Open Innovation: Start-up Support and Acceleration Bootcamp Services - Call for Providers

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

This document provides answers to frequently asked questions about the Open Innovation: Start-up Support and Acceleration Bootcamp Services - Call for Providers. For ease of reference, we have grouped them by theme. If your question is not covered here, please contact calls@eithealth.eu.

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APPLICATION FORM

1. **Why can I not see the application form in the application platform?**

The application form will open on 02 December 2026. From this date you will be able to see the application form in EIT Health's application platform.

ELIGIBILITY & CONSORTIUM

2. **Are there any restrictions regarding the number of projects an entity can apply together with other partners?**

There are no restrictions on the number of projects an entity can apply with. Though each project must be a separate application.

3. **Are entities legally registered in the UK eligible for funding and support?**

Yes, UK entities will now be eligible to directly receive EIT funding, if selected as a part of a granted project consortia and will be treated as all other participants from Horizon Europe participating and associated countries. UK entities selected as part of prior calls for proposals (2023 and prior) will continue to be covered by the local UK reimbursement scheme. Further information on this topic can be found on the UK Research and Innovation website .

4. **Are entities based in Switzerland eligible to receive EIT funding following a successful application?**

Yes. Switzerland officially joined Horizon Europe and the Euratom Research & Training programme on 10 November 2025 with the signing of the Association Agreement unlocking new opportunities for scientific collaboration between EU and Swiss researchers and innovators. As a result of association, Swiss entities have access to all parts of the Horizon Europe programme, including EIT and EIT Health Calls, on similar terms with EU Member States. They can now join and/or lead research consortia and be funded directly from the programme for all calls from the 2025 budget onwards, enabling them to contribute to cutting-edge research and tackle global challenges as well as engage in initiatives supporting national research reforms and institutional capacity-building.

Further information is available on the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI) of Switzerland.

5. **Are entities legally registered in Canada eligible of funding and support?**

EIT Health is funded by Horizon Europe funds from Pillar III – "Innovative Europe". Canada is associated to just Pillar II – "Global Challenges and Europe Industrial Competitiveness". As a result, entities legally registered in Canada are not eligible to receive any more than 60,000 EUR in funding from the Open Innovation: Start-up Support and Acceleration Bootcamp Services - Call for Providers. Canadian entities can participate in the consortium if the organization receives no more than 60,000 EUR in the budget or funds their participation in total. In the case that an entity legally registered in Canada funds their own participation, this may count towards the 50% co-funding requirements of the call. Please refer to the List of Participating Countries in Horizon Europe and this page from the Government of Canada regarding its association to Horizon Europe - Horizon Europe: Pillar 3.

6. **Are all Hungarian entities eligible to receive EIT funding following a successful application?**

Yes. Following the Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/2506, as of 15 December 2022, no legal commitments could be entered into with Hungarian public interest trusts established under the Hungarian Act IX of 2021 or any entity they maintain. As of 20 October 2026, these measures have been lifted and Hungarian entities are now able to receive EIT funding.

7. **Do team members need to be official residents of an EU member state or a country eligible for Horizon Europe Funding?**

The residency status of individuals included in the application is not relevant. EIT Health does not provide funding to individuals. It is the legal residency of the entities included in the application that matters for eligibility. Each entity receiving funding must be legally registered in an EU Member State or a third country associated with Horizon Europe, or a low- and middle-income countries that is eligible for Horizon Europe funding. Please see here for a list of eligible countries.

8. **Can entities that are not members of EIT Health participate in this call?**

Yes. Applicants do not need to be members of EIT Health to receive funding.

9. **Can entities that are not members of EIT Health lead projects in this call?**

Yes, non-EIT Health members can lead projects.

10. **What are the requirements for consortia?**

All conditions and criteria for consortia are laid out in section three of the call document.

11. **Can a project that was submitted to a previous EIT Health call be submitted to this call?**

Yes. There are no restrictions on projects that have been submitted to previous EIT Health calls from being submitted to this call.

12. **How long is the project duration?**

Projects will run for a maximum of 20 months, starting on April 19 2027, and ending no later than 31 December 2028.

CO-FUNDING AND FUNDING

13. **Does the co-funding have to be from private investment, or can it come from other sources like**

other public or private grants?

Co-funding can come from different sources, private funding, own resources and other grants. However, where other EU grants are being used for co-funding, applicants must ensure that they do not breach EU double funding rules. The EU double funding rule prohibits the use of different EU funds being used for the same costs. EIT Health expects applicants to ensure that they are compliant with the relevant funding and audit requirements. Double funding may be checked during project audits.

14. How is co-funding calculated?

Co-funding is the percentage of the total project budget that is not funded by EIT Health. See below for illustrative examples.

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET (EUR)	EIT FUNDING REQUESTED	CO-FUNDING INCLUDED	CO-FUNDING %
€100,000	€50,000	€50,000	€50,000 / €100,000 = **50%**
€995,000	€350,000	€645,000	€645,000 / €995,000 = **64.8%**
€5,000,001	€1,000,000	€4,000,001	€4,000,001 / €5,000,001 = **80%**

Co-funding percentages are minimum percentages. You may bring more co-funding to your project proposal than the percentage stated in the Call Document, but it cannot be less than the co-funding percentage. For example, if the co-funding percentage is 50%, you must bring at least 50%, but you may contribute 55%, 60%, 70% etc.

15. How will the grant be dispersed to successful applicants?

Funding will be dispersed only when all consortium members have signed all the required agreements. See section 3.5 of the call document for details on contracting requirements for successful applicants.

Funding is dispersed to successful applicants via a 'cost reporting' model. This means that each year of the project, consortia will receive one upfront payment called the 'pre-financing payment', and a second payment that reimburses consortium members for project costs incurred throughout the year. Please refer to section 3.6 on the grant payment mechanism in the call document for full details.

16. The call document refers to a financial capacity check; how does this check work?

The financial capacity check is a legal, financial, and administrative check of each entity due to receive funding. Each applicant organisation will need to provide a set of documents requested at the time relating to the legal, financial and administrative affairs of the applicant organisation. The check is carried out by a third party who will contact the relevant applicant organisations to request the required documentation.

The check will verify that each organisation is legally recognised, check for any relevant special legal status of the organisation in relation to the receipt of EU funds, and check that each organisation has the financial capacity to receive the public funds requested.

It is vital that each organisation has a registered Participant Identification Code (PIC number) when completing the application for the Open Innovation: Start-up Support and Acceleration Bootcamp Services - Call for Providers. The PIC number is essential to the financial capacity check, and not having a registered PIC number will delay financial capacity check and ultimately the disbursement of grant funding.

ELIGIBLE COSTS

17. Where can information be found regarding eligible costs?

We follow Horizon Europe cost eligibility rules for all our programmes and activities. The Annotated Model Grant Agreement or AMGA is the backbone of all Horizon Europe grant agreements. Visit https://connections.eithealth.eu/guidance/financial-guidance to download the AMGA, which provides the description of eligible costs for Horizon Europe projects.

EVALUATION

18. Who will perform the eligibility checks?

EIT Health staff will check that each application meets the eligibility criteria that are detailed in the Call Document. Applications that meet the eligibility criteria then move on for formal evaluation. Applications that do not meet the eligibility criteria will be rejected.

19. Who will perform the application evaluations?

Standard EIT Health practice is to contract with independent experts who will review each eligible application and score each application in accordance with the call score card (see Call Document). Each application will receive an overall score and are then ranked according to this score. Subject to the available budget, compliance with the call conditions, and fulfilling all evaluation criteria, the top ranked applications are invited to receive funding.

The Open Innovation: Start-up Support and Acceleration Bootcamp Services - Call for Providers has one single evaluation stage. During the online hearing evaluation stage, all applications will be reviewed by three external evaluators, plus two EIT Health experts.

REPORTING

20. How does EIT Health follow the progress and implementation of projects that receive funding?

Projects that receive funding will be accountable to EIT Health for the funding they receive. As a condition of funding, EIT Health will require projects to report on the progress of their project. See the EIT Health Implementation Handbook.