

SNS JU Information Day – 22/01/2024

Chat Discussion

- from Anja Sorge to everyone: 11:06 AM
 - What exactly is the definition of "non-for-profit organizations" under call STREAM-D-01-01? Is it about legal form of an organization, in accordance to the law in the respective member country?
 - **Response:** @Anja the definition is the standard one that applies to all Horizon Europe. "A legal entity which, by its legal form, is non-profit making AND/OR which has a statutory obligation not to distribute profits to its shareholders or individual members". Please feel free to check the Horizon Europe Manual and Rules on legal entity validation.
- from Sara El Gaily to everyone: 11:08 AM
 - Is it possible to buy services from USA, like buying services from cloud service providers, like Google?
 - **Response:** @Sara in terms of cost eligibility please feel free to check the HE AMGA: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/aga_en.pdf
- from Anja Sorge to everyone: 11:14 AM
 - Does the 25% overhead come on top of the 100% funding rate for non-for-profit organisations?
 - **Response:** @Anja, for financial rules please feel free to check the HE AMGA (link provided above). Note that SNS funding rate is not always the standard HE rate (will be explained later)
- from Anja Sorge to everyone: 11:14 AM
 - Are US-american organizations are allowed to take part?
 - **Response:** @Anja, US based entities are eligible for participation but not eligible for funding
- from Filipa Borrego to everyone: 11:17 AM
 - If I understood correctly from Pearse, work focus on 5G should be looking into CEF2 programmes, is this correct? SNS JU is not the right place to find funding for 5G?
 - **Response:** Indeed, for 5G CEF2 Digital has its third call open https://hadea.ec.europa.eu/news/cef-digital-calls-open-over-eu240-million-available-co-funding-third-calls-proposals-deploying-2023-10-17_en
 - **Response 2:** In reply to Filipa, sorry if I was not clear. As we move towards mass deployment of standalone 5G, this is much less a research or innovation topic and much more a deployment challenge. So the CEF is one modest possibility for cross-border deployments. But unlike some other JUs. SNS also has responsibility regarding some CEF spending as well as Horizon Europe, the latter being its main source of EU funds (for research, focusing now on advanced 5G and 6G).
- from Marion Habernig to everyone: 11:25 AM
 - If there are AI approaches described in the proposal, how detailed should robustness be discussed - is it a checkpoint on the evaluators guidelines?
 - **Response:** @Marion, indeed AI robustness should be discussed if AI is included in the proposal. We follow the standard HE rules in this regard.

- from Alexandre Petrescu at CEA, in France] to everyone: 11:33 AM
 - "Thank you, Is it possible to buy cloud services, equipment etc from USA?" - I am also interested in answers about this; for my part, speaking from what I saw in the news, there is incentive at Microsoft the other way around - base Europeans' data in Europe.
 - **Response**: There is no clear Yes or No answer to this question, as there are several criteria that need to be met, so evaluation is made on a case by case basis. Please check the financial eligibility conditions in HE AMGA: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/aga_en.pdf
 - **Response 2**: on purchase services/equipment from US: as briefly mentioned, no restriction in the HE AMGA, n the condition off course that you respect all the eligibility criteria
- from Abraham Rami Hasarchi to everyone: 11:35 AM
 - From which site can we download the recording of the webinar ?
 - **Response**: @Abraham slides and recordings will be available on the info day web page <https://smart-networks.europa.eu/event/sns-call-for-proposals-2024-information-day/>
- from Marion Habernig to everyone: 11:38 AM
 - Is it mandatory to mark AI generated text in the proposal? Does it have any affects on the evaluation if AI is used to create some parts of the text?
 - from Alexandre Petrescu at CEA, : I was saying I am also interested in the AI generated text source attribution, that AI Act seems to impose it, that I use GPTZero to identify such text, and that it might be based in EU or US, and that there might be other such tools(?), and that I dont know their reliability).
 - **Response**: Marion, we currently have no guidelines on that matter. Proposal has to be assessed by Independent Experts regardless of the source. If any updates, we will update our FAQ page.
- from Christoph Schmelz to everyone: 11:51 AM
 - Regarding the inclusion of UK participants: is there any specific process to be followed, or ar there specific guidelines regarding the budget regulation to be reflected?
 - **Response**: UK - <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/news/united-kingdom-joins-horizon-europe-programme> . The UK has associated to Horizon Europe as of 1st January 2024. As a result UK applicants should be treated on the same terms as entities established in any other associated country from the 2024 calls onwards. Associated country applicants are eligible to receive EU funding, sign Horizon Europe grant agreements as beneficiaries and can also act as project coordinators.
- from Lukasz Kulas GUT to everyone: 11:52 AM
 - IS is tstill possible to join BrokerageEvent? Where we can find more info?
 - **Response**: Deadline for pitches is today. the link to the brokerage event: <https://smart-networks.europa.eu/event/sns-ju-brokerage-event-jan-25-2024/>
- from Didier BOURSE to everyone: 11:53 AM
 - Dear All. Thanks for the organization and presentations. Note that there is also the great FAQ <https://smart-networks.europa.eu/faq-3> .
- from Tomaso de Cola DLR to everyone: 12:06 PM

- @Craig: this means that differently from the previous calls (in 2022 and 2023), UK organisation will indeed receive funding directly from EC, while before the EC budget for them was zero, Isn't it? Thank you for the clarification.
 - **Response:** @Tomaso, indeed this is the case. entities established in the UK would be eligible to receive EU funding as entities established in an associated country and, as a consequence, to sign Horizon Europe grant agreements as beneficiaries, or be awarded Horizon Europe prizes. As any other beneficiary, a legal entity established in the UK could become a coordinator, if decided so by the consortium.
- from SE- Jeannette Spühler to everyone: 12:23 PM
 - There is a brokerage event planned on 25th januari, but are you planing to have specific brokerage events with Japan and South Korea?
 - **Response:** @Jeannette for the moments there are no plans to have brokerage Events with Japan and RoK. Note that these are not joint calls, therefore awarding of funding for both the EU and the JP and ROK projects respectively is not expected to be synchronized. It is not mandatory to include JP and ROK based entities in the consortia.
- from Tomaso de Cola DLR to everyone: 12:24 PM
 - Is there any requirement/desire for Steam-B proposals to make use and/or integrate to the tools/testbed currently under definition in the running Stream-C projects?
 - **Response:** It is not a pre-requisite, but it is certainly desired and a “nice to have”.
- from Marius Corici to everyone: 12:30 PM
 - regarding EUJ, you mentioned that there would be two mirror projects. How do you plan to assure that the projects are mirrored and that a successful collaboration would be possible? or all is given to chance that the two selected projects would get well along together?
 - **Response:** @Marius, For International Collaboration – EU-JP the work programme states that applicants are invited to explain how the EU-Japan cooperation will be implemented, i.e., the target Japan initiative to collaborate with and the approach of cooperation to be deployed with Japan stakeholders. The retained project is expected to work with the relevant Japan funded initiative by MIC/NICT, the call of which is expected to be announced by March 2024. Proposals should include description of specific cooperation activities to be carried out such as exchange of information and results, sharing of data, sharing of methodologies, researcher exchanges and visits, joint workshops, joint testbeds etc.
- from Alexandre Petrescu at CEA, in France] to everyone: 12:39 PM
 - Korean IRIS system is related to NTN? (non-terrestrial networks). Thank you.
 - **Response:** IRIS = Integrated R&D Information System",
 - **Response 2:** Calls, proposals, grants by the system IRIS, which is equivalent to EU F&T portal
- from Abraham Rami Hasarchi to everyone: 12:58 PM
 - EU Rail project -Will there be a brokerage event to help us find suitable partners
 - **Response:** In all likelihood there will be one, but it is not set yet. Please stay tuned and once organized an official announcement will be made.
- from Yaser YAGAN to everyone: 12:58 PM
 - "Any produced PoCs should be implemented in a way that their integration in SNS WP2025-26 Stream C and/or Stream D project will be possible (e.g., open-source solutions, appropriate documentation, support after the completion of the project)."

We took this sentence from the active call, does this mean that we need a partner who is currently active in a project from stream C and D?

- **Response:** It is not necessary to have common partners, but to showcase a plan/commitment towards such an integration.
- from Abraham Rami Hasarchi to everyone: 1:01 PM
 - For further questions regarding the EU rail project -will there be an email address to whom we can send questions
 - **Response:** Should you have any questions regarding the EU-Rail call, you can contact this functional mailbox: info-call@rail-research.europa.eu. Once the call opened, questions can be submitted via this mailbox and answers will be published publicly on our website. For overall information: <https://rail-research.europa.eu/>
- from Anja Sorge to everyone: 1:11 PM
 - Sorry for placing this question, maybe it's clear to all the others - is the call open only for 6G IA members?
 - **Response:** No the call is not only open to 6G-IA members. You can find more information on Javier's slides and also in the WP. Some few calls have an eligibility criterion (Up to X% of the budget is fully open) which means a part of the budget only is for 6G-IA members. This information can be found in the call management rules of the WP 2024 section 1.2. As Javier has presented and Pavlos will further elaborate the IKOP target is also an parameter that needs to be taken into consideration
- from Fumiko Oda to everyone: 1:23 PM
 - In collaboration of JP/ROK, do we have to include the researchers in JP/ROK in the proposal of Horizon Europe as an Associated partners to indicate collaborations especially to the technical part of the proposal? Is it required for Japanese /ROK project members to also register to the F&T portal as required normally for associated partners?
 - **Response:** @Fumiko. It is not mandatory to include JP and ROK based entities in the consortia as Associated Partners. Nevertheless, in the case JP/ROK based entities will be included as Associated Partners, they need to be registered in the Participant Register since the participant identification code (PIC) is mandatory for the submission of the application form, but they do not need to be validated.
- from Kimberley Trommler to everyone: 1:24 PM
 - Can a for-profit entity which is primarily funded by local public funding, use that public funding as their IKOP? Or must IKOP be generated by commercial activities?
 - **Response:** @Kimbrey: IKOP is linked to funding rate and 6G-IA membership. Please find more information at <https://smart-networks.europa.eu/faq-3/#1666777966753-ade96ad7-df49>
 - **Response 2:** @Kimberley, IKOP refers to any project contributions by the 6G-IA private members that are not covered by the SNS JU side
- from [TRI] Mitch TSENG to everyone: 1:40 PM
 - Please also save the chat record as part of the Q&A. Thanks.
 - **Response:** Yes the chat record will become available.
- from Martin Johnsson to everyone: 1:56 PM
 - Thanks Manfre for an interesting presentation, just wonder how do you charge for your services?
 - **Response:** There is no charge for these services. They are free of charge.