Horizon Europe & Erasmus+ funding opportunities

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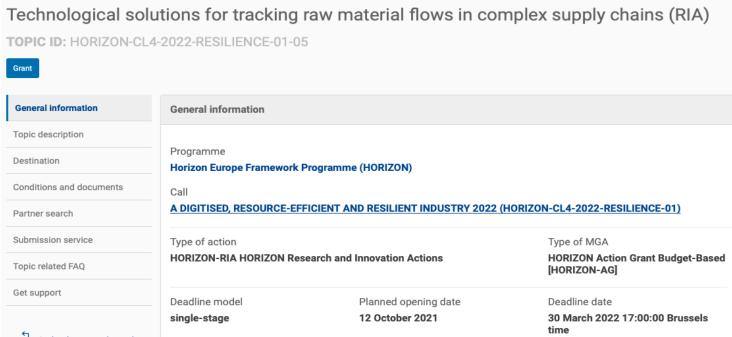
Horizon Europe overview

- For the total period of 2021-2027, current calls for 2021-22
- Aim to enhance cooperation with Africa, in topics of Public Health, Green Transition, Innovation and Technology, and Capacities for Science
- Over 40 calls concerning Africa, with total funding of 350mil€
- Excel table containing all Africa related Horizon Europe calls is available here: https://seafile.utu.fi/d/b0a549eadc7444dea9fd/



Example call 1:

- Budget: 13,5mil€
- Total budget: 13,5mil€
- All AU members
- Setting up of technological solutions for tracking raw material flows (material passports), building upon comparable criteria, reporting and audit approaches. e.g.:
 - Transparency in payments and
 - Traceability from beginning to end of the supply chain, and
 - Use of block chain technology to improve supply chain transparency and traceability
- Social innovation as a crosscutting theme
- There are few other similar calls: HORIZON-CL4-2022-RESILIENCE-01-04 -- 08



Example call 2:

• Budget: 2-3mil€

Total budget: 9mil€



- International cooperation with partners from Africa is encouraged
- This action should support the transition towards a "sustainability paradigm", identifying the socio-economic inequalities and the distribution of benefits of economic growth between individuals, also taking into account the environmental impacts and limits of such growth



Example call 3:

Budget: 7mil€

Total budget: 28mil€



- Consortium must include at least eight(8) entities based in Africa
- Proposals will provide a comprehensive and integrated response to current and future challenges benefiting people, nature and economic growth in Europe and in Africa



What to consider while planning & writing Horizon Europe applications

- H Europe vs. H 2020
 - 45-page applications
 - Impact section is an important part
 - List of researchers & Gender Equality Plan
- Project duration: usually approx. 3 years, unless otherwise stated
- Start early, both to build the consortium, planning, and writing!
- Time management in consortium proposals (as a consortium leader)
 - Usually takes 2-3 months to form a good consortium
 - 2-3 months are then needed to collect all inputs
 - 1-2 months before the deadline, at least 1 full time person for proposal preparation and consortium management
 - Frequent brief consortium meeting



Evaluation (Horizon Europe)

- Answer carefully and completely to the call text (Horizon RIA and IA calls are top-down calls!)
- Evaluators and evaluation criteria:
 - Get familiar with the evaluation criteria
 - The evaluators are professionals, but may not be specialists (often also non-native English speakers)
 - Evaluators cannot read between the lines
 - Give the evaluator a chance to get a positive impression even with a very quick reading
 - Convince each evaluator in every section of your proposal



Useful links (Horizon Europe)

Horizon Europe funding portal: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-search

- General strategies, rules and guidelines of the funder:
 https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/how-to-participate/reference-documents
- Horizon Europe draft template (including electronic forms):
 https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/temp-form/af/af_he-ria-ia_en.pdf



Erasmus+

- EU's programme to support education, training, youth and sport in Europe, with an estimated budget of 26,2 billion €.
- The 2021-2027 programme places a strong focus on social inclusion, the green and digital transitions, and promoting young people's participation in democratic life

- Main part is mobility (including student exchange)
- Erasmus Mundos masters' programs



Capacity Building (Erasmus+ function)

- These projects support the modernization, accessibility and internationalization of higher education in EU-external Partner Countries. Capacity Building projects are multilateral higher education development projects between Erasmus+ Programme Countries and over 150 Partner Countries.
 - Minimum of 3 organizations from Erasmus+ Programme Countries + 2 organizations from two Partner Countries;
 - Target countries: whole Africa;
 - Budget: 500t-1mil€;
 - Duration: max. 36 months;
 - Deadline: February 2022?;
 - More info: https://www.oph.fi/en/programmes/capacity-building-higher-education-cbhe-projects
 - List of Programme and Partner Countries:
 https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/programme-guide/part-a/eligible-countries



Team Finland Knowledge programme (pre-notice)

- The purpose of the programme is to create and strengthen cooperation between Finnish higher education institutions and the target regions and countries, and to design new operating models for cooperation. This programme, which is funded by Finnish Ministry of Education and Culture, funds educational cooperation between higher education institutions through cooperation and mobility projects.
- Call will open in December-January, following information is preliminary:
 - Target countries: Southern Africa;
 - Budget: max. 80 000€;
 - Grant can be used for travel (min. 50% of the total) and various organizing costs (max. 50% of the total, out of which salaries max. 20%)
 - Duration: max. 29 months (August 2022 December 2024);
 - Deadline: 2nd of May 2022;
 - More info: https://www.oph.fi/en/programmes/tfk-programme



