



## Questions & Answers

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HORIZON-ER-JU-2022-02

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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><a href="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">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</a></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 <b>leverage effect at 10x</b>. 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</p>
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		<p>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: <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/guidance/ls-decision_he_en.pdf">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/guidance/ls-decision_he_en.pdf</a>]].</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><a href="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">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</a></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</p>

		<p>2022-2024:</p> <p><b>HORIZON-ER-JU-2022-EXPLR-01: NEW RAILWAY STATION CONCE GREEN AND SOCIALLY INCLUSIVE SMART CITIES</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="839 495 951 613">Topics</th> <th data-bbox="951 495 1011 613">Type of Action</th> <th data-bbox="1011 495 1394 613">Expected EU contribution per project (EUR million)<sup>131</sup></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td colspan="3" data-bbox="839 613 1394 663" style="text-align: center;">Opening: 13 September 2022 Deadline(s): 14 December 2022</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="839 663 951 725">HORIZON-ER-JU-2022-ExplR-01</td> <td data-bbox="951 663 1011 725">RIA</td> <td data-bbox="1011 663 1394 725" style="text-align: center;">0.7</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="839 725 951 788">Overall indicative budget</td> <td data-bbox="951 725 1011 788"></td> <td data-bbox="1011 725 1394 788" style="text-align: center;">0.7</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>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&amp;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.</p> <p>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.</p>	Topics	Type of Action	Expected EU contribution per project (EUR million) <sup>131</sup>	Opening: 13 September 2022 Deadline(s): 14 December 2022			HORIZON-ER-JU-2022-ExplR-01	RIA	0.7	Overall indicative budget		0.7
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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 sub-</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</p>												

<p>contract for this specific task? As each Living Lab would get 50.000 euros for a pilot of an 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>terms of share in the eligible cost.</p> <p>Please also note that according to Art 6.2.B of the HE annotated model grant agreement (<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/aga_en.pdf">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/aga_en.pdf</a>), the subcontracting costs must comply with the following eligibility conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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</li> <li>- not be subject to conflict of interest (see Article 12).</li> </ul> <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&amp;T portal</u>".</p> <p>Can you please explain what you mean with the 'template model available on the F&amp;T portal'? Is this the template available when you start a proposal in the F&amp;T portal, called "MembersContribution_AnnexI_PartB_perFA_A_final.xlsx"?</p> <p>2. Can you please confirm if funding from the EU-RAILJU is private or public funding? Please could you add to your explanation any reference to legal text / document?</p>	<p>1. There are two annexes to the part B template</p> <p>1- The detailed budget table_he_Ju_er_Is-auratom_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 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</p>

		<p>(available under the link - <a href="#">EUR-Lex - 32021R0695 - EN - EUR-Lex (europa.eu)</a>). 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 - <a href="#">Publications Office (europa.eu)</a>. The implementation of the budget of the Europe's Rail is strictly regulated by the JU Financial Rules available under the link - <a href="#">S2R-JU-Financial-Rules.pdf (europa.eu)</a> (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 (<a href="https://rail-research.europa.eu/participate/call-for-proposals/ongoing-call-for-proposals/">https://rail-research.europa.eu/participate/call-for-proposals/ongoing-call-for-proposals/</a>).</p> <p>You will find information on new calls on the Funding &amp; Tender Opportunities Portal (under the link - <a href="#">Funding &amp; tenders (europa.eu)</a>). 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>
5.	<p>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 Tenders portal in the section „budget overview“:</p>

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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 ( <a href="https://rail-research.europa.eu/participate/call-for-proposals/">https://rail-research.europa.eu/participate/call-for-proposals/</a>), as well as on the Funding and Tenders Portal (<a href="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;statusCodes=31094501,31094502,31094503;programmePeriod=null;programCcm2Id=null;">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;statusCodes=31094501,31094502,31094503;programmePeriod=null;programCcm2Id=null;</a></p>		

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7	<p>Pls. provide information on actual open calls.</p>	<p>Dear Sir,</p> <p>Please note that the Joint Undertaking has published on 13 September its second open call <a href="#">2022-02</a> covering exploratory research and other activities with a deadline of 14 December 2022.</p> <p>The call 2022-2 is published on Europe Rail's website ( <a href="https://rail-research.europa.eu/participate/call-for-proposals/">https://rail-research.europa.eu/participate/call-for-proposals/</a>), as well as on the Funding and Tenders Portal (<a 121="" 156="" 761="" 903"="" href="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;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)&lt;/a&gt;)&lt;/p&gt; &lt;/td&gt; &lt;/tr&gt; &lt;tr&gt; &lt;td data-bbox=">8</a></p>	<p>Good afternoon,</p> <p>I would like to confirm whether entities which are not members of EU-Rail can participate in the call for proposals 2022-2 (I understand they are open to any entity eligible under HE conditions, but just to be sure). And then I'd have a question, which is the following: would they be somehow subjected to joint or several</p>	<p>Please note that all published call for proposals of EU-Rail are fully competitive and open to all eligible entities according to Horizon Europe rules for participation, including the call for proposals 2022-2.</p> <p>The liability regime for recoveries is indicated in Annex G of the HE Work Programme General Annexes:</p>



<p>liability for enforced recoveries? The model GA gives different options (<i>for programmes with joint and several liability of beneficiaries; for programmes without joint and several liability of beneficiaries, etc.</i>), but we have not been able to find what the option for ERJU calls would be. Any response in this regard would be greatly appreciated.</p> <p>Thank you very much.</p>	<p><a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/wp-call/2021-2022/wp-13-general-annexes_horizon-2021-2022_en.pdf">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/wp-call/2021-2022/wp-13-general-annexes_horizon-2021-2022_en.pdf</a> .</p> <p>The liability regime for recoveries is that of individual financial responsibility. Each beneficiary is liable only for their own debt, and those of its affiliated entities, if any (Data Sheet point 4.4 and article 22).</p> <p>However, please note that if during the Grant Agreement phase, the granting authority considers that the financial capacity is not satisfactory, they may require:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• further information;</li> <li>• or an enhanced financial responsibility regime, i.e. joint and several responsibility of <i>affiliated entities</i> (see Annex G);</li> <li>• or prefinancing paid in instalments;</li> <li>• or propose no prefinancing;</li> <li>• or request that the applicant concerned is replaced or, if needed, reject the entire proposal.</li> </ul> <p>If the granting authority requires joint and several liability of <i>affiliated entities</i> (see Data Sheet, Point 4.4), they must sign the declaration set out in Annex 3a and may be held liable in case of enforced recoveries against their beneficiaries (see Article 22.2 and 22.4).</p>
<p>9 Dear Madam/Sir, I have a question regarding to funding rates applied to the 2022-2 (Exploratory Research) call of Europe's Rail for IA, RIA and CSA topics.</p> <p>In the first call of Europe's Rail (2022-1), although it was stated that the funding rate was 60%, the Consortia could decide and apply internally different funding rates.</p> <p>In <a href="#">Europe's Rail Amended Annual Work Programme 2022-2024</a> document on page 19, it is declared that "- a second Call for Proposals – to be launched in Q3 2022 – in</p>	<p>Dear Sir,</p> <p>Please be informed that in accordance with the amended Work Programme and Budget 2022-2024 of the Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking (cf p.19), the standard funding rates of Horizon Europe will apply to the call ID HORIZON-JU-ER-2022-02. Thus, the funding conditions of 60% are not applicable in this case.</p> <p>In accordance with Article 34 of the Horizon Europe Regulation (available under the link: <a href="#">Publications Office (europa.eu)</a>), the funding</p>

<p>relation to Exploratory Research and Others, whose conditions will be set in line with <b>Horizon Europe standard funding rates</b>, inter alia” .</p> <p>Whether it means that the funding rate for all RIA and CSA topics are %100 for all types of participants and 70% for IA topics for profit organizations in 2022-2 call <b>or</b> the 2022-1 rules of funding (60%) are applicable also for the second call.</p> <p>We are confused by the table on page 43 (2.3.8 Call for proposals section). In the corresponding columns of “Exploratory Research” row, “the maximum EU-Rail cofunding (14.7)” seems 40% of the “value of the actions (35.8)” .</p> <p>I will appreciate if you could enlighten us about the correct funding rates.</p> <p>Thanks in advance, Kind regards,</p>	<p>rates for the Research and Innovation Actions (RIA) and Coordination and Support Action (CSA) are 100%. As per Article 34(2), point (b), the funding rates for Innovation Actions (IA) differ depending on the type of the legal entity. For non-profit legal entities, a funding rate of 100% applies whereas for the for-profit legal entities, a funding rate of 70% applies.</p> <p>We invite you to familiarize yourself with the types of actions available under the call ID HORIZON-JU-ER-2022-02 which you will find under the link: <a href="https://europa.eu">Search Funding &amp; Tenders (europa.eu)</a>.</p>
<p>1 0 .</p> <p>Dear sirs,</p> <p>After the publication of the call for this topic “Hyperloop Industrial Roadmaps and Pilots” we are creating a consortium in which will participate different partners from industry, University and Inframanagers. Some of them are Europe’s Rail Members and some other no.</p> <p>After the call publication we would like you to clarify the following questions:</p> <p><b>Question 1:</b> The call aims to have a leverage effect of 23M€ of a call of 2,3M€ (10x funding rate), but this seems in contradiction with the usual ~60% funding rate for non-members and the ~44% for ERJU members. What would be then the updated funding ratio if this 23M€ is achieved? Could you expand what is the ambition and what can be included or not in</p>	<p>Thank you for your message and interest in the activities of the Europe’s Rail Joint Undertaking.</p> <p>Please be informed that in accordance with the amended Work Programme and Budget 2022-2024 of the Europe’s Rail Joint Undertaking, the standard funding rates of Horizon Europe will apply to the call ID HORIZON-JU-ER-2022-02. Thus, the funding conditions of 60% are not applicable in this case. Please refer to the question 9 for more information.</p> <p>Regarding your question concerning the in-kind contributions, if you are referring to additional activities in accordance with Article 2 (9) and (10) of the Council Regulation (EU) 2021/2085, please be aware that the Private Members of the Europe’s Rail Joint Undertaking, as defined in the Article 2(5) of the same Regulation, would be requested to</p>

<p>this 23M€ total funding? We have the following examples to understand:</p> <p>Example 1: One of the entities is a EU-RAIL member developing a project on hyperloop in the EU country in collaboration with a center for industrial development, but this initiative is still in the first steps and it will be an open competitive process which means that perhaps the final beneficiary of this initiative won't be any of the companies participating in this consortium. Therefore we cannot assure now that the current consortium will reach this high amount of investment (23 M€). Anyway this project could be included as in-kind contribution/leverage effect as part of the 23M€?</p> <p>Example 2: A non-EU-Rail member (but member of this consortium) is developing a test-track that will be ready by December and that has been funded by Eurostars-Eureka programme. Can this be included as in-kind contribution as part of the 23M€?</p> <p>Example 3: A non-EU-Rail member (but member of this consortium) has created a public-private programme with a budget in contributions from different organizations to do studies and works on hyperloop. Can this be included as in-kind contribution as part of the 23M€?</p> <p>Example 4: A member of the consortia (but member of this consortium) has a team of people who are assigned to this project but the man-hours are not paid by the EU budget. Can this be counted as part of the in-kind contribution of 23M€?</p> <p><b>Question 2:</b> On Work stream 2 it refers to "Full scale" and "all elements" need to reach TRL6. What is it referred with full scale (i.eg, what tube diameter size, tube length, vehicle size, passenger cabin yes/no, cargo cabin yes/no is expected)? Does this include vehicle and</p>	<p>provide in-kind contributions to additional activities, if awarded a grant as part of a consortium. On the contrary, this rule does not apply to the non-JU Private Members.</p> <p>Additional activities can be accounted for as members' in-kind contributions to additional activities actually incurred when they contribute to the objectives of the joint undertaking and are directly linked to its activities, including non-eligible costs of indirect actions funded by the joint undertaking where this is provided for in the annual additional activities plan. That link can be established through the uptake of results from indirect actions funded by the joint undertaking or its preceding initiatives, or by demonstrating a significant Union added value.</p> <p>Regarding your first example, please note that changes to the grant which would call into question the decision awarding the grant are not possible.</p> <p>Concerning your second example, notwithstanding the general principle of non-cumulative funding, please be aware that the call topic for Hyperloop is classified as an Innovation Action (IA). In accordance with the HE Regulation, the funding rates for an IA are 70% (for-profit entities) and 100% (non-profit entities). If for example all entities in the consortium are for profit at 70%, this would imply that the candidates shall provide eligible costs for EUR 3.3 million (to expect a funding of 2.3M€) and EUR 19.7 million on additional leverage effect. In this case, the EUR 19.7 million could also originate from the investments funded in the past from the EU funds or combining funding from the EU and other sources. Those costs could be included in the eligible costs of the grant but not funded (with a reduction made by the applicant of the funding rate) and clarify the reason in the text of the Part B.</p>
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<p>infrastructure? Would a full-scale (3-5 meters) tube of 20-30 meters length with a capsule that levitates and propel meet this criteria? We are surprised with the call request a TRL-6 for Hyperloop (a novel and not-yet-developed transport technology) while it is only TRL2/3 for the maglev call (an existing and proven technology) under HORIZON-ER-JU-2022-FA7-02? This seems contradictory.</p> <p>With the expected budget of 2.3 M€ funding is totally impossible to reach this TRL. Even with the extended budget of 23 M€ (although we do not know who will be committed to this investment) will be quite difficult too.</p> <p><b>Question 3:</b> Is there any problem of presenting a consortium with EU-Rail members and non members?</p> <p>We will strongly appreciate if you can give us a fast reply.</p> <p>Sincerely yours,</p>	<p>Examples 3 and 4 could be considered as contribution towards the 23 Million if it represents costs that do not receive financial support from the JU but contributes to its objectives, as indicated above.</p> <p>Concerning question 2, it is up to the applicant to consider they way to deliver a full-scale demonstration at TRL6 of the hyperloop technology, including its assessment, which are the elements needed for the possible implementation of the solution during the present decade.</p> <p>The JU considers that with possible external investments – e.g. national funding in the form of in kind contributions, against the EU expected contribution to the project of EUR 2.3 million, to reach the required leverage effect and a total value of the project of EUR 23 million, would allow these outcomes to be addressed appropriately. Nonetheless, this does not preclude submission and selection of a proposal of different amounts.</p> <p>Regarding your third question, there is no problem in submitting a proposal with JU members and non-members. Please note that the published call for proposals of EU-Rail is fully competitive and open to all eligible entities according to Horizon Europe rules for participation.</p>
<p>1 Hello, 1 We meet at the Innotrans 22, and I like to know if there are open calls for innovations? We have solutions to make the use on trams more accessible for passengers with reduced mobility.</p> <p>Best Regards,</p>	<p>Dear Sir,</p> <p>Please note that the Joint Undertaking has published on 13 September its second <a href="#">call 2022-02</a> covering exploratory research and other activities with a deadline of 14 December 2022.</p> <p>The call 2022-2 is published on Europe Rail's website and comprises three topics under Destination 7 (Innovation on New Approaches for Guided Transport Modes) and seven topics under Destination 8 (Exploratory Research and Other Activities)</p>

	<p>( <a href="https://rail-research.europa.eu/participate/call-for-proposals/">https://rail-research.europa.eu/participate/call-for-proposals/</a>), as well as on the Funding and Tenders Portal  <a href="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;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">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;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</a>)</p> <p>Your innovation should fit in one of the above topics, aligned with their scope and expected outcomes.</p>
<p>1 I write to you concerning the call "New railway station concept for green and socially inclusive smart cities"</p> <p>2</p> <p><u>We have some questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Can the consortium sub-contract to the EIT Urban Mobility (which is one of the KICs of the EIT) the mission of launching an open call to find the best providers for the Living Labs' pilots we will perform in 4 different stations in Europe? Which are the conditions for sub-contracting?</li> <li>- Can we build an Advisory Board? And who can belong to it? Can members (professors) of one of the universities involved in the consortium, even if is not the same department, be part of the Advisory Board? Or is there a conflict of interest?</li> <li>- Can Swiss Railways participate to the consortium? Are they eligible for any funding?</li> </ul>	<p>1. Regarding your question concerning the conditions for subcontracting, please be aware that the article 9.3 of the HE Lump Sum Model Grant Agreement regulates this issue. Subcontracting costs must comply with the following eligibility conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> <li>• not be subject to conflict of interest.</li> <li>• Subcontracting limited in scope: only limited parts of the action may be subcontracted. 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</li> </ul> <p>These obligations are not considered to be</p>

<p>Or not at all? Which are the conditions for them to participate?</p> <p>- Can we propose a project with a little bit more budget (over 700.000 euros), and a bit longer than 2 years (2 years and half? 3 years)?</p>	<p>additional costs eligibility conditions under Lump Sum grants; in case of breach, the EU-RAIL may reduce the grant in proportion to the seriousness of the breach instead of rejecting the costs.</p> <p>The beneficiaries must also ensure that their contractual obligations under Articles 11 (proper implementation), 13 (confidentiality and security), 14 (ethics), 17.2 (visibility), 18 (specific rules for carrying out action), 19 (information) and 20 (record-keeping) also apply to the subcontractors. The beneficiaries must ensure that the bodies mentioned in Article 25 (e.g. granting authority, OLAF, Court of Auditors (ECA), etc.) can exercise their rights also towards the subcontractors. It is the beneficiaries' responsibility to ensure that these obligations are accepted by the subcontractors (e.g. via contractual arrangements, etc).</p> <p>Please note that the KICs, as an initiative co-funded from the EIT, a body of the European Union, cannot be subcontracted.</p> <p>2. Regarding your question on the Advisory Body, please be informed that the organization of consortia remains an internal issue for the consortia. It cannot, however, contradict the provisions of the Grant Agreement.</p> <p>We invite you to familiarize yourself with two documents available on the JU website that will provide you with recommendations on the governance structure for future projects. The model Consortium Agreement (available under the link: <a href="http://functioningoftheeuropesrail.eu">Functioning of the Europe's Rail JU - Europe's Rail (europa.eu)</a>) provides a template model for future consortia to specify or supplement binding commitments among consortia members in addition to the provisions of the specific Grant Agreement, including <i>inter alia</i> exemplary provisions on the governance structure (cf. Section 6 of the</p>
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	<p>model Consortium Agreement).</p> <p>In addition, Europe's Rail JU Governance and Process Handbook (available under the link: <a href="#">EU-Rail-Governance-and-Process-Handbook.pdf</a> (<a href="#">europa.eu</a>)) provides recommendations for future Projects' governance in relation to the Programme implementation.</p> <p>3. Regarding your question concerning the participation of the entities from Switzerland in consortia, please be informed that the eligible countries are described in the Annex B of the HE Work Programme General Annexes.</p> <p>In this respect, any legal entity, regardless of its place of establishment, including legal entities from non-associated third countries or international organisations is eligible to participate (whether it is eligible for funding or not), provided that the conditions laid down in the Horizon Europe Regulation have been met, along with any other conditions laid down in the specific call topic. In accordance with the HE eligibility criteria, entities based in Switzerland can participate in the Horizon Europe Calls.</p> <p>However, not all entities eligible to participate are automatically eligible for funding. To be eligible for funding, applicants must be established in one of the eligible countries, i.e.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– the Member States of the European Union, including their outermost regions;</li> <li>– the Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs) linked to the Member States;</li> <li>– eligible non-EU countries.</li> </ul> <p>For the purposes of the eligibility conditions for funding, a legal entity based in a third country that is an official candidate for association to Horizon Europe is considered as eligible. They will be treated as entities established in an Associated Country, if the Horizon Europe Association Agreement</p>
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	<p>with the third country concerned applies at the time of signature of the Grant Agreement.</p> <p>Please be aware, that the legal entities established in Switzerland are currently not covered by the transitional arrangement. Switzerland is considered a non-associated third country for Horizon Europe and related programmes with call identifier 2021 and 2022. Thus, <b>entities from Switzerland are not eligible for funding under the HE Calls.</b></p> <p>4. Regarding your question on the budget and duration of the project, please be informed that the call conditions are based on the Work Programme and Budget 2022-2024 amendment nr2, adopted by the JU Governing Board (available under the link <a href="#">AWP 2022 AMEMDMENT final 20220909.pdf (europa.eu)</a>). The Work Programme and Budget 2022-2024 sets the indicative budget available for each call topic and the indicative duration of the project, that the JU considers sufficient to address each topic. This however does not preclude submission and selection of a proposal with a different project duration nor does it preclude the submission and selection of a proposal requesting different amounts, pending the JU budget availability for this second call 2022-2.</p>
<p>1 Under topic HORIZON-ER-JU-2022-ExplR-04 3 “Building a community of scientific research and enabling a network of PhD (academia teaming with industry)”, would there be a conflict of interest if the PhD student is a student from an EU-RAIL Scientific Committee mentor (acting as thesis advisor).</p>	<p>The rules for avoidance of conflict of interest for the Scientific Committee Members are regulated in the Rules of Procedure of the Scientific Committee of the Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking (available under the link: <a href="#">consolidated-version-RoP-SC.pdf (europa.eu)</a>), which are applicable to the Europe’s Rail Scientific Committee based on the Governing Board decision no 2/2021 approving the list of decisions adopted by the Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking that will continue to apply for the Europe’s Rail Joint Undertaking in accordance with Article 174(12) of Council Regulation (EU) No 2021/2085.</p>



	<p>In accordance with the Article 11 of the Rules of Procedures, the Scientific Committee Members must refrain from participating in the preparation of any proposals for calls launched by the JU, or from taking part in the activities to be co-funded by the Joint Undertaking. This does not prevent the organisation that directly or indirectly employs the person from participating in the preparation of any proposals for calls launched by the JU, or from taking part in the activities to be co-funded by the Joint Undertaking.</p> <p>If, in the course of duration of the JU programme, any interests which could be considered prejudicial to the independence of the members of Scientific Committee arise, they must inform the JU about such interest (Article 11(7)). In such cases, the Scientific Committee Members should submit a spontaneous declaration describing the reasons for potential impairment of their independence.</p> <p>It is important to acknowledge that such declaration refers to the personal interest, in particular possible family and financial interests. Therefore, the Scientific Committee Member cannot benefit financially from supervising a PhD Candidate if case s/he would be awarded with a grant from the JU.</p> <p>In case such supervision does not directly benefit the Scientific Committee Member financially, the Scientific Committee Member who thinks that his/her personal interests may still impair the independence required for the function, shall submit a spontaneous declaration of conflict of interest to the JU, justifying the reasons why his/her independence may be impaired. The competent bodies, in accordance with the provisions of the Rules of Procedures, will assess the declaration and issue an opinion.</p> <p>To conclude, as long as the member of the Scientific Committee is not involved in the</p>
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<p>1 4</p>	<p>I've seen your responses in the website, and I have a doubt as there is one thing I don't understand You wrote the following:</p> <p>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&amp;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.</p> <p>What does it mean exactly? And which are the Private Members ? And what should they provide exactly (following your note)? Sorry for this but I do not understand what it means.</p> <p>Thank you so much. Best regards,</p>	<p>Please be informed that the Single Basic Act (available under the link: <a href="https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32021R2085&amp;from=EN">https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32021R2085&amp;from=EN</a>) provides a definition of the Private Members in Article 2(5). Private Member means any legal entity established under public or private law that is a member of a joint undertaking other than the Union, participating states or international organisations.</p> <p>You will find a list of the Europe's Rail Private Members on our website: <a href="https://europe-rail.eu/ju-members">Europe's Rail JU Members - Europe's Rail (europa.eu)</a>.</p> <p>In accordance with the Article 11 of the SBA, the contributions from Private Members shall consist of financial contributions and of the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) in-kind contributions to operational activities;</li> <li>(b) in-kind contributions to additional activities, approved by the governing board in accordance with Article 17(2), point (n).</li> </ul> <p>The Annual Work Programme and Budget 2022-2024 defines the amount of total in-kind contributions in relation to the funding request, as described in the answer to your question.</p> <p>We hope this additional explanation provides more clarity.</p>

<p>1 5</p>	<p>you mention Article 12 concerning the conflict of interest of sub contractors. But, in the document you refer to, there is no Article 12, if I am not wrong. It goes from Art. 11 to Art 13. Where can I find the Art. 12?</p> <p>Thank you best,</p>	<p>Please note that Article 12.1 of the Lump Sum Grant Agreement (<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/agr-contr/lsm-mga_en.pdf">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/agr-contr/lsm-mga_en.pdf</a> ) relating to conflicts of interest indicates that beneficiaries must take all measures to prevent any situation where the impartial and objective implementation of the Agreement could be compromised for reasons involving family, emotional life, political or national affinity, economic interest or any other direct or indirect interest ('conflict of interests'). They must formally notify the granting authority without delay of any situation constituting or likely to lead to a conflict of interests and immediately take all the necessary steps to rectify this situation.</p> <p>More specifically, a 'conflict of interests' exists if shared interests influenced the subcontract's selection, i.e. if a third party participates in the action not because of its technical capacity and objective merits, but because it has a close relationship with someone else working for the action, and if decisions made in the context of the action are taken not according to objective and impartial criteria, but because of these shared interests.</p>
<p>1 6</p>	<p>We are currently preparing a submission for the HORIZON-ER-JU-2022-02 call and we would like to ask for clarification about the information to be filled in the budget table – Part A of the proposal – what should be filled in by applicants, meaning, what information is exactly needed in the columns? Does it differ for JU Private Members and other entities?</p> <p>Thank you in advance for clarification.</p> <p>Kind regards</p>	<p>Thank you for your message and interest in the activities of the Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking.</p> <p>Please be informed that the table generated by the system should be filled in the following manner:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Requested grant amount</u>: in this column, please record the amount of the lump sum share</li> <li>2. <u>Income Generated by the Action</u>: this should be left empty unless it is expected that the project would generate income in accordance</li> </ol>

	<p>with the provisions of the Grant Agreement</p> <p>3. <u>Financial Contributions</u>: this column should be filled in exclusively by the Private Members of the JU in the meaning of the Article 2(5) of the Single Basic Act who are applicants to the proposal. If an applicant is a Members of the JU, the amount of IKOP (different between Total eligible cost and funding) or any other financial contribution which would be provided to the project should be included.</p> <p>4. <u>Own Resources</u>: this column should be filled in exclusively by applicants that are not Members of the JU. They should record the non-funded part of their activities (different between Total eligible cost and funding).</p> <p>In case the assets used for a project are also used and invoiced by customers, the corresponding revenues should be introduced in the budget proposal table for the calculation of the requested grant amount, under the category "Own Resources". This revenue would therefore be reduced from the Grant amount</p> <p>5. <u>Total Estimated Income</u>: this column will be automatically calculated and show the Total Eligible Costs per line, adding together 1 to 4.</p> <p>3 - Budget <span style="float: right;">1</span></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="839 1682 1374 1753"> <thead> <tr> <th>No</th> <th>Name of Beneficiary</th> <th>Country</th> <th>Title</th> <th>Requested grant amount</th> <th>Income generated by the action</th> <th>Financial contributions</th> <th>Own resources</th> <th>Total estimated income</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	No	Name of Beneficiary	Country	Title	Requested grant amount	Income generated by the action	Financial contributions	Own resources	Total estimated income									
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**Our questions are the following:**

1. what is meant exactly by in-kind contribution? if a railway company make its assets available for the project (a station, a parking, etc) , is this considered in-kind contribution?
2. this condition you mentioned in your reply is applicable ONLY to Private Member of EU\_Rail or to ALL private companies participating to the consortium?
3. if for instance the Holding of a Railway Company is a member of EU-Rail, but it's the Stations' Affiliate who participate to the Consortium (which is also a private entity but not the one that is member of EU-Rail), this rule is applicable to them too?
4. the 1.2 times the funding requested means that if a member takes 50.000 euros of funding, then it has to demonstrate a total of 63.000 euros of activities or a total of 113.000 euros of activities (of which only 50.000 euros are funded)?
5. the 1.2 times can be a sum of all private members in-kind contribution,

activities, approved by the governing board in accordance with Article 17(2), point (n).

The list of Private Members of the EU-Rail JU subject to these provisions are listed in Annex 2 to Council Regulation (EU) 2021/2085 of 16 November 2021.

The in-kind contributions are defined in the Single Basic Act in Articles 2(8) and (10). In this respect, the in-kind contributions to operational activities' mean 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 (Article 2(8)).

The in-kind contribution to additional activities means contributions by the private members, constituent entities or the affiliated entities of either, and by international organisations, consisting of the costs incurred by them in implementing additional activities less any contribution to those costs from the Union and from the participating states of that joint undertaking (Article 2(10)).

Additional activities can be accounted for as members' in-kind contributions to additional activities actually incurred when they contribute to the objectives of the joint undertaking and are directly linked to its activities, including eligible or non-eligible costs of indirect actions funded by the joint undertaking where this is provided for in the annual additional activities plan. That link can be established through the uptake of results from indirect actions funded by the joint undertaking or its preceding initiatives, or by demonstrating a significant Union added value.

Please be also informed that irrespective of

<p>or EACH member should demonstrate the 1.2 times of in-kind contribution?</p> <p>6. Another question: in the Call text it's mentioned the following: <i>The action to be funded under this topic shall share the outputs with the linked projects from EU-RAIL Flagship Area 4 (stemming from the call topic HORIZON-ER-JU-FA4-01), take into consideration the work that they will release and work together for any potential interfaces. So, where we can find who was awarded for that Call? Or what is the awarded project about?</i></p> <p>Thank you very much again for your support Best,</p>	<p>whether the applicant is a Private Member of the JU or not, there are also in-kind contributions as defined under the HE GA, which can be made available free of charge by the third parties (Article 2 of the GA <a href="#">ls-mga_en.pdf (europa.eu)</a>). The conditions for these in-kind contributions are defined in Art 6(1) HE GA. The beneficiaries/affiliated entities may charge costs for in-kind contributions made available for free. These cover the costs a third party has for resources it contributes to the action for free (i.e. made available for free for use by the project).</p> <p>2. The condition of providing in-kind contribution to additional activities is applicable only to the Private Members of the JU in the meaning of the Article 2(5) of the SBA (any legal entity established under public or private law that is a member of a joint undertaking other than the Union, participating states or international organisations). Annex II of the above-mentioned Regulation lists the Founding Members of the EU-Rail.</p> <p>3. Please refer to the answer provided above to question 1, which refers to „contributions by private members, constituent entities or the affiliated entities of either, by international organisations and by contributing partners“. Therefore, in your example, the affiliated entity (in the sense of Art. 187 of the Financial Regulation) of the Holding would be concerned.</p> <p>4. For 1€ of JU contribution, the Private Member shall contribute in addition of 1.263€ (this is an aggregate multiplier for the Founding Members). Consequently, with a Total Project Value for the action and additional activities of 2.263€.</p> <p>5. For each project proposal consortium, the amount of total in-kind contributions (i.e.</p>
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	<p>in-kind contributions for operational activities and in-kind contributions for additional activities) from the Private Members should be no less than 1.263 times the funding request, in aggregate. In aggregate means the sum of each in-kind contribution from all private members of the JU, in the meaning of the Article 2(5) of the SBA, applicants to such project proposal. Which means that the objective shall be met, in the proposal, by each Private Member together with constituent entities or the affiliated entities of either, by international organisations and by contributing partners. Any discrepancy shall be well and duly justified. . This is requested accordingly to support a leverage factor of no less than the ratio between the contribution from members other than the Union and the Union financial contribution, based on Articles 88 and 89 of Council Regulation (EU) 2021/2085).</p> <p>6. Please be informed that the Governing Board of the Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking has adopted the GB Decision no 11/2022 approving the ranked lists of innovation actions selected for funding and the list of rejected proposals under the Europe's Rail JU call for proposals HORIZON-ER-JU-2022-01. The Annex I of the above-mentioned decision (available here: <a href="#">(CER Annexes 1 to 7 - HORIZON-ER-JU-2022-01.xlsx (europa.eu))</a>) will provide you with information on the projects selected to funding. Please also be informed that since the adoption of the GB decision, the projects are in the grant agreement preparation phase, which is expected to be concluded by the end of the year. After the signature of grant agreements with selected consortia, more detailed information regarding the projects will be available on the JU website. For the content of particular flagship projects you can refer to the Work</p>
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	<p>Programme and Budget 2022-2024 available here (<a href="#">AWP 2022 AMEMDMENT final 20220909.pdf (europa.eu)</a>), as already indicated in the call text it is the project stemming from the call topic HORIZON-ER-JU-FA4-01-</p>
<p>1 8</p> <p>We are thinking to coordinate or take part of a consortium for the calls.</p> <p>However we are facing some doubts and, if possible, please kindly clarify them:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. IAs receive funding of 60% of the overall budget (this is also for HEI?). The distribution of funding among the partners is free ?</li> <li>2. Each partner has to contribute in-kind contribution ?</li> <li>3. Each partner pays 4% of its funding for the maintenance of the JU (non-eligible cost) ?</li> <li>4. In the 2022 call: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They only fund one proposal per topic ?</li> <li>• Budgets are low (from €0.7M to €3M) ?</li> </ul> </li> <li>5. A partner from UK ca participate or lead a proposal. And from non UK?</li> </ol> <p>All the best</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please refer to Question n° 9. With regard to this Call 2022-2, as per Article 34(2), point (b) of the Horizon Europe Regulation, the funding rates for Innovation Actions (IA) differ depending on the type of the legal entity. For non-profit legal entities, a funding rate of 100% applies whereas for the for-profit legal entities, a funding rate of 70% applies. Nevertheless, as already answered in previous questions, where a participant to a consortium is a Private Member of the JU, this entity shall contribute in kind as indicated in the Call text.</li> <li>2. No, there is no such obligation. Please refer to questions 2, 10, 14 and 17.5 where details on in-kind contributions were provided.</li> <li>3. No, such an approach is not considered in accordance with the SBA, and in particular for the EU-Rail Programme. In fact, in accordance with SBA article 4(a), the members' financial contributions to the joint undertaking for the administrative costs is divided equally on an annual basis between the Union and the members other than the Union of the JU. The level of such contribution is defined, amongst other aspects, in the respective Letter of Commitment signed by the founding members and associated members, in accordance with article 6.3 of the SBA.</li> <li>4. The amended Work Programme and Budget 2022-2024 (available here: <a href="#">AWP 2022 AMEMDMENT final 20220909.pdf (europa.eu)</a>) provides information on the call conditions, including the number of</li> </ol>



	<p>projects to be funded and the budget expected per each topic. In this respect, one project per topic is expected to be funded (cf. pp. 180-181). For indicative budgets per topic, please refer to the description of topics in the Work Programme (Annex IX – Call for Proposals 2022-2).</p> <p>5. Concerning your question on the participation of the non-EU countries, please refer to the general conditions described in Q&amp;A no 12, point 3.</p> <p>The entities established in the United Kingdom are eligible to participate in the calls under HE, as a part of consortia. The eligibility for funding would depend on the successful conclusion of the association agreement between the European Union and the government of the United Kingdom, prior to the signature of the grant agreement.</p> <p>Legal entities which are established in countries not listed in the Annex B of the HE Regulation will be eligible for funding if provided for in the specific call conditions, or if their participation is considered essential for implementing the action by the granting authority. The call 2022-2 does not provide any exceptions from the General Annex B (no specific call conditions in terms of eligibility).</p>
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