



# SNS JU FEM 2026 Call for Proposals

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**26 May 2026**

Call 7 Opening

CLOSED

**3 Sep 2026**

17:00:00 CET

**⚠ Do not wait until the deadline!**

### Must Read

[EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#)

[SNS JU R&I Work Programme 2026](#)

Appendix 1: SNS 2026 Calls Overview & General Call Conditions

### Important Background

General Annexes for Horizon Europe call conditions 2026-2027

List of participating countries (including RoK association to HE)

SNS JU specific provisions covering Admissibility, IKOP, Eligibility & SMEs

### FAQ & Support

[FAQ Call 6 – Frequently Asked Questions - SNS JU](#)

All questions: SNS JU contact email and online form

SNS Brokerage Platform: find partners and present project ideas

## General Basis

### HE General Annexes 2026–2027

Call Conditions are based on the [General Annexes for Horizon Europe call conditions 2026-2027](#)

### Participating Countries

Full list including all latest updates (e.g. Republic of Korea association to HE). Refer to [list-3rd-country-participation\\_horizon-euratom\\_en.pdf \(europa.eu\)](#)

### SNS JU Amendments

Some provisions of the General Annexes have been amended to cover the specificities of the SNS JU programme.

## SNS JU Specific Conditions

### Admissibility

Application format, mandatory annexes, page limits for Stream B RIAs.

### Eligibility

Including Restrictions on participation per HE Article 22(5).

### IKOP

In-Kind Contributions to Operational Activities — generation rules and targets.

### SME Participation

Minimum **20% target at programme level** with specific award criteria.

### Cooperation Between Projects

Signature of collaboration agreement is requested between selected projects for topics of common interest.

## General Annex A Requirements

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- ✓ Readable, accessible and printable application
- ✓ All forms and mandatory annexes must be included
- ✓ Mandatory plan for the exploitation and dissemination of results
- ✓ Communication activities plan required

Proposals missing any **mandatory annex** for any of their participants may be declared **inadmissible**.  
Coordinator must **compile all required declarations into a single document** and submit it with the proposal.

### ⚠ Page Limit Derogation

# 70

pages maximum

For full proposals (RIAs)  
submitted under Stream B

## Legal Definition (Single-Basic Act)

"In-kind contributions to operational activities means contributions by private members, constituent entities or the affiliated entities of either, by international organisations and by contributing partners, consisting of the **eligible costs incurred by them in implementing indirect** actions less the contribution of that joint undertaking and of the participating states of that joint undertaking to those costs."

### Purpose

**Stimulates private investment** in addition to public funding, as required by the JU implementation model.

### Who Generates IKOP?

**Only entities** belonging to the 'Member other than the Union' signatory to the JU i.e. the **6G Smart Networks and Services Industry Association (6G-IA)**.

### How Is It Generated?

By private entities belonging to the 6G-IA naturally generate IKOP due to the reduced funding rate: **90% for RIA**.

Streams / Topics	Indicative IKOP level as % of project budget to reach the objective.
<b>HORIZON-JU-SNS-2026-FEM-STREAM-B (RIA)</b> 02: Microelectronic – Front-End Module (FEM)	<b>3,6%</b>

Programme Target

# €0.5M

Minimum IKOP at programme level

## How IKOP Works in Evaluation

### Award Criterion — Not Eligibility

IKOP is a specific Impact sub-criterion in RIA topics. It does NOT affect eligibility, only scoring.

### Tie-Breaking Mechanism

When proposals are equally ranked: (1) Coverage criterion (2) Excellence (3) Impact (4) SME participation level (5) IKOP level (6) Gender balance (7) Other Factors.

### Mandatory IKOP Declaration

Applicants must complete the IKOP declaration table in the Application Form Technical Description (Part B). This is mandatory.

### Methodology

IKOP target table is based on past average participation by type of beneficiary: profit and not-for-profit members (or non-members) of 6G-IA.

PIC	Legal Name	6G-IA Membership (Yes/No/Affiliate)	IKOP (€)	Legal Name of the Member Legal Entity (for Affiliate 6G-IA Members ONLY)	PIC of the Member Legal Entity (for Affiliate 6G-IA Members ONLY)
Total IKOP costs: (€)					
Total IKOP contribution in percentage of the overall eligible costs: %					

- **Table 3.1k** in Application Form Part B (IKOP & 6G-IA Membership table)
- It has to be filled for **ALL participants** (even if IKOP is zero)
- For Topic **HORIZON-JU-SNS-2026-FEM-STREAM-B-02**, the table will be considered for the **eligibility assessment**

Eligibility criteria under Art. 22(5) were applied for the first time in SNS 2025 Calls and continue in Call 7

## Legal Establishment

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*Art. 22(5) paragraph 1*

*"For actions related to Union strategic assets, interests, autonomy or security, the work programme may provide that participation can be limited to **legal entities established only in Member States or in specified associated or other third countries.**"*

## Ownership & Control

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*Art. 22(5) paragraph 2*

*"For duly justified and exceptional reasons, to guarantee protection of Union and Member States' strategic interests, the work programme may exclude or impose conditions on legal entities in the Union or associated countries that are **directly or indirectly controlled by non-associated third countries.**"*

### Why These Restrictions?

Article 22(5) of the Horizon Europe Regulation

In order to achieve the expected outcomes, and **safeguard the Union’s strategic assets, interests, autonomy, and security**, it is important to **avoid a situation of technological dependency on a non-EU source**, in a global context that requires the EU to take action to build on its strengths, and to carefully assess and **address any strategic weaknesses, vulnerabilities and high-risk dependencies** which put at risk the attainment of its ambitions.

### High-Risk Supplier Restrictions

General Annexes of the Horizon Europe Work Programme 2026-2027

In accordance with General Annex B:

- Entities that are assessed as **high-risk suppliers of mobile network communication equipment** within the meaning of ‘restrictions for the protection of European communication networks’ ( and any entities they own or control) are **not eligible to participate as beneficiaries**, affiliated entities and associated partners.
- Entities assessed as “high-risk suppliers”, are currently set out in the Related Commission Communication on the implementation of **the 5G cybersecurity toolbox of 2023**.

Eligible Countries  
for  
FEM-STREAM-B-02

Both **Part 1** (legal establishment) and **Part 2** (ownership) of **Art 22(5)** apply to this Topic:

- **FEM-STREAM-B-02: Eligible countries: Member States and Associated Countries, OECD and Mercosur Countries.**
  - **Restrictions related to High-Risk Suppliers apply for this Topic**
- **Entities directly or indirectly controlled by a non-eligible country or by a non-eligible country entity**, may not participate in the action unless it can be demonstrated, by means of **guarantees positively assessed by their eligible country of establishment**, in so far this is a Member State or Associated Country, that their participation to the action would not negatively impact the Union's strategic, assets, interests, autonomy, or security.
- **Entities assessed as High-Risk Suppliers of mobile network communication equipment** within the meaning of 'restrictions for the protection of European communication networks' (or entities fully or partially owned or controlled by a high-risk supplier) **cannot submit guarantees.**

1  
All Participants Complete  
Ownership Control  
Declaration

2  
Coordinator Compiles All  
Declarations

3  
Ownership Control  
Assessment

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Guarantees  
(where applicable)

- Participants in **FEM-STREAM-B-02** (Beneficiaries, Affiliated Entities & Associated Partners) must fill in the **ownership control declaration, annexed to the application form**. This declaration must be signed by a person empowered to represent the legal entity.
- The coordinator must combine ALL declarations into one single document and submit it with the proposal. Signed originals must be kept on file by each participant. **Proposals missing this annex for ANY participant may be declared inadmissible.**
- Participants will undergo an ownership control assessment to determine eligibility. Result determines whether a participant is eligible to continue.
- Public bodies are exempted from this obligation; they will automatically be considered as controlled by their country.
- Guarantees (for FEM-STREAM-B-02, where applicable) must be signed by the participant, they will be requested and assessed by SNS JU services & National Authorities during grant preparation. If ineligible country control is already known at proposal submission, you are strongly advised to already prepare the guarantees as part of your proposal.

Actions	Restriction
HORIZON-JU-SNS-2026-FEM-STREAM-B-02	At least <b>half of the budget</b> should be implemented by the SNS JU member (other than the Union) and their constituent or affiliated entities.

## Strategic Rationale

Intended to support IKOP generation with long-term commitment of partners and JU members (including microelectronics sector players).

Activities also support objectives of the Chips Act, the IPCEI ME/CT, and target cooperation between SNS and Chips JU towards microelectronics for 6G.

## Compliance Requirements

Applicants must fill the mandatory compliance table at proposal stage in the Application Form Technical Description (Part B).

If not completed → proposal declared ineligible and will NOT be evaluated.

## Small & Medium Enterprises

# 20%

SME target  
at programme  
level

Similar to previous SNS JU Calls , maintained as a programme-level target.

### SME-specific Impact sub-criterion

'SME Participation and opportunities to leverage project results' — scored within the Impact criterion.

### Tie-Breaking in Evaluation Rankings

When two RIA proposals are equally ranked and cannot be separated using:

1. Coverage criterion
  2. Excellence criterion
  3. Impact criterion
- then
- SME participation level is the next tiebreaker
  - If still inconclusive: IKOP level is the next criterion

## Other Conditions

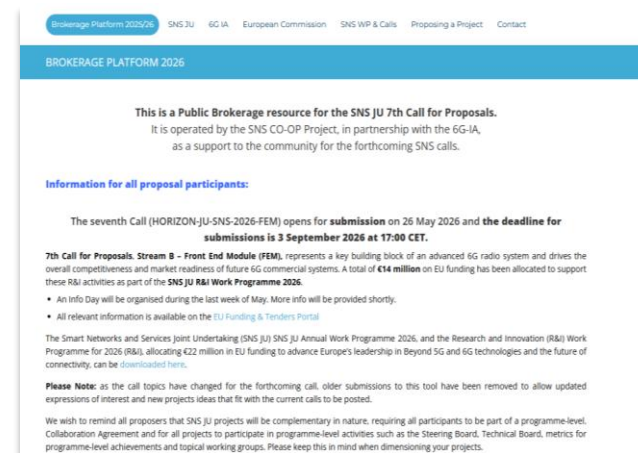
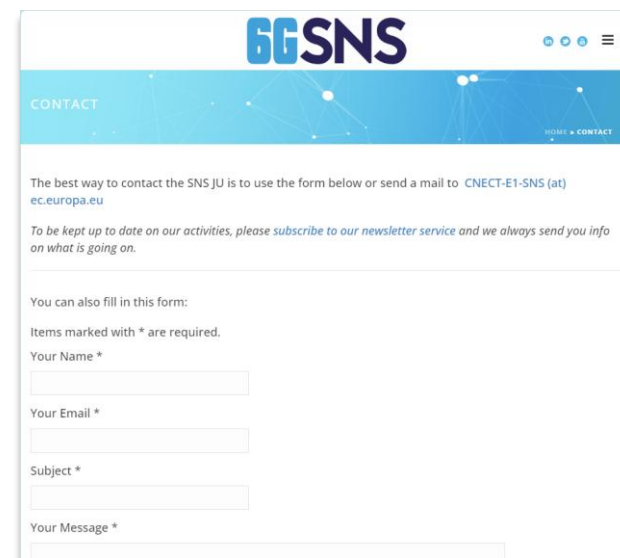
### Project Collaboration Agreement

Participants of the selected project will be requested to cooperate in the SNS Programme for topics of common interest by signing a 'collaboration agreement', referred in the specific provisions of the Model Grant Agreement (Annex 5 of the MGA).

### AI/ML Training Data Sets — Stream B

Further to Open Science provisions (General Annex G, HE WP 2026-2027): AI/ML training data sets created and used in Stream B projects must be made available through a common repository, openly accessible and reusable by other SNS projects across the programme lifecycle.

- [SNS JU contact email and form](#) – to send any questions related to the Calls
- [JU SNS FAQ](#) - find the answers to most frequently asked questions on the JU SNS call.
- [Funding & Tenders Portal FAQ](#) – find the answers to most frequently asked questions on submission of proposals, evaluation and grant management.
- [Research Enquiry Service](#) – ask questions about any aspect of European research in general and the EU Research Framework Programmes in particular.
- [National Contact Points \(NCPs\)](#) – get guidance, practical information and assistance on participation in Horizon Europe. There are also NCPs in many non-EU and non-associated countries ('third-countries').
- [CEN-CENELEC Research Helpdesk](#) and [ETSI Research Helpdesk](#) – the European Standards Organisations advise you how to tackle standardisation in your project proposal.
- [SNS Brokerage Platform](#) - To assist everyone to find projects and participants, we are offering an online Brokerage service where you can present you profile and interests and/or present your project Ideas for potential participants to see.
- **For Newcomers in EU grants:** For information about the "Registration of participants", refer to [this presentation](#) from the Central Validation Service or [check this video](#).







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