

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: 29th of September 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	Genera 2017. Renewable energy Brokerage event
Topic	Renewable energy
Start Date	28 Feb 2017
End Date	03 Mar 2017
Deadline	23 Feb 2017
City	Madrid
Country	Spain
Cost	Free of charge
Link	http://www.ifema.es/genera_06/

Title	Successful R&I in Europe 2017 - 8th European Networking Event
Topic	ICT, Energy, Nanotechnology, Transport, Life Sciences, Medical, SME Instrument
Start Date	02 Mar 2017
End Date	03 Mar 2017
Deadline	22 February 2017
City	Düsseldorf
Country	Germany
Cost	Conference fee: € 120 (€ 95 one day)
Link	http://horizon2020.zenit.de/networking2017

Title	Energy Match at Vaasa EnergyWeek 2017
Topic	Energy, wind, solar, gas
Start Date	21 March 2017
End Date	23 March 2017
Deadline	15 March 2017
City	Vaasa
Country	Finland
Cost	Free of charge
Link	https://www.b2match.eu/energymatch2017 http://energyvaasa.vaasanseutu.fi/en/energyweek/

Title	H2020 Brokerage Event: Nanotechnologies and Advanced Materials (N&M)
Topic	Nanotechnologies; Advanced materials
Start Date	04 April 2017
End Date	04 April 2017
Deadline	23 March 2017
City	Cambridge
Country	United Kingdom
Cost	Free of charge
Link	https://www.b2match.eu/h2020nmp2017

Title	Matchmaking at the MachTech & InnoTech 2017
Topic	MachTech: Robotics, mechatronics, environment protection, recycling, etc. InnoTech: Industrial automation&software, quality assurance and testing, R&D, etc.
Start Date	06 April 2017
End Date	06 April 2017
Deadline	20 March 2017
City	Sofia
Country	Bulgaria
Cost	Free of charge
Link	https://www.b2match.eu/imm2017

Title	EEN Brokerage Event during Hannover Messe 2017
Topic	Electronics, IT, Industrial manufacturing, transport, energy
Start Date	24 Apr 2017
End Date	28 Apr 2017
Deadline	23 Apr 2017
City	Hannover
Country	Germany
Cost	Free of charge
Link	http://www.een-matchmaking.com/hannovermesse2017

Title	Murcia FOOD Brokerage Event 2017
Topic	Hygienic design of facilities and food safety, Biotechnology, Circular economy, Conservation technology
Start Date	09 May 2017
End Date	10 May 2017
Deadline	28 Apr 2017
City	Murcia
Country	Spain
Cost	Free of charge
Link	https://www.b2match.eu/murciafood2017

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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