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**Questions and answers related to the
Call for action grants under the Annual Work Programme 2021
EU4H-2021-PJ-02
3rd set of questions**

1. We would be very grateful if you could please help to clarify the approach a potential grant beneficiary should take when building a budget in the framework of the recently launched EU4Health actions grants. We understand from the guidelines that the actually incurred costs will be reimbursed by the EC at the level of 60%. Could you please indicate if the matching funds the beneficiary will provide should be approached at the project level (the beneficiary must commit to contribute the equivalent of 40% of the total project costs, by committing time of its (eligible) staff for instance) or if the beneficiary must find a way to co-fund every item of the project budget?

“The grant is not allocated to any specific cost items or cost category. It is calculated over the total eligible costs of the action with the applicable reimbursement (normally 60%, in case of exceptional utility 80%) The remaining 40%, eventually 20% must be covered by the beneficiaries.”

2. I have a query in relation to the Topic EU4H-2021-PJ-13 - action grants to support the implementation of best practices in community-based services for the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS), tuberculosis, viral hepatitis and sexually transmitted infections. My query is related to the applicant eligibility criteria. The call states the following:

“Applicant organisations interested in applying shall fulfil the following eligibility criteria: 1. Civil society organisations (associations, foundations, NGOs and similar entities 2. The applicant organisation(s) has to have activities related to the prevention, outreach and awareness raising, public health support services, community services and/or other similar activities aimed at reducing the transmission or improving the quality of life of people living with HIV/AIDS, viral hepatitis (B and/or C) and/or tuberculosis as a main focus of its work. 3. The applicant organisations would ideally belong to one or more of the following categories: Organisations working in/with affected communities or key at-risk populations; - Regional networks/ umbrella organisations.”

There is an applicant group in Ireland which is based in a University linked to a hospital and working closely with an NGO who are very interested in applying to this call. It states in the call that this action should build on the Third Health Programme. My query is whether they are eligible to act as coordinator as they are a University/Hospital, and not

an NGO. They understand that the NGOs will represent a high component of this call, and that they will be highly involved to roll out interventions. I would be grateful if you could clarify whether they are would be considered eligible to coordinate this call?

“You are quoting Part B of Topic EU4H-2021-PJ-13 - action grants to support the implementation of best practices in community-based services for the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS), tuberculosis, viral hepatitis and sexually transmitted infections laying down special requirements under this call topic. On top of what you are quoting, there is also stated that the applicants’ profile and institutional type could be the ones listed in the column to the right, and that other types of applicants will be accepted as well.

Therefore, we would not rule out the possibility for a university/hospital to participate in the project or be a coordinator of the project. Nevertheless, please note that in order to give you a definitive answer; the project application must be assessed in its full complexity.”

3. I am writing to you regarding the call Topic EU4H-2021-PJ-09. The specific requirements of this call states that the "*Applications by either a sole applicant or by a consortium are acceptable*". This means that a single partner can apply the proposal? If more than one partner applies, then, it is compulsory that the partners belong to at least 3 eligible countries, right? Lastly, will the proposals applied by a single applicant have advantages over those applied by a consortium?

“The EU4Health Programme: Call for action grants under the Annual Work Programme 2021 EU4H-2021-PJ-02, for action PJ-09, specifies that applications by either a sole applicant or by a consortium are acceptable. This means that only one applicant (one eligible entity) besides a consortium of at least three applicants (three eligible entities from three different eligible countries) may apply.

In order to be eligible for funding, the applicants must be legal entities (public or private bodies) created under Union law or an international organization or be established in one of the eligible countries. The whole procedure respects the principal of equal treatment.”

4. I have a question about the number of entities in the consortium for the EU4Health Action Grant call. In the Work Programme eligibility section it says below: 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. But in the separate topic description sections for these topics - EU4H-2021-PJ-08, 09, 10, 11, 13, 15, 17, 18 it says No special requirement: applications can be either a sole applicant or by a consortium. Does this mean that for these topics it is eligible to be only one applicant? It seems that this is correct, but I would be grateful for reassurance before I disseminate this opportunity to our researchers.

“The EU4Health Programme: Call for action grants under the Annual Work Programme 2021 EU4H-2021-PJ-02, for actions PJ-08, PJ-09, PJ-10, PJ-13, PJ-15, PJ-16 and PJ-17, specifies that applications by either a sole applicant or by a consortium are acceptable.

This means that only one applicant (one eligible entity) besides a consortium of at least three applicants (three eligible entities from three different eligible countries) may apply. In order to be eligible for funding, the applicants must be legal entities (public or private bodies) created under Union law or an international organization or be established in one of the eligible countries.”

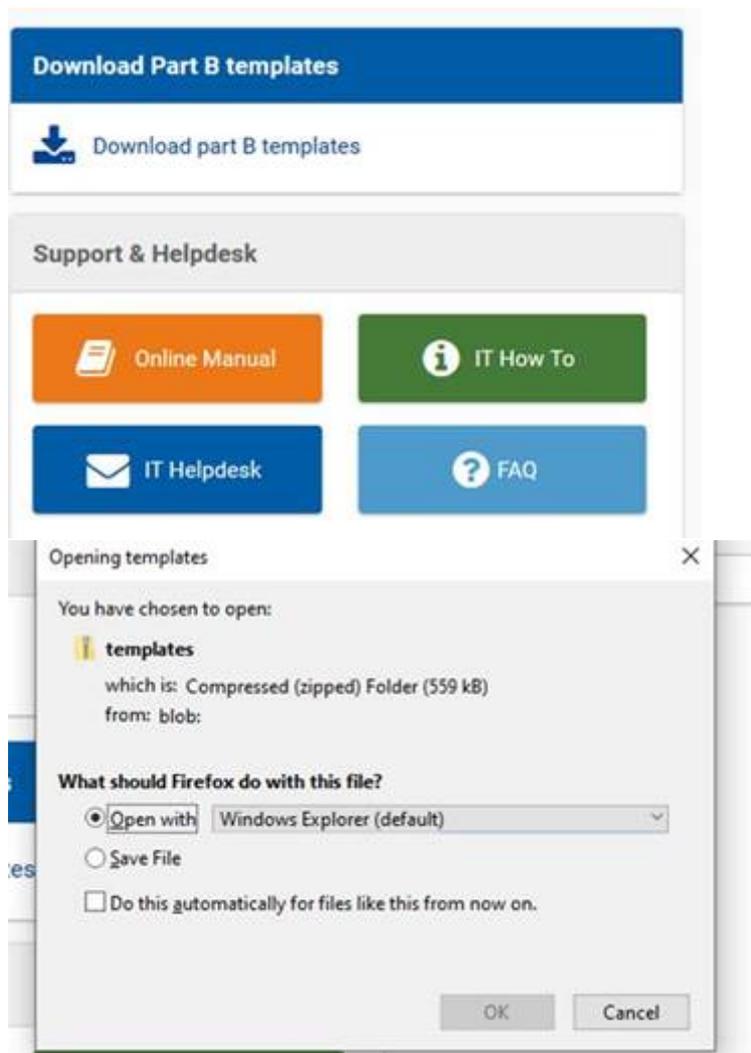
5. **I am contacting you on behalf of Digestive Cancers Europe (DiCE) to thank you and the EC team for organising such and insightful webinar on the new calls for action grants. At DiCE we are currently looking to join new consortiums for the several calls already published by the EC and we have posted our organisation profile in the partner search sessions of the funding portal. May I ask whether there are other initiatives and portals where to look for partners? We are very much looking forward to apply and we would be grateful for any suggestions you might have in this field.**

“We have seen that you have already shown an interest over the funding and participant portal. Therefore, if others are interested , they will contact you. In addition to that, please visit the CHAFEA DATABASE [Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Programme DataBase - European Commission \(europa.eu\)](#). As was said during our webinar, you can find many useful contacts there by looking per key word.”

6. **The Health Data Hub is leading a consortium to respond to an EC call for Action grants for developing a pilot project for an EU infrastructure ecosystem for the secondary use of health data for research, policy-making and regulatory purposes (TOPIC ID: EU4H-2021-PJ-06). Could you kindly share with us and in particular our project manager the template of the expected proposal with us? Is the standard format to follow the structure as seen in the pictures below, so it would look like a joint action proposal?**

You can find the templates under the section “[Conditions and documents](#)” of [TOPIC ID: EU4H-2021-PJ-06](#)

When you start preparing your application, all templates will be available for downloading – more specifically, you will find them to the left side of your screen:



In terms of the proposal's structure, as mentioned during the Info session there is flexibility in this matter, since it is not a Joint Action and therefore does not strictly follow the classic structure of these projects.

7. Please, can you confirm whether Ukraine is an eligible country for participation and funding?

"Ukraine may participate in the call. Nevertheless, Ukraine is currently not eligible for funding under the EU4Health Programme, as they are not yet associated to the EU4Health Programme. Ukraine can become eligible once they sign the association agreement, where such agreement enters into force before the grant signature."

8. I have read the calls in subject and some of them are very interesting for us. I have the following questions about this type of call: Laife reply is classified as a large company. Can it still participate in the call for applications? If yes, can we budget for "personnel costs"? Because in the call document it seems that the only personnel costs allowed are the "SME owner/natural person unit costs".

“The Call for action grants under the Annual Work Programme 2021, EU4H-2021-PJ-02, has a deadline for submission of proposals the 25th of January 2022.

As regards your possibility to participate, based on the information you have provided, we cannot give you a definitive answer. Apart from the general admissibility and eligibility criteria, you would need to fulfil, please pay attention also to the special requirements laid down in the Call for action grants under the Call for action grants under the Annual Work Programme 2021, EU4H-2021-PJ-02, for each specific action.”