EIT Health Flagships Call BP2023-25
Cut-off 3 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 strengthen their proposal in line with the flagship call requirements. The Support Programme is a service offered by EIT Health to all pre-selected applicants to enhance the quality of their proposals, complete the consortia, define their proposal in terms of co-funding and financial sustainability, and refine synergies with other activities. The Support Programme applies to all types of proposals and activities across the three flagships. **Consortia must** 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.

Full proposals are expected to be submitted at the end of the Support Programme. They should incorporate all 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 4 September 2023 and will conclude by 11 October 2023**. Details of the mentors and experts assigned to proposals will be communicated between the end of August and the beginning of September. An **online introductory webinar** will be facilitated for the **Activity Leaders of proposals**. More information on the date and link for this Support Programme introductory webinar will be sent to all Activity Leaders soon.

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. **One account will be created for each consortium with access to the Platform, dedicated to the Activity Leader of the proposal.** The 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 three 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 16 hours during the 5 weeks of the Programme, with the engagement hours distributed at the convenience and agreement of the consortium and the mentor.

2. **Key one-to-one sessions with experts**: participating consortia in Innovation programmes will receive dedicated individual key one-to-one sessions, in order to facilitate further learning.

3. **Training videos:** consortia will have access to a series of key topics training videos, delivered by subject matter experts. The videos will be available through the EIT Health Academy Platform, EIT Health's online learning interface.

The total time commitment per person/per consortium in the Support Programme is estimated at 4-6 hours per week. Additional time 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. Additionally, the CLCs will support the consortia in the preparation of the hearings pitches. CLCs will contact the consortia to receive this support in advance to the Hearings stage.

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