be carried out. However, implicitly the consortium should demonstrate that they have necessary capacities and competences to carry out activities in the selected countries.

**Thank you for this clarification. Can you please confirm if all training programmes developed within the project need to be implemented in at least 5 Member States? For instance, if the project develops 20 modules, do they all need to be implemented in the 5 Member States or they can be divided among 5 Member States?**

We confirm that every training module should be implemented in at least 5 Member States. There could be some adaptations of a training programme, to make it tailored to the needs of specific Member States; e.g. 1 country may need to have more hours of training per person to reach an objective of a training programme, and/or another country may need some complementary courses to reach the objective of a training programme. Such differences would be fine, but a training programme/module must have specific objectives (e.g. training nurses to provide care at home to elderly persons with the use of technological support) and has to be delivered in at least 5 Member States.

**Thank you for your rapid answer. Can you also clarify if the “train the trainers” modules can be modules developed within the other specific modules but tailored to the trainers? For instance, if we have a Patients Health Data module at the general medicine section, can we also use this module for the train the trainers instead of having 7 separate modules for “train the trainers”?**

The design of 'Train the trainers modules' is up to the applicants. Therefore, there is flexibility. The modules can be part of training programmes or be stand-alone modules: this should be considered on a need basis.

**24. Our association is interested in submitting a proposal for the EU4H-2022-PJ-06 Call for proposals to provide training for health workforce, including digital skills. When it comes to individual projects, it is not clear whether each project needs to deliver all the following 10 training modules + 7 for trainers, or if an individual project could choose to only train nurses.**

- *“Newly designed European training modules for health workforce (physically or online) and their implementation; at least 1 module for general medicine, at least 3 modules for specialists professionals, at least 4 modules for nurses, at least 2 modules for non-clinical staff working in health systems or health authorities;*
- *At least seven specific modules to train trainers”.*

In addition, the training the trainer modules seems to be optional: *“When relevant, training programme/s for ‘Train the trainer’ modules with clear training targets aligned to the needs analysis”.*

**Could you please clarify these points for us?**

We confirm that for the topic EU4H-2022-PJ-06 under the AWP 2022 a project may include just 1 training programme e.g. for nurses or more training programmes for nurses and/or other health professionals. There is no need to deliver all the 10 training modules. The training programme for 'Train the trainer' modules is indeed optional.

**25. We are interested in submitting a proposal for the Health workforce training call EU4H-2022-PJ-06. Do we need to specifically train digital skills or is using a digital educational programme already seen as digital training?**

Training projects should aim at improving digital skills of medical professionals so they can provide better services for patients (e.g. through improved diagnoses, better management of care, more accessible services).

**26. During the Info session, it was mentioned that a list of the EU countries qualifying for the higher 80% co-funding for the EU4H-2022-PJ-06 call for proposals would be published. However, I have not yet found the list published on the Funding and Tenders Portal of the EU4Health Programme website. Could you please indicate where I can find it?**

According to Article 8(3) of the EU4Health Programme, and the Call for action grants under the Annual Work Programme 2022, EU4H-2022-PJ-06, actions with a clear Union added value shall be considered to have exceptional utility, inter alia, where:

- *At least 30 % of the budget of the proposed action is allocated to Member States whose GNI per inhabitant is less than 90 % of the Union average; or*
- *Bodies from at least 14 participating Member States participate in the action, of which at least four are Member States whose GNI per inhabitant is less than 90 % of the Union average.*

In cases of exceptional utility, the contribution by the Union may be up to 80% of eligible costs.

In order to verify whether your action would fall under one of these two categories, please refer to the link [Action grants - second wave under EU4Health \(europa.eu\)](https://ec.europa.eu/eu4health/grants_en), to the document named Gross National Income 2019.

The list of countries with the GNI below 90% the EU average is available at the following link: [Info Session on grants and procurement \(europa.eu\)](https://ec.europa.eu/eu4health/grants_en), please use this table. As soon as an updated version will be available, it will be published on our website.

**27. For the specific call EU4H-2022-PJ-06, there is on page 26 a special requirement as regards the applicants – specific eligibility criteria as follows: “Academia and educational establishments, European association of healthcare professionals, Trade Unions, civil society organisations (associations, foundations, NGOs and similar entities) and Member States’ authorities Applicants must provide documented evidence on experience in developing training programmes for clinical and non-clinical staff”. Also on page 36 it says that sole traders/self employed persons are eligible for grants: “Natural persons — Natural persons are NOT eligible for grants (with the exception of self employed persons, i.e. sole traders, where the company does not have legal personality separate from that of the natural person)”.**

**In view of these requirements, may I ask you to clarify what legal form the educational establishment has to have and what is the definition for "educational establishment" under this call? What is meant by “similar entities” (reported above)?**

If the call for this topic lists the applicants specific eligibility criteria, those applying for EU financing contribution must fulfill the eligibility criteria to be a beneficiary or an affiliated entity to a beneficiary.

Nevertheless, we are not in a position to assess entirely the possibility of your organization participating in the project application with the information you provided. This assessment is part of the selection and evaluation after the submission of the proposal, once we have access to all the needed information.

If, based on the call eligibility and the type of your organization, you notice that you are not amongst the types of listed eligible applicants, you could be involved in a different role in the proposal, e.g. as a subcontractor or associated partner (bearing the cost of your participation).

In the case that the applicants are including an entity like yours as subcontracting within the proposal, please note that subcontracting should normally constitute a limited part of the project. Additionally, it needs to be justified (give reasons). The applicant needs to explain why they are not able to carry on these tasks and therefore are needed to be subcontracted to another entity. If the entity asking for subcontracting is a public body, it needs to follow national procedures for tendering. National public procurement rules apply. This principle applies unless there is a monopoly situation, which will be invoked, thus no open procedure will be launched. This explanation should be mentioned in the application if it is the case.

Please note as well that in order to give you a definitive answer, the project application must be assessed in its full complexity.

For further information about the EU4Health Programme, please contact your national focal point.

[https://hadea.ec.europa.eu/programmes/eu4health/national-focal-points\\_en](https://hadea.ec.europa.eu/programmes/eu4health/national-focal-points_en)

**28. We are considering joining a consortium for the development of a project proposal for the call: EU4H-2022-PJ-06: HS-g-22-15.01 Call for proposals to provide**

**training for health workforce, including digital skills. How do we make sure that our entity is eligible to receive funds for this call?**

The call of this topic clearly specified two requirements that need to be fulfilled for the eligibility of the applicants as follows:

- *Academia and educational establishments, European association of healthcare professionals, Trade Unions, civil society organisations (associations, foundations, NGOs and similar entities) and Member States' authorities*
- *Applicants must provide documented evidence on experience in developing training programmes for clinical and non-clinical staff*

The first criteria refers to the type of entity and mentions foundations. However, the second requirement refers about the 'experience' in the field to be demonstrated within the application and supporting documents to be presented by the applicants. Therefore, we are not in a position to assess entirely the possibility of your organization participating in the project application with the information you provided. This assessment is part of the selection and evaluation after the submission of the proposal, once we have access to all the needed information. Keep in mind that this topic is open for competition with other entities and as noted in the call we evaluate and award taking into consideration the full proposal, which also includes an appraisal of those to implement the action.

**29. I am reaching out to inquire about the call for proposal EU4H-2022-PJ-06: *Call for proposals to provide training for health workforce, including digital skills*. Knowing that the total budget for this call is 29 million euro, that a maximum of 10 projects will be selected and that the budget for each project will be at least 2 million euro, what is the maximum budget that an organisation can propose for a project?**

The available budget for this topic is 29 000 000 euro. The at least 2 million euro per project proposal is the maximum that will be paid as EU contribution. It means that the 2 million euro is the available EU funding while the grant shall not exceed 60% of eligible costs for the action or 80% of eligible costs for the action in case of exceptional utility. In other words, 2 million euro is the amount the applicant may receive, but the overall budget for the project will be higher.

**Thank you for your reply but the question still remains unclear to us.**

**We have particular difficulty understanding the sentence "*at least 2 million euro per project proposal is the maximum that will be paid as EU contribution*" and ask that you clarify this. As stated in my earlier mail, in the call Document (Work Programme 2022) on this topic it is specified that "*at least 2 million euro per project proposal*" will be provided.**

**In concrete terms please kindly specify:**

- **What is the minimum budget of the proposal required to request funding under this programme?**
- **What is the maximum amount of funding contributed from EU funds of the budget?**

We are expecting proposals that at least will request 2 million euro to be paid as EU contribution for the action eligible costs. It means that for each project awarded at least 2 million euro (it might be more than 2 million euro) is the available EU funding while the grant shall not exceed 60% of eligible costs for the action or 80% of eligible costs for the action in case of exceptional utility.

The budget proposal you will submit within your proposal should be according to this information, at least 2 million euro from EU funding plus beneficiary contribution for the action.

**30. We are in the process of consortium building for the EU4H-2022-PJ-06 call. A number of our partners have several questions about the co-financing requirements and rules for the project. The call document stipulates a minimum 40% co-financing requirement on a minimum of a 2 million euro budget. This could represent a sizable, unbudgeted expense for several of our non-profit academic and health care partners, who are very interested in participating in this project but operate within very constrained operating budgets. As a result, we would like to ask you several clarification questions:**

- **Are in-kind resource contributions or offsets (for e.g. from other government procurement contracts requiring minimum national content/expenditures) considered as an eligible financing form? In practice, the in-kind contribution could include for e.g. labour of on-site trainers at healthcare facilities, licensing of software/IP for elearning platform from commercial partners, facility and administrative resources for coordination of the project at our academic partners etc. If yes, could you, please, direct us to more detailed resources applicable to in-kind financing, in terms of reporting and audit requirements?**
- **Is it possible to combine funding from other EU grants or programmes (such as the EU Recovery Plan) to meet the co-financing requirements or would these funding sources not count towards the minimum 40% co-financing for the project (since they all ultimately originate from the EU budget even though they are administered by different organizations)?**
- **Is it possible to charge an attendance fee for the modules developed as part of the project? If not, is it possible to charge associated fees such as accreditation or micro-credentials (even though the training itself would be open and freely accessible)? Would projected future revenue from these activities count towards the mandatory co-financing? This is an important consideration also from a long-term sustainability aspect of the project above and beyond the duration and scope of the current call.**

1. According to the EU4Health Model Grant Agreement, in-kind contributions are defined as follows: *“In-kind contributions within the meaning of Article 2(36) of EU Financial Regulation 2018/1046 i.e. non-financial resources made available free of charge by third parties”*. Additionally Article 9.2. of the Model Grant Agreement stipulates that: *“Other third parties may give in-kind contribution to the action (i.e. personnel, equipment, other goods, works and services, etc. which are free-of-charge), if necessary for the implementation. Third parties giving in-kind contributions do not implement any action tasks. They may not charge costs or contributions to the action and the costs for the in-kind contribution are not eligible. The third parties and their in-kind contribution should be set out in Annex I”*. This means that in-kind contributions are allowed, but they cannot be declared as cost – which is also confirmed by Article 6.3 of the Model Grant Agreement.

2. In order to optimise the added value and impact from investments funded wholly or in part through the budget of the Union, synergies should be sought in particular between the Programme and other Union programmes, including those under shared-management. To maximise those synergies, and avoid duplications, appropriate mechanisms should be provided for, including cumulative funding in an action from the

Programme and another Union programme, as long as such cumulative funding does not exceed the total eligible costs of the action. For that purpose, this Regulation should set out appropriate rules, in particular on the possibility of declaring the same cost or expenditure on a pro-rata basis under the Programme and another Union programme, in order to ensure that there is detailed and transparent reporting.

Accordingly Article 11 of the EU4Health regulation reads as follows: *Article 11 Cumulative funding 1. An action that has received a contribution under the Programme may also receive a contribution from any other Union programme, including Funds under shared management, provided that the contributions do not cover the same costs. 2. The rules of the relevant Union programme shall apply to the corresponding contribution to the action. 3. The cumulative funding shall not exceed the total eligible costs of the action. The support from the different Union programmes may be calculated on a pro-rata basis in accordance with the documents setting out the conditions for support.*

3. Unless the call document states otherwise, we do not see why it shouldn't be possible to charge an 'attendance fee for the modules developed as part of the project' – this would constitute income generated by the action during its duration, which should be detailed in the financial statements at the final payment stage. Our understanding is that unless specified otherwise in the call document, co-financing may be provided in the form of income generated by the action.

#### **Topic EU4H-2022-PJ-07**

**31. Regarding the call EU4H-2022-PJ-07: CP-g-22-03.01, should the proposal be submitted by a consortium of at least three organizations from three separate eligible countries in terms of consortium composition?**

For the Topic EU4H-2022-PJ-07, it is clearly noted in the call, page 29, that proposals “by a consortium are eligible”. Since no further requirements are marked under specific eligibility of the topic, information from page 37 applies: *Consortium composition: Unless stated otherwise in section 2 above (Call topics) proposals must be submitted by a consortium of at least 3 applicants (beneficiaries; not affiliated entities), which complies with the following conditions: - Minimum 3 entities from 3 different eligible countries.*

**32. EU4Health topic call EU4H-2022-PJ-07 reads: Call for proposals to support Member States and other relevant actors to implement relevant results of innovative public health research in relation to vaccination against COVID-19. Does “other relevant actors” include African countries?**

The proposals for an action must relate to activities taking place in the “eligible countries” which currently are the EU Member States, Norway and Iceland.

If deemed necessary by the Commission, collateral or preparatory activities may be carried out also outside or such geographical delimitation in associated countries to the programme. However, the impact of the action shall be in the eligible countries. The fulfilment of this requirement will be analysed on a case-by-case basis and reflected in the funding decision.

**33. Regarding the Action Grants 2022 - first wave call (EU4H-2022-PJ-07), we wonder whether it is appropriate for this call to propose a project that explores the psychophysiological and neurophysiological correlates of hesitation and resistance to COVID-19 vaccination through laboratory experiments.**

This call aims to support Member States and relevant stakeholders to implement the results of recent and relevant research in relation to vaccination against COVID-19. With this action, we expect to obtain an inventory of relevant innovative public health research on COVID-19 large-scale vaccination, and to implement pilot actions in relevant Member States.

As such, we would like to emphasize that this is not funding for new research, but instead implementation of existing results/findings. So, a practical public health use must be there.

### **Financial questions**

**34. According to the call EU4H-2022-PJ, "*the costs will be reimbursed at the funding rate fixed in the Grant Agreement (maximum 60%)*", 80% in exceptional cases. Can the participating organisations co-fund the remaining 40% with in-kind contributions (i.e. hours of permanent staff participating in the project)? Do we need to specify from where this contribution comes from and does it need to be available before the project starts?**

As projects are partially funded by EU funds, applicants have to demonstrate that they have stable and sufficient resources to successfully implement the projects. The financial capacity check will be carried out on the basis of the documents you will be requested to upload in the Participant Register during grant preparation (e.g. profit and loss account and balance sheet, business plan, audit report produced by an approved external auditor, certifying the accounts for the last closed financial year, etc.). The analysis will be based on neutral financial indicators, but will also take into account other aspects, such as dependency on EU funding and deficit and revenue in previous years.

**If I understand correctly, if the financial/legal document shows financial capacity, there is no problem for us then to consider in-kind contribution to cover for the 40% co-funding?**

In the case of third parties giving in-kind contributions to the action (i.e. personnel, equipment, other goods, works and services, etc. which are free-of-charge), if necessary for the implementation, we confirm that the in-kind contributions cannot be allocated for the eligible costs of the actions.

**Thanks for your feedback. I was not referring to in-kind contribution by third-parties but rather to the possibility to use our own resources (i.e. hours of permanent staff or other kind of own in-kind contributions) to cover for the 40% co-funding?**

If the reimbursement rate of the grant is 60%, the beneficiary must fund the remaining 40% from other sources in line with the co-financing principle. The co-financing principle means that, the part of the costs that is not reimbursed by the grant, has to be covered by the forms of co-financing listed in Article 190 of the FR ( i.e. beneficiary's own resources, income generated by the action or work programme or financial or in-kind contributions

from third parties.) Therefore, you can use your own resources to cover the 40% co-funding. However be informed that own resources are not equal to in-kind contributions from third parties.

**35. Some University partners are interested in the EU4Health work programme 2022. We received many questions about the co-financing rules, and if funding could be provided in cash or in-kind.**

**EU4Health is co-financing 60% of the projects (in certain conditions up to 80%). So, the remainder (40% or 20%) must be covered by the consortium.**

**In the call text and the grant agreement, I read that associated partners and third parties giving in-kind contributions should bear their own costs, and will not receive EU funding. So, to me it is clear that these partners will not receive funding, but can participate in the project bearing their own cost, including in-kind contribution.**

**Now, the main participants should participate as beneficiaries or affiliated entities. What are the co-financing rules for the main participants? Should they only provide in cash co-financing? Or can they provide in-kind contribution?**

Based on Article 190 of the EU Financial Regulation 2018/1046 and the DG BUDG Grants Vademecum, unless specified otherwise in the call document, co-financing may be provided in the form of the beneficiary's own resources, income generated by the action or work programme or financial or in-kind contributions from third parties.

**36. We are preparing a proposal for the call EU4H-2022-PJ, and a couple of questions have arisen:**

- **Will travel costs be reimbursed according to actual costs or according to unit costs?**
- **When do you foresee that funding decisions will be made? (Is it plausible to plan for the project to start on September 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 or should we aim to start January 1<sup>st</sup> 2023?)**

Budget categories and costs eligibility rules are specified under the point 10 "Legal and financial set-up of the Grant Agreements" of the call EU4H-2022-PJ text. According to specific cost eligibility conditions for this call, travel costs will be reimbursed based on unit costs.

As regards the potential starting date of the action, currently we are not in a position to give you the exact timing. Nevertheless, we can inform you that most probably the starting date would not be before the end of this year. According to the rules and as indicated in the call, the timeline for informing all applicants of the outcome of the evaluation of their application is a maximum of six months from the final date for submission of complete proposals. For signing grant agreements with applicants the maximum timeline is three months from the date of informing applicants that they have been successful. However, those periods may be adjusted in order to take into account any time needed to comply with specific procedures that may be required.

**37. We are preparing a project for the call EU4H-2022-PJ. We are a public institution, a clinical hospital center, and we receive a salary from the state budget. The co-financing rate in the call is 60%, and 40% needs to be financed from own funds. Can staff costs be counted as own contribution in full? We would not ask for co-financing for them, but would count them in the total participation in the project. The second question is, are there any limits to the maximum of "Other cost", as a percentage of the total budget or an amount?**



If the reimbursement rate of the grant is 60%, the beneficiary must fund the remaining 40% from other sources in line with the co-financing principle. The co-financing principle means that, the part of the costs that is not reimbursed by the grant, has to be covered by the forms of co-financing listed in Article 190 of the FR ( i.e. beneficiary's own resources, income generated by the action or work programme or financial or in-kind contributions from third parties.) Therefore, you can use your own resources to cover the 40% co-funding.

Additionally and according to the EU4Health Model Grant Agreement, you may also have in-kind contributions, which are defined as follows: *"In-kind contributions within the meaning of Article 2(36) of EU Financial Regulation 2018/1046 i.e. non-financial resources made available free of charge by third parties"*. Additionally, Article 9.2. of the Model Grant Agreement stipulates that: *"Other third parties may give in-kind contribution to the action (i.e. personnel, equipment, other goods, works and services, etc. which are free-of-charge), if necessary for the implementation. Third parties giving in-kind contributions do not implement any action tasks. They may not charge costs or contributions to the action and the costs for the in-kind contribution are not eligible. The third parties and their in-kind contribution should be set out in Annex I"*. This means that in-kind contributions are allowed, but they cannot be declared as cost – which is also confirmed by Article 6.3 of the Model Grant Agreement.

Regarding 'other costs', your application needs to reflect the need and rationale for those costs and why they are needed to implement the action. Once submitted, the evaluators will assess the information provided in the application and will provide an assessment.