EIT Health Flagships Call BP2023-25
Cut-off 1 Support Programme Outline

1. Introduction

The Support Programme will give the opportunity to each consortium invited, to work further on their activity plan and complete their team. Consortia will receive **mentoring and coaching advice and training sessions** to support strengthening their proposal. The Support Programme is a service offered by EIT Health to all pre-selected applicants to enhance the quality of their proposals, define their strategy in terms of the 1/3 principle implementation, and refine synergies with other activities. The Support Programme applies to all types of proposals and activities across the three flagships. **It is mandatory** to take part, except for consortia who have already been through the Programme, e.g., as a result of a previous application.

In parallel, start-ups who choose the grant for option model as their financial model will go through due diligence. If they don't pass the due diligence, the full consortium will be disregarded from the selection process. Please see "Annex 14 – Due Diligence" in the Flagships Call Document for details of the due diligence process. Further information will follow with the commencement of the Support Programme and due diligence processes starting from January 2023.

Full proposals are expected to be submitted at the end of the Support Programme. They should incorporate any relevant feedback, learnings, recommendations, and improvements gathered as a result of the programme, with the ambition of producing a high-quality proposal for the final selection phase and help inform a thorough evaluation.

The **Support Programme will kick off on 10 January 2023 and will conclude by 28 February 2023**. Details of the mentors assigned to proposals, as well as information on the experts delivering subject matter training sessions will be communicated in early January 2023, in the lead-up to the commencement of the Support Programme. An **online introductory webinar** will be facilitated **through Zoom on Tue 10 January 2023, 17:00 – 18:00 CET**. **Activity Leaders of proposals are asked to connect through the Zoom joining link**.

Explicit check for any conflict of interest between mentors and their assigned consortia will be undertaken with both parties. In addition, nominated representatives from EIT Health regional hubs will follow proposals on their Support Programme journey as designated points of contact, including via attending mentoring sessions, or offering support with building the consortium further where needed.

During the Support Programme, key topics training sessions will be delivered through the EIT Health Academy Platform, EIT Health's online learning interface. A total of 3 accounts will be created for each consortium with access to the Platform; one for the Activity Leader and two additional accounts for contributors the consortium deems appropriate to attend the learning.

We invite and **ask consortia to register these accounts at the earliest opportunity by no later than 10 January 2023** through filling in the **EIT Health Academy Platform registration form**. Your registration will be processed by the Academy technical team and will grant you access to the relevant learning content once this is made available.

2. Support Programme structure

The Support Programme will consist of two types of support:

1. **Mentoring and coaching:** participating consortia will receive designated mentoring and coaching. Each proposal will be assigned a mentor, who will be available for a total of 18 hours during the 8 weeks of the Programme, with the engagement hours distributed at the convenience and agreement of the consortium and the mentor. EIT Health encourages 2 hours of mentoring engagement per week in the Support Programme period.

2. **Key topics training sessions:** consortia will attend a series of key topics sessions, delivered by subject matter experts. The sessions will be accessed by account registration on the EIT Health Academy Platform, EIT Health's online learning interface. A total of **3 accounts** will be created for each consortium with access to the Platform; one for the Activity Leader and two additional accounts for contributors the consortium deems appropriate to attend the learning.

The total time commitment per person/per consortium in the Support Programme is estimated at 4-5 hours per week for 8 weeks:

- 2 hours of mentoring and coaching;
- 1-2 hours of key training sessions with subject matter experts (hours depend on the week; see section *3.2 Key training sessions with subject matter experts* below);
- 1 additional hour of work to include the relevant learnings from the week in the full proposal development, en route to submission of the full proposal to the subsequent hearings review stage in the proposal evaluation pipeline.

Participation in the Support Programme is mandatory for the three designated individuals from each consortium. This applies both to mentoring and subject matter expert training sessions.

Further details will be communicated to consortia in early January 2023, in the lead-up to the commencement of the Support Programme.

Support Programme introductory webinar

EIT Health will deliver an introductory webinar to help consortia learn more about the Support Programme process. Activity Leaders of proposals are invited and asked to connect to the introductory webinar in line with the following details:

Date: Tuesday 10 January 2023

Time: 17:00 – 18:00 CET

Where: Online – Join Zoom Meeting:

https://eithealth-eu.zoom.us/j/89245152775

Meeting ID: 892 4515 277

The following sections offer additional information on the two types of support.

2.1 Mentoring and Coaching

One mentor will be assigned to each proposal participating in the Support Programme. The mentor will coach the allocated consortium to help strengthen the full proposals in development.

A total of 18 hours will be dedicated to mentoring and coaching across the Support Programme period between 10 January 2023 and 28 February 2023. EIT Health encourages 2 hours of mentoring per week for 8 weeks in this period, including a total of 16 mentoring hours, plus 2 hours for a first 'chemistry' engagement session where mentors and consortia get to know each other. The chemistry session will be organised with support from EIT Health. Consortia will then be able to agree the phasing and timing of subsequent sessions together with the mentor.

Details of the mentors assigned to proposals will be communicated in the lead-up to the commencement of the Support Programme. Explicit check for any conflict of interest between mentors and their assigned consortia will be undertaken.

2.2 Key topics training sessions with subject matter experts

Proposals will receive key training sessions on topics linked to innovation and education concepts in healthcare, as well as to the development of full proposals. The sessions will be delivered by subject matter experts online through the EIT Health Academy Platform.

Each training session will be facilitated in the form of a 30 min pre-recorded video available in the Platform. This will be followed by a 30 min Q&A, to be delivered through a live session online. The pre-recorded videos will be uploaded to the Academy Platform in advance of the Q&A slot for consortia to view at own time in preparation.

Three specific topics ('*Regulatory*', '*Clinical Trial Set Up*' and '*VBHC contracts and Sustainability Plan*' – see section *2.3 Key topics sessions – Q&A timetable by program*) will be followed by dedicated individual 1-on-1 'Office Hours' sessions with each proposal instead of the Q&A slot, in order to help facilitate further learning.

The expected timetable for the key topics training session Q&A slots or 1-on-1 Office Hours is outlined in the section *2.3 Key topics sessions – Q&A timetable by program* below. The timetable broken down by program (Innovation or Education) and flagship type (Facilitating the uptake of Digital Medical Devices – DMD; Harnessing the full potential of health data for Innovation – EHDS; New models to deliver healthcare – NMDH). The table includes the learning topic titles and the corresponding Q&A or 1-on-1 dates foreseen.

Participation is mandatory for those sessions that cover topics linked to the relevant programme and flagship type of the given proposal, as outlined in the table.

2.3 Key topics sessions – Q&A timetable by program

2.3.1 Innovation programs

NMDH			
MANDATORY	**Th 12 Jan**	**16:30-17h**	**Proposal writing**
OPTIONAL	Week 2 onward. Date/Time TBD (1-on-1 with expert)		Regulatory
MANDATORY	**Th 19 Jan**	**16:30-17h**	**Benchmarking Plan/ Learning communities**
OPTIONAL	We 25 Jan	16:30-17h	Plan for access and use of existing Patient Registries/Biobank
MANDATORY	**Th 26 Jan**	**16:30-17h**	**Outcomes' list**
OPTIONAL	Week 4 onward. Date/Time TBD (1-on-1 with expert)		Clinical Trial Set Up
MANDATORY	**We 1 Feb**	**16:30-17h**	**ELSI compliance package**
MANDATORY	**Th 2 Feb**	**16:30-17h**	**IT Integration Plan**
MANDATORY	Week 5 onward. Date/Time TBD (1-on-1 with expert)		**VBHC contracts and Sustainability Plan**
MANDATORY	**We 15 Feb**	**16:30-17h**	**Comm/Dissemination and Exploitation Plan**
MANDATORY	**Th 16 Feb**	**16:30-17h**	**Critical OUT-MIL-DEL/ KPIs**
MANDATORY	**We 22 Feb**	**16:30-17h**	**Citizen and patient engagement**
MANDATORY	**Th 23 Feb**	**16:30-17h**	**Knowledge triangle integration**

DMD & EHDS			
MANDATORY	**Th 12 Jan**	**16:30-17h**	**Proposal writing**
MANDATORY	Week 2 onward. Date/Time TBD (1-on-1 with expert)		**Regulatory**
MANDATORY	**We 25 Jan**	**16:30-17h**	**Plan for access and use of existing Patient Registries/Biobank**
MANDATORY	Week 4 onward. Date/Time TBD (1-on-1 with expert)		**Clinical Trial Set Up**
MANDATORY	**We 1 Feb**	**16:30-17h**	**ELSI compliance package**
MANDATORY	**We 8 Feb**	**16:30-17h**	**Business Plan I**
MANDATORY	**Th 9 Feb**	**16:30-17h**	**Business Plan II**
MANDATORY	**We 15 Feb**	**16:30-17h**	**Comm/Dissemination and Exploitation Plan**
MANDATORY	**Th 16 Feb**	**16:30-17h**	**Critical OUT-MIL-DEL/ KPIs**
MANDATORY	**We 22 Feb**	**16:30-17h**	**Citizen and patient engagement**
MANDATORY	**Th 23 Feb**	**16:30-17h**	**Knowledge triangle integration**

2.3.2 Education programs

W/S SCHOOL			
MANDATORY	**We 11 Jan**	**16:30-17h**	**Instructional Design + Academy Platform**
MANDATORY	**Th 12 Jan**	**16:30-17h**	**Proposal writing**
MANDATORY	**Th 19 Jan**	**16:30-17h**	**EntreComp/EPIC-Entrepr Potential and Inno Competences**
MANDATORY	**We 25 Jan**	**16:30-17h**	**Start-up creation (practical advice)**
MANDATORY	**We 1 Feb**	**16:30-17h**	**ELSI compliance package**
MANDATORY	**Th 2 Feb**	**16:30-17h**	**EIT Label & EIT Learning Outcomes**
MANDATORY	**We 8 Feb**	**16:30-17h**	**Business Plan I**
MANDATORY	**Th 9 Feb**	**16:30-17h**	**Business Plan II**
MANDATORY	**We 15 Feb**	**16:30-17h**	**Comm/Dissemination and Exploitation Plan**
MANDATORY	**Th 16 Feb**	**16:30-17h**	**Critical OUT-MIL-DEL/ KPIs**
MANDATORY	**We 22 Feb**	**16:30-17h**	**Citizen and patient engagement**
MANDATORY	**Th 23 Feb**	**16:30-17h**	**Knowledge triangle integration**

MODULES HIGH VALUE CARE			
MANDATORY	**We 11 Jan**	**16:30-17h**	**Instructional Design + Academy Platform**
MANDATORY	**Th 12 Jan**	**16:30-17h**	**Proposal writing**
MANDATORY	**We 18 Jan**	**16:30-17h**	**CPD accreditation & UEMS (UEMS/ EACCME)**
MANDATORY	**We 1 Feb**	**16:30-17h**	**ELSI compliance package**
MANDATORY	**Th 2 Feb**	**16:30-17h**	**EIT Label & EIT Learning Outcomes**
MANDATORY	**We 8 Feb**	**16:30-17h**	**Business Plan I**
MANDATORY	**Th 9 Feb**	**16:30-17h**	**Business Plan II**
MANDATORY	**We 15 Feb**	**16:30-17h**	**Comm/Dissemination and Exploitation Plan**
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3. Where to find help

Further information will follow with the introductory webinar and the commencement of the Support Programme starting from January 2023. For additional queries in the interim, please contact your local EIT Health Co-Location Center or InnoStars.