

Grant for networking to facilitate the participation of EaP countries in Brokerage Events and in Preparatory Meetings

Guidelines for Applicants

Objective

One of the aims of the Eastern Partnership PLUS (EaP PLUS) project is to support the stronger interaction of EaP researchers with EU counterpart & their participation in H2020, . The development of Grants for networking financially supports the participation of local researchers from:

- Research entities e.g. research institutions/organizations, higher education institutions etc.,
- Industry,
- Municipalities and
- SMEs

from EaP countries in large-scale Brokerage Events and other similar activities related to Horizon2020 in EU/EaP countries as well as in Preparatory Meetings for the development of concrete project proposals for selected thematic calls within H2020. The aim of the task is to extend scientific networks between EU Member States/non-EaP Associated Countries and EaP countries as well to increase the number of EaP participants in submitted H2020 project proposals.

Eligibility criteria

These criteria **have to be met** in order to be eligible for participation.

- Be a member or an employee of a research institution/organization and/or of a network of organizations and/or of a higher education institution and/or of an SME-enterprise working on research, municipalities and industry (e.g. industrial plants working with universities)
- Conduct research in one of the partner countries (AM, AZ, BY, GE, MD, UA)
- Submit a completely filled in application form along with all the required documentation
- Have a PhD degree and/or at least three years' full time experience in research.
- Speaking fluent English.

Further eligibility criteria - participation in preparatory meeting

A preparatory meeting must comprise at least partners from two organisations with one partner necessarily from an EU member state and one from a country of the EaP. Scientists in EU MS/non-EaP AC will invite EaP researchers to jointly develop H2020 applications. EU MS/non-EaP AC researchers need to nominate the partner from the EaP countries with whom they

intend to participate in a preparatory meeting or vice versa. One of the team members must be designated as “Coordinator” of the project. The EaP PLUS project will only support applications that imperatively include 1-2 preparatory meetings among representatives of the partner organizations in order to prepare the proposal, and work on the scientific/administrative details of the proposal. In addition, it is possible for the organisations to participate in preparatory meetings of already existent EU consortia in order to establish a cooperation for a common application to a H2020 Call. The application should include:

- Information on the preparatory meetings (place, time, number of participants, the actions for the preparation of the joint proposal etc.)
- Description of the member organisations, names and contact details of the researchers participating in the meeting, name of the Project Coordinator.
- Information on the selected call within HORIZON 2020, for which a new proposal is intended or being prepared.
- Brief information on the scientific basis for the proposal
- A brief description of experience in previous S&T projects
- A list of up to 5 publications
- An anticipated time schedule for the preparatory meetings
- Signed letter of intent between EU and EaP researchers

Evaluation criteria

- Scientific excellence/Research performance (publications, patents, project, etc.) (40% of the score)
- Previous international cooperation activities (projects and/or structured cooperation with other countries; trainings abroad; participation in international conferences, etc.) (20% of the score)
- Commitment to participate in a particular Horizon2020 Call, commitment to take full advantage of the participation in the event: expected outcome, concrete plans for cooperation, participation in Horizon2020 calls should be described in more detail (40% of the score)

Additional evaluation criteria

- Gender: Encouragement of female researchers to participate
- Encouragement of *young researchers*

- Encouragement of researchers from *SME*-enterprise working on research, *municipalities* and *industry* (e.g. industrial plants working with universities)
- Encouragement of researchers who attend *preparatory meeting*
- The aim is that the participation will have a multiplier effect in the country and/or region.
- Some international experience (already existing contacts in other countries, participation in previous international conferences and collaborations, etc.).
- Commitment to participate in a particular Horizon2020 call.
- Additional activities planned during the event (e.g. giving a presentation, taking part in a poster session, submitting a partner search profile, scheduling a bilateral meeting etc.)

Final deadline for submission: 30th of June 2017 (applying for events between February and June 2017 is possible¹)

Latest date of the selected event: 10th of November 2017

Selection Process

Formality and eligibility check

The Local EaP PLUS Partner will be responsible for the formality and eligibility check. Applications which do not comply with the eligibility criteria will not be considered within the evaluation process.

Evaluation

The evaluation, based on a specified scoring matrix (see below) will be carried out by the Local Partners, the Task Leader and the Coordinator.

¹ Candidates can apply for one event. The application form needs to be sent minimum one month before the selected event.

Scoring Matrix

Evaluation Criteria	Scoring
Have a postgraduate degree and/or at least three years' full time experience in research	Yes or No
Be a member or an employee of a research institution and or of a higher education institution or of a research department of an SME-enterprise in one of the partner countries	Yes or No
Sufficient knowledge of English (language exam, or self-estimation)	Yes or No
Research performance/scientific excellence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5 most important publications, relevant to the event - total number of publications - total number of citations - patents, if any - participation in projects related to the topic of the Brokerage Event 	max: 10 points min: 7 points
International cooperation activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - projects and/or structured cooperation with other countries; - trainings abroad; - participation in international conferences 	max: 5 points min: 3 points
Commitment to take full advantage of the participation in the event: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - expected outcome, concrete plans for cooperation (become a member of a Horizon 2020 consortium, deepen already existing international contacts etc.) - other activities planned (poster, presentation etc.) 	max: 10 points min: 7 points

Funding Requirements

The Grants will be paid by the Local Partner as a reimbursement for travel costs (travel, accommodation, event participation fee, visa costs and per diem or actual expenses) in accordance to Local Partner rules.



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Recommended Events

Title	Conference on Health Economy 2017
Topic	“Man and market in the digital health world”
Start Date	23 May 2017
End Date	24 May 2017
Deadline	22 May 2017
City	Rostock
Country	Germany
Cost	Free of charge
Link	https://www.b2match.eu/healthconomy2017

Title	Agrofood Brokerage Event at Alimentaria & Horexpo Fair 2017
Topic	Food
Start Date	04 Jun 2017
End Date	06 Jun 2017
Deadline	28 May 2017
City	Lisbon
Country	Portugal
Cost	Free of charge
Link	https://www.b2match.eu/alimentaria-lisboa2017

Title	International Matchmaking Event at the Free From Food Expo
Topic	Food: Gluten Free, Lactose Free, Sugar Free, Vegan and functional food: Nutritional Food, Sport Proteins, Sport Bars, Supplements, Vitamins etc.
Start Date	08 Jun 2017
End Date	09 Jun 2017
Deadline	01 Jun 2017
City	Barcelona
Country	Spain
Cost	Free of charge
Link	https://www.b2match.eu/freefromfood2017

Title	Brokerage event Innovat&Match 2017
Topic	Agri-food, Building & construction, Cultural & creative industries, Energy & sustainable development, Health & well-being industries, Mechatronics & transport, services for the production system.
Start Date	08 Jun 2017
End Date	09 Jun 2017
Deadline	15 May 2017
City	Bologna
Country	Italy
Cost	Free of charge
Link	https://www.b2match.eu/r2b2017

Title	Matchmaking event for clusters during the Open Innovation Conference 2.0
Topic	ICT and Creative industries; Agrofood & Agriculture; Innovation in the furniture industry; New materials; Energy efficiency; Related industries
Start Date	12 Jun 2017
End Date	12 Jun 2017
Deadline	05 Jun 2017
City	Cluj-Napoca
Country	Romania
Cost	Free of charge
Link	https://www.b2match.eu/clustersmatchmaking-2017

Title	Innovation in Food, Nutrition and Health Brokerage Event
Topic	Food, Nutrition and Health
Start Date	14 Jun 2017
End Date	15 Jun 2017
Deadline	no deadline
City	Lille
Country	France
Cost	150 € till 29 May 2017, after that 165 €
Link	http://www.nutrevent.com/

Title	EuroNanoForum 2017 - conference and brokerage event
Topic	nano and advanced materials technologies and open innovation
Start Date	21 Jun 2017
End Date	23 Jun 2017
Deadline	no deadline
City	Valletta
Country	Malta
Cost	325 €
Link	http://www.b2fair.com/enf2017

Title	E ² Tech4Cities 2017 – Energy & Efficiency Technologies for cities Brokerage event
Topic	Energy efficiency
Start Date	23 Jun 2017
End Date	23 Jun 2017
Deadline	10 Jun 2017
City	Brussels
Country	Belgium
Cost	Free of charge
Link	https://www.b2match.eu/e2tech4cities2017

Title	Innovation in Medtech Brokerage event @MedFIT, 28th and 29th June, 2017 in Grenoble (France)
Topic	business convention dedicated to innovation partnerships in the fields of medical technologies and diagnostics
Start Date	28 Jun 2017
End Date	29 Jun 2017
Deadline	05 Jun 2017
City	Grenoble
Country	France
Cost	259 €
Link	http://www.medfit-event.com/

Title	European Forum dedicated to regenerative medicine - REGMED EUROPE – Paris 2017
Topic	Cell therapy; Gene therapy; Biomaterials; Tissue engineering
Start Date	07 Jul 2017
End Date	07 Jul 2017
Deadline	04 Jul 2017
City	Paris
Country	France
Cost	Free of charge
Link	https://www.b2match.eu/regmedparis2017

Title	Meet in Italy for Life Sciences 2017 - MIT4LS2017
Topic	Life Sciences
Start Date	11 Oct 2017
End Date	13 Oct 2017
Deadline	30 Sept 2017
City	Turin
Country	Italy
Cost	Free of charge
Link	https://www.b2match.eu/mit4ls2017

Title	International Brokerage Event during A+A - Leading trade forum for safety, security and health at work
Topic	Safety, security and health at work
Start Date	18 Oct 2017
End Date	19 Oct 2017
Deadline	13 Oct 2017
City	Düsseldorf
Country	Germany
Cost	Free of charge
Link	https://www.b2match.eu/aplusa2017

Title	ICT Proposers' Day 2017
Topic	Information & Communication Technologies
Start Date	09 Nov 2017
End Date	10 Nov 2017
Deadline	not yet available
City	Budapest
Country	Hungary
Cost	Free of charge
Link	http://www.ideal-ist.eu/event/ict-proposers-day-2017

Further events: <http://een.ec.europa.eu/tools/services/EVE/Event/ListEvents>

Please note that **application for other events (out of the list above) is possible.**

Useful Links: Horizon 2020

Please find here some useful information, links on Horizon 2020 and Work Programme.

What is Horizon 2020? <http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/en/what-horizon-2020>

What is the Work Programme? <http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/en/what-work-programme>

H2020 program sections: <https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/en/h2020-sections>

All H2020 Work Programme (2016-2017):

http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/funding/reference_docs.html#h2020-work-programmes-2016-17

H2020 proposal template 2016-2017:

http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/call_ptef/pt/2016-2017/h2020-call-pt-ria-ia-2016-17_en.pdf

Participant Portal: <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal//desktop/en/home.html>



Registration on Participant Portal: <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/cas/eim/external/register.cgi>

Horizon 2020 Online Manual: http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/docs/h2020-funding-guide/index_en.htm

Horizon 2020 Reference documents (rules for participation, guides for applicants, proposal templates, evaluation forms, etc) :

http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/funding/reference_docs.html

NCP network:

http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/support/national_contact_points.html

Technology readiness levels (TRL):

http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/other/wp/2016_2017/annexes/h2020-wp1617-annex-g-trl_en.pdf

Full list of Third Countries: http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/other/wp/2016-2017/annexes/h2020-wp1617-annex-a-countries-rules_en.pdf



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