

Find partners or apply as individual

WHO CAN APPLY?

Any natural or legal persons (e.g. any company, big or small, research organisations, universities, non-governmental organisations, etc.) regardless of their place of establishment or residence. They must possess the operational and financial viability to carry out the research tasks that they propose.

WHAT IS IN IT FOR YOU?

To see exactly whether you are eligible for funding, check the specific **work programme** or **call for proposal/tender**.

MULTI-PARTICIPANT OR MONO-PARTICIPANT ACTIONS

Most of the H2020 themes support collaborative research projects where at least three organisations from different countries form a consortium. However, there are a number of opportunities also for mono-participant actions:

- **European Research Council (ERC) research grants** – support frontier research by individual researchers and teams.
- **Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions** – support researcher mobility. Besides research funding, scientists have the possibility to gain experience abroad and in the private sector, and to complete their training with competences useful for their careers.
- **SME instrument** – supports both individual SMEs and SME groups that have international ambitions, determined to turn strong, innovative business ideas into winners on the market.

WHICH COUNTRIES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING?

Legal entities established in the following countries are eligible to receive funding in Horizon 2020:

- **Member States** of the European Union, including their overseas departments and outermost regions.
Check the situation of entities from [outermost regions](#), [OCTs](#), [Channel Islands and the Isle of Man](#), [Gibraltar](#) and [Northern Cyprus](#).
- **Associated Countries** - the following countries have stated their intention to become associated to Horizon 2020 by the time the first grant agreements are being signed. These are Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Faroe Islands, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland,

Israel, Moldova, Montenegro, Norway, Serbia, Switzerland and Turkey. Check the [List of H2020 Associated Countries](#).

- **Third Countries** – see the '[Annex A - List of countries, and applicable rules for funding](#)' for the list of third countries that are eligible for funding. In Horizon 2020 there are [more opportunities for cooperation](#) with and participation by researchers from non-EU countries.
- **International European interest organisations** are also eligible to receive funding

Legal entities established in countries not listed above or international organisations will be eligible for funding when it is explicitly stated in the relevant work programme and call. In addition, they may be eligible for funding under a **bilateral scientific and technological agreement** or any other arrangement between the Union and an international organisation or a third country.

For third country participation see also the H2020 Online Manual section for [International Cooperation](#).

FIND PARTNERS

There are a number of partner search services provided by NCPs, CORDIS and other entities. Look for the services that also provide advice on creating your profile and apply quality controls to their database.

Several thematic NCP Networks provide partner search facilities with details on partner profiles and active partnership requests:

CORDIS Partner Service

– one of the largest databases of partner profiles (self-registered profiles).

Idealist Partner Search

- developed by the ICT NCPs network, but the partner profiles are not limited only to ICT. The service includes advice on creating your profile by your local NCP and there is a quality control of all the published data.

Partner Search of Nanosciences and nanotechnologies, Materials and new Production technologies (NMP)

Fit for Health

– Developed by the Fit for Health network in close cooperation with the Health-NCPs. The quality checked database contains expertise profiles of researchers and SMEs acting in the Health / Life sciences sector. The service includes partner search activities advice on all aspects related to a

research project, starting with help in first orientation and strategy development to proposal preparation, implementation, exploitation and promotion.

Enterprise Europe Network Cooperation Opportunities Database

The Enterprise Europe Network (EEN) publishes an extensive number of innovation and technology profiles from international companies and research organisations to help identify suitable partners for bilateral business, innovation and technology cooperation.

The database has the following types of profiles:

- Research and technology offers to further develop an existing technology
- Research and technology requests to complement a product in the development stages
- R&D partner searches to participate in funded projects

The EEN database is updated with new profiles on a weekly basis. All profiles are published anonymously. Express your interest in collaboration by filling in and sending the Expression of Interest form to your local EEN office, who will establish the contact. The database is also a simple way of following the development of technologies and trends in your area.