

Excellence of the Proposal (R-WWP 2a)

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General Advice to write part B

Follow the template given in the Guide for applicants

Make it easy to read:

- Short sentences
- Clear enunciation
- Use bullet point, schemes, etc.

Respect the rules:

- Font size
- Page restriction
- Overall project weight

PDF document:

- Be careful with conversion, etc.
- Black & white copies – use colours carefully

The 3 Parts of FORM B

1. Scientific and/or technical quality, relevant to the topics addressed by the call

- 1.1 SMART objectives and Ambitions & Progress beyond the state-of-the-art
- 1.2 Methodology

2. Impact

- 2.1 The Impact Pathways (listed in the work programme)
- 2.2 The Dissemination, Exploitation and Communication (DEC)

2.3. Implementation

- 2.1 Quality of the Implementation
- 2.2 Efficiency of the Implementation

Cover Page

Proposal full title

Proposal acronym

Type of funding scheme:

- Collaborative Project, Monobeneficiary projects
- RIA, IA, CSA ...

Work programme topics addressed:

(if more than one, indicate their order of importance to the project)

Name of the coordinating person:

List of participants:

Participant no. *	Participant organisation name	Country
1 (Coordinator)		
2		
3		

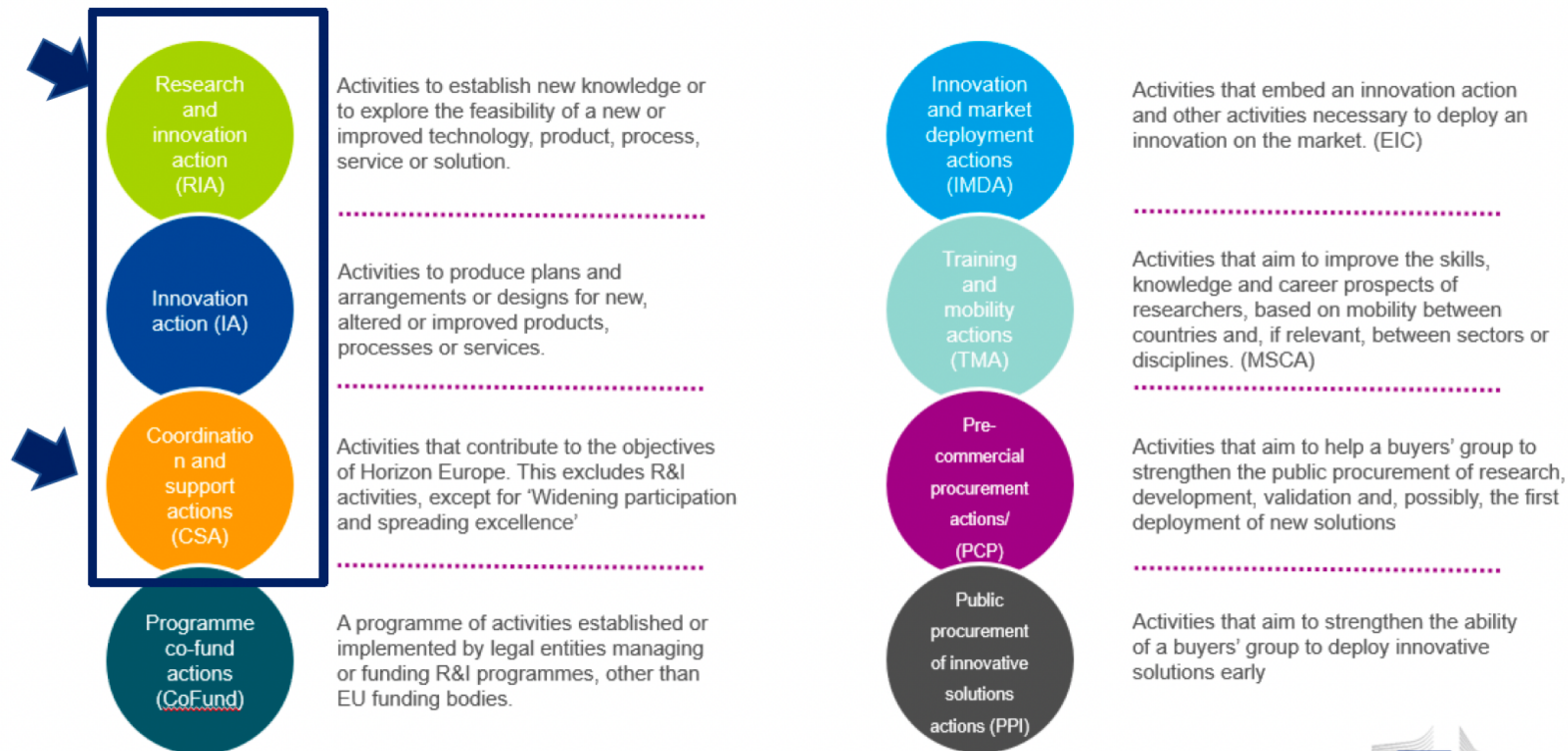
* Please use the same participant numbering as that used in section A2 of the administrative forms

HE – Eligibility, Projects and Actions

- **Eligibility: any legal entity can participate**
- **Type of projects**
 - **Collaborative projects:** Must be a consortium of minimum 3 independent legal entities, each established in a different EU Member State (MS) or Associated Countries (AC), with at least one of them established in a MS.
 - **Monobeneficiary projects:** Coordination and support actions, some ERC, MSCA and co-fund actions
- **Main types of action:**
 - **RIA** – Research and Innovation Actions – up to 100% funding rate
 - **IA** – Innovation Actions – up to 70% funding rate (except for non-profit legal entities, where; a rate of up to 100% applies)
 - **CSA** – Coordination and Support Actions – up to 100% funding rate

Horizon Europe : Type of Actions

Activities eligible for funding – Type of actions



1. Excellence

Relevance of the proposal with the goals and priorities of the Call and HE's AI


Soundness of the proposed methodology:

- **concepts, assumptions, models (CAM)**
- **interdisciplinary approaches**
- **Gender dimension,**
- **open science (including sharing and management of research outputs)**

1. **Excellence** #@REL-EVA-RE@#


Excellence – aspects to be taken into account.

- Clarity and pertinence of the project's objectives, and the extent to which the proposed work is ambitious, and goes beyond the state of the art.
- Soundness of the proposed methodology, including the underlying concepts, models, assumptions, interdisciplinary approaches, appropriate consideration of the gender dimension in research and innovation content, and the quality of open science practices, including sharing and management of research outputs and engagement of citizens, civil society and end users where appropriate.

 *The following aspects will be taken into account only to the extent that the proposed work is within the scope of the work programme topic.*

1.1 Objectives and ambition #@PRJ-OBJ-PO@# [e.g. 4 pages]

- Briefly describe the objectives of your proposed work. Why are they pertinent to the work programme topic? Are they measurable and verifiable? Are they realistically achievable?
- Describe how your project goes beyond the state-of-the-art, and the extent the proposed work is ambitious. Indicate any exceptional ground-breaking R&I, novel concepts and approaches, new products, services or business and organisational models. Where relevant, illustrate the advance by referring to products and services already available on the market. Refer to any patent or publication search carried out.
- Describe where the proposed work is positioned in terms of R&I maturity (i.e. where it is situated in the spectrum from 'idea to application', or from 'lab to market'). Where applicable, provide an indication of the Technology Readiness Level, if possible distinguishing the start and by the end of the project.

 *Please bear in mind that advances beyond the state of the art must be interpreted in the light of the positioning of the project. Expectations will not be the same for RIAs at lower TRL, compared with Innovation Actions at high TRLs.*

1. SMART Objectives and Ambitions, relevant to the topics addressed by the call (4 pages)

1.1 Concept and objectives

- What are the main ideas that led you to propose this work? What is its overall aim
- Describe in detail the S&T **objectives and ambition**. Show how they relate to the topics addressed by the call; and state in a measurable and verifiable form (incl. milestones).

1.2 Progress beyond the state-of-the-art

- Describe the state-of-the-art in the area concerned,
- Show the advance that the proposed project would bring about.
- If applicable, refer to the results of any patent search you might have carried out.

1.2 Methodology #@CON-MET-CM@# #@COM-PLE-CP@# [e.g. 14 pages]

- Describe and explain the overall methodology, including the concepts, models and assumptions that underpin your work. Explain how this will enable you to deliver your project's objectives. Refer to any important challenges you may have identified in the chosen methodology and how you intend to overcome them. [e.g. 10 pages]
 - ⚠ *This section should be presented as a narrative. The detailed tasks and work packages are described below under 'Implementation'.*
 - ⚠ *Where relevant, include how the project methodology complies with the 'do no significant harm' principle as per Article 17 of [Regulation \(EU\) No 2020/852](#) on the establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investment (i.e. the so-called 'EU Taxonomy Regulation'). This means that the methodology is designed in a way it is not significantly harming any of the six environmental objectives of the EU Taxonomy Regulation.*
 - ⚠ *If you plan to use, develop and/or deploy artificial intelligence (AI) based systems and/or techniques you must demonstrate their technical robustness. AI-based systems or techniques should be, or be developed to become:*

1. Methodology (14 pages)

1.1 The concepts

1.2. The models

1.3. The Assumptions

1.4. Detailed tasks and work packages

1.5. Do no significant harm

1.6. Demonstrate technical robustness of artificial intelligence

Excellence – Soundness of the proposed methodology – Concept, Assumptions and Model (CAM)

- **What is/are the central concept.s of your proposal?**
- **What is/are the main assumption.s of your proposal?**
- **What is/are the main model.s of your proposal?**

Excellence – Interdisciplinary approaches

- Interdisciplinarity addresses complex issues requiring expertise from multiple disciplines.
- It fosters the emergence of new areas of knowledge and facilitates groundbreaking research.
- Challenges include defining and supporting interdisciplinary research.
- Navigating differences in disciplinary cultures and value systems is crucial.
- Overcoming obstacles in project evaluation and funding is necessary.
- Despite challenges, fostering interdisciplinarity is essential for addressing pressing scientific issues and realizing transformative potential

Excellence – Soundness of the proposed methodology – Gender Dimension

- Horizon Europe Framework Programme promotes gender equality, diversity and inclusiveness in science and innovation.
- Gender equality is a priority across the programme. New in Horizon Europe: eligibility criterion **Gender Equality plans (GEP)**
- For whom? Public bodies, research organisations and higher education establishments, from EU Member States and Associated Countries
 - From when? Horizon Europe calls
 - What?
 - Mandatory process-related elements: a formal public document, dedicated resources, data collection and monitoring, training and capacity building
 - Recommended areas to be covered:
 - Work-life balance and organisational culture
 - Gender balance in leadership and decision-making
 - Gender equality in recruitment and career progression
 - Integration of the gender dimension into research and teaching content
 - Measures against gender-based violence including sexual harassment
- The European Commission's Union of Equality emphasizes the need for concrete actions.
- The new European Research Area requires the development of specific plans to promote gender equality.

Excellence – Soundness of the proposed methodology – OPEN SCIENCE

- Increasing inquiries regarding intellectual property (IP) in Horizon Europe projects have been received
- Open Science policy applicable in Horizon Europe projects is causing confusion among first-time applicants regarding IP rules.
- Questions arose regarding the compatibility of patent filing and open access publication under the Open Science policy.
- Grant beneficiaries in Horizon Europe are obligated to protect their results, as outlined in Annex 5 to the model Grant Agreement.
- **Open Science practices, while compulsory, do not conflict with the obligation to protect IP rights.**
- Open Science obligations do not mandate immediate dissemination but can be postponed to ensure IP protection.
- Dissemination obligations are subject to restrictions linked to the protection of intellectual property, as per the grant agreement clauses.
- **European Commission confirms the compatibility of IP protection and Open Science in Horizon Europe.**
- Proposal strategies can include securing IP protection first, followed by fulfilling dissemination obligations, including open access publication.

Thank you for your attention / Questions?

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