



Questions & Answers

Call for proposals 2022
HORIZON-ER-JU-2022-02

Date of publication: 27/09/2022

Document History		
1	27/09/2022	First publication: Q 1-6

1	<p>Dear team,</p> <p>I've seen that in call EU-RAIL JU Call Proposals 2022-02 (HORIZON-ER-JU-2022-02), in comparison to all other ERJU calls this has a big difference between first number (2.3M) partners budget and "Overall Indicative budget" (23M). What does this mean exactly? Is it expected that the non-partners fund that part with private resources? What would be considered eligible costs in that case? This is important for consortia creation.</p> <p>https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-er-ju-2022-fa7-03;callCode=HORIZON-ER-JU-2022-02;freeTextSearchKeyword=;matchWholeText=true;typeCodes=1;statusCodes=31094501,31094502,31094503;programmePeriod=2021%20-%202027;programCcm2Id=43108390;programDivisionCode=null;focusAreaCode=null;destination=null;mission=null;geographicalZoneCode=null;programmeDivisionProspect=null;startDateLte=null;startDateGte=null;crossCuttingPriorityCode=null;cpvCode=null;performanceOfDelivery=null;sortQuery=sortStatus;orderBy=asc;onlyTenders=false;topicListKey=topicSearchTablePageState</p>	<p>For topic hyperloop industrial roadmap and pilots Topic ID HORIZON-ER-JU-2022-FA7-03, EU-Rail estimates that an <i>EU contribution</i> of EUR 2.3 million would allow these outcomes to be addressed appropriately. Nonetheless, this does not preclude submission and selection of a proposal requesting different amounts.</p> <p>The <i>total indicative budget</i> in term of Total Project Costs for the project stemming from this topic is EUR 23 million, which is built from the requirement to create leverage effect at 10x. This is expected to result from the assets, HR and know-how brought inside the project by the entities participating to the consortium. It may also result from possible external investments – e.g. national funding in the form of in-kind contributions, against activities that may contribute to achieve the project objectives.</p> <p>This leverage effect shall result from the consortia, independently from the requirement applicable to the private Founding Members of EU-Rail participating to consortia submitting any proposal.</p> <p>To answer your question regarding eligibility, the costs that will be funded by EU-Rail, i.e. EUR 2.3 million shall meet the eligibility conditions set out in Art 6 of the HE MGA.</p> <p>Eligible costs will take the form of a lump sum as defined in the Decision of 7 July 2021 authorising the use of lump sum contributions under the Horizon Europe Programme – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2021- 2027) – and in actions under the Research and Training Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community (2021-2025). [[This decision is available on the Funding and Tenders Portal, in the reference documents section for Horizon Europe, under ‘Simplified costs decisions’ or through this link:</p>
---	---	---

		<p>https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/guidance/ls-decision_he_en.pdf]].</p>
2	<p>We are a group of cities and railways and we'd like to apply for the Call: New railway station concept for green and socially inclusive smart cities We have some basic questions:</p> <p>we cannot find the "specific conditions" for this call. When clicking on the link into the Call, it redirects to a general page with the list of all the calls. So, it seems there is not a Call Manual specific for this call. We can find only the general manuals and annexes, but they concern ALL the calls. So, not a specific one for this call. Is it normal??</p> <p>idem for the budget. we cannot find the budget for this call. Is it normal? Where can we find it?</p> <p>We look forward to hearing from you soon, as without all this info we cannot proceed on developing a proposal.</p>	<p>Thank you for your email. Please note that when clicking on the topic ID New railway station concept for green and socially inclusive smart cities: HORIZON-ER-JU-2022-ExplR-01, the following link appears, containing the specific topic description and conditions and documents:</p> <p>https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-er-ju-2022-explr-01;callCode=HORIZON-ER-JU-2022-02;freeTextSearchKeyword=rail;matchWholeText=true;typeCodes=0,1,2,8;statusCodes=31094501,31094502,31094503;programmePeriod=null;programCcm2Id=43108390;programDivisionCode=null;focusAreaCode=null;destination=null;mission=null;geographicalZonesCode=null;programmeDivisionProspect=null;startDateLte=null;startDateGte=null;crossCuttingPriorityCode=null;cpvCode=null;performanceOfDelivery=null;sortQuery=sortStatus;orderBy=asc;onlyTenders=false;topicListKey=topicSearchTablePageState</p> <p>Please note that there was an IT issue with the budget figures, which has now been fixed. When clicking on the button „see budget overview“, the relevant budgetary figures appear for each call topic. For call topic HORIZON-ER-JU-2022-ExplR-01, the budget year 2022 is 700,000 Eur.</p> <p>This is also indicated on p. 196 of the AWP 2022-2024:</p>

HORIZON-ER-JU-2022-EXPLR-01: NEW RAILWAY STATION CONCE GREEN AND SOCIALLY INCLUSIVE SMART CITIES		
Topics	Type of Action	Expected EU contribution per project (EUR million) ¹³¹
Opening: 13 September 2022 Deadline(s): 14 December 2022		
HORIZON-ER-JU-2022-ExplR-01	RIA	0.7
Overall indicative budget		0.7

The total indicative budget for the topic is EUR 0.7 million. Applicant Private Members of the EU-Rail part of consortia responding to this topic should provide in-kind contributions to additional activities to be declared via the template model available on the F&T portal. The amount of total in-kind contributions (i.e. in-kind contributions for operational activities and in-kind contributions for additional activities) should be no less than 1.263133 times the funding request, in aggregate, of these applicant Private Members. Any discrepancy shall be well and duly justified.

In this respect, the grant agreements will set, in principle, annual deliverable on in-kind contributions for the projects selected under this topic, as well as mandatory reporting requirements, for those applicants who are Private Members of EU-Rail.

3	<p>Good afternoon, We have another question for you:</p> <p>The consortium, when submitting the application, would like to subcontract the task of Procurement of Innovative Solutions (PCP/PPI), in procuring the innovations for developing the Living Labs in the 4 stations.</p> <p>Our question is the following: Is it possible to outline in the proposal that we will subcontract for this specific task? As each Living Lab would get 50.000 euros for a pilot of an</p>	<p>Thank you for your question.</p> <p>There is no maximum treshold for subcontracting.</p> <p>However, please note that only limited parts of the action may be subcontracted.</p> <p>Limited parts means that subcontracting remains proportionate both in terms of share of subcontracted action tasks as well as in terms of share in the eligible cost.</p>
---	---	--

<p>Innovative Solution, we would therefore subcontract the 200.000 euros so then they can manage the entire process of procurement (PCP/PPI) and its management. Is it possible? Or 200.000 euros is over the limit of subcontracting?</p> <p>Thank you very much</p>	<p>Please also note that according to Art 6.2.B of the HE annotated model grant agreement (https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/aga_en.pdf), the subcontracting costs must comply with the following eligibility conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – fulfil the general conditions for costs to be eligible (i.e. incurred/used during the action duration, necessary, linked to the action, etc; see Article 6.1(a)) – be based either on the best value for money (considering the quality of the service, good or work proposed, i.e. the best price-quality ratio) or on the lowest price – not be subject to conflict of interest (see Article 12). <p>The tasks to be subcontracted and the estimated cost for each subcontract must be set out in Annex 1 and the total estimated costs of subcontracting per beneficiary must be set out in Annex 2</p>
<p>4 We have 2 questions concerning the call HORIZON-ER-JU-2022-FA7-03</p> <p>1. Specific conditions. It concerns the following sentence: "Applicant Private[[As defined in Article 2(5) of Council Regulation (EU) 2021/2085.]] Members of the EU-Rail part of consortia responding to this topic should provide <u>in-kind contributions to additional activities to be declared via the template model available on the F&T portal</u>".</p> <p>Can you please explain what you mean with the 'template model available on the F&T portal'? Is this the template available when you start a proposal in the F&T portal, called "MembersContribution_AnnexI_PartB_perFA_A_final.xlsx"?</p> <p>2. Can you please confirm if funding from the</p>	<p>1. There are two annexes to the part B template</p> <p>1- The detailed budget table_he_Ju_er_Is- euratom_en_final –(this is the so called LS budget table)</p> <p>2- The membersContribution_AnnexI_PartB_perFA_final</p> <p>The two annexes are offered in Excel in SEP and are part of the proposal.</p> <p>1. Please be informed that the funding from the Europe's Rail is considered as public funding.</p> <p>The joint undertakings are public-private partnerships in the specific sectors established under Article 187 of the Treaty on the</p>

<p>EU-RAILJU is private of public funding? Please could you add to your explanation any reference to legal text / document?</p>	<p>Functioning of the European Union. The legal basis for establishment of the Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking is the Council Regulation (EU) 2021/2085 of 19 November 2021 (available under the link - EUR-Lex - 32021R0695 - EN - EUR-Lex (europa.eu)). The objective of Europe's Rail is to deliver Research and Innovation Programme under the rules of the Regulation (EU) 2021/695 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021 establishing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, laying down its rules for participation and dissemination (“Horizon Europe Regulation”), available under the link - Publications Office (europa.eu). The implementation of the budget of the Europe's Rail is strictly regulated by the JU Financial Rules available under the link - S2R-JU-Financial-Rules.pdf (europa.eu) (cf. Chapter 7).</p> <p>The funding from the Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking is, in vast majority of cases, distributed in a form of grants, which are awarded based on the open calls for proposals. The ongoing calls for proposals are available at the Europe's Rail's website (https://rail-research.europa.eu/participate/call-for-proposals/ongoing-call-for-proposals/).</p> <p>You will find information on new calls on the Funding & Tender Opportunities Portal (under the link - Funding & tenders (europa.eu)). In addition, the legal and financial set-up is defined in Europe's Rail AWP 2022-2024 (section 2.3.8.1), referencing essentially to the HE Work Programme General Annexes.</p>
<p>5. What is the proposed budget for proposals under the topic HORIZON-ER-JU-2022-FA7-02. Where can this info be found?</p>	<p>Please note that there was an IT issue with the budget figures, which has now been fixed. When clicking on the button „see budget overview“, the relevant budgetary figures appear for each call topic.</p> <p>The budget for topic HORIZON-ER-JU-2022-FA7-02 can be found on the Funding and</p>

		<p>Tenders portal in the section „budget overview“:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="842 427 1385 577"> <thead> <tr> <th>Topic</th> <th>Budget (EUR) - Year : 2022</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>HORIZON-ER-JU-2022-FA7-02 - HORIZON-JU-RIA HORIZON JU Research and Innovation Actions</td> <td>1 500 000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The information relative to the budget can also be found in the AWP 2022-2024 on page 188: https://rail-research.europa.eu/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/AWP_2022_AMEM_DMENT_final_20220909.pdf</p> <p>The <i>total indicative budget</i> for the topic is EUR 1.5 million. Applicant PrivateMembers of the EU-Rail part of consortia responding to this topic should provide in-kind contributions to additional activities to be declared via the template model available on the F&T portal. The amount of total in-kind contributions (i.e. in-kind contributions for operational activities and in-kind contributions for additional activities) should be no less than 1.263126 times the funding request, in aggregate, of these applicant Private Members. Any discrepancy shall be well and duly justified.</p>	Topic	Budget (EUR) - Year : 2022	HORIZON-ER-JU-2022-FA7-02 - HORIZON-JU-RIA HORIZON JU Research and Innovation Actions	1 500 000
Topic	Budget (EUR) - Year : 2022					
HORIZON-ER-JU-2022-FA7-02 - HORIZON-JU-RIA HORIZON JU Research and Innovation Actions	1 500 000					
6.	<p>Dear friends</p> <p>Where are the announced new calls available?</p> <p>Best regards</p>	<p>Dear Sir,</p> <p>The call 2022-2 is published on Europe Rail's website (https://rail-research.europa.eu/participate/call-for-proposals/), as well as on the Funding and Tenders Portal (https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-search;callCode=null;freeTextSearchKeyword=HORIZON-ER-JU-2022-02;matchWholeText=true;typeCodes=0,1,2,8;</p>				



		statusCodes=31094501,31094502,31094503;programmePeriod=null;programCcm2Id=null;programDivisionCode=null;focusAreaCode=null;destination=null;mission=null;geographicalZonesCode=null;programmeDivisionProspect=null;startDateLte=null;startDateGte=null;crossCuttingPriorityCode=null;cpvCode=null;performanceOfDelivery=null;sortQuery=sortStatus;orderBy=asc;onlyTenders=false;topicListKey=topicSearchTablePageState)
--	--	---