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Questions and Answers related to the Call for proposals for action grants (EU4H-2023-PJ)

1. Are International Organizations / research organizations eligible for these calls?

Please refer to [the call document](#) for details on the eligibility of the participants for each topic.

2. Is there any platform for matchmaking with entities interested on the call topics?

Please refer to the funding and tender portal. There is a [tab partner search](#) under 'how to participate'.

3. The call paper is very ambitious, which we praise, but if the funding of €1 million is to be split across 3 projects it is not feasible to deliver the level of work needed and expected. Can organisations apply for the full €1 million? We already have a consortium of main European respiratory organisations for this application and a clear concept so we would like to apply for the full availability.

The recommended project budget for each topic is indicated in [the call document](#). However, this does not preclude the submission/selection of proposals requesting other amounts.

4. The 1 Million Budget is for only one proposal for NCD under the topic EU4H-2023-PJ-02? How many proposals do you plan to finance for this call? -

As per [call document](#), three grant agreements are expected to be signed.

5. It was mentioned that the stakeholder consultations of EU4Health were presented to the EU parliament. Where can we find the recordings of these parliamentary sessions?

Please find more info [here](#).

6. Is it required to include Artificial intelligence expertise for these topics?

Please refer to the specificities of each topic as highlighted in [the call document](#).

7. Regarding the first call explained today (EU4H-2023-PJ-01 Call for proposals to support access to medical devices for cross border health threats) is there any

option to participate for large companies? and for mid-cap companies? or is it only possible for SME?

Please refer to the relevant section of [the call document](#) related to the type of applicants targeted and the specific eligibility and selection criteria applicable to the consortium composition.

8. The Annual Work Programme mentions the overall call budget, but not the budget per project/number of projects to be funded. Can you please clarify this?

Please refer to section three of the [call document](#), for the specific budget information per topic, and the number of grant agreements expected to be signed per topic.

9. With reference to the call for proposals on Chronic Respiratory Diseases, where to find more information on the Joint Action or on the activities that Member States are planning to undertake?

The 2023 Work Programme (WP) includes information on POLICY CONTEXT, OBJECTIVES, SCOPE AND ACTIVITIES, EXPECTED RESULTS AND IMPACT on the Joint Actions. Here is the link to [the 2023 WP](#).

Some additional information on the Joint Actions will be published on [HaDEA's website](#) as soon as possible.

10. For clarification: no preclusion of submission/selection of proposals requesting other amounts, but the maximum amount granted will be 333.333 EUR per project (Chronic Respiratory Disease Call)?

Indeed, as per the [call document](#), for this topic the proposed budget is 333.333 EUR. However, this does not preclude the submission/selection of proposals requesting other amounts.

11. In terms of aligning activities under the current open calls with the relevant complementary Joint Actions by MS as mentioned by speakers, how can applicants to the open calls best receive information/updates on the developments within the relevant JAs (i.e. also if their own country is not participating to a JA)?

Beside the information available in the 2023 Work Programme, some additional information on the Joint Actions will be published on [HaDEA's website](#) as soon as possible.

12. Is an organization based in Switzerland eligible for the mental health call for proposal?

Only legal entities that are established in EU Member states and third countries associated to the Programme are eligible for funding. For more details, please refer to section 6 (eligibility) of the [call document](#).

13. When we present an application, the application should some how linked to previous Joint Action (JA)? You have been mention previous JA. Can you please elaborate a little bit about this.

For example, Joint Action ImpleMENTAL transfers 2 best practices on mental health reform and suicide prevention. Other projects on mental health include EAAD-Best and projects implementing best practices 'Icehearts' and 'Let's Talk about Children'.

14. For the mental health; Is the eligible consortium; 3 entities including or excluding 1 NGO and 1 patient organisation ?

Proposals must be submitted by a consortium of at least 3 applicants (beneficiaries; not affiliated entities), which complies with the following conditions:

- Minimum 3 entities from 3 different eligible countries;
- At least one NGO working in the field of mental health;
- At least one patient organisation working in the field of mental health;

This needs to be clearly highlighted in the proposal.

15. Can SMEs be part of consortia ONLY if indicated (as for the HERA medical devices call), or is there an opening for companies for other calls as well? -

Please check the section 6 of the [call document](#) for more information.

16. NGOs from Switzerland and the US can participate in EU4 Health projects? specifically interested in Mental Health.

Only legal entities that are established in EU Member States and in third countries associated to the EU4Health Programme are eligible for funding. For more details, please refer to the section 6 of the [call document](#).

17. Does the NGO and Patient Organisation count as a 1 of the 3 legal entities required for the mental health call?

Proposals must be submitted by a consortium of at least 3 applicants (beneficiaries; not affiliated entities), which complies with the following conditions:

- Minimum 3 entities from 3 different eligible countries;
- At least one NGO working in the field of mental health;
- At least one patient organisation working in the field of mental health;.

18. How many projects do you plan to finance in the Dementia and other Neurological D. line? we should divide the 1 Mil EUR budget to the number of projects planned to be financed?

As per the [call document](#), three grant agreements are expected to be signed. For this topic the proposed budget is 333.333 EUR. However, this does not preclude the submission/selection of proposals requesting other amounts.

19. Could you please provide the link to the list of third countries eligible to participate in EU4Health programs?

Please find here the link to the list of third countries eligible to participate in EU4Health programs https://health.ec.europa.eu/funding/eu4health-programme-2021-2027-vision-healthier-european-union_en#associated-non-eu-countries

20. What are your criteria for activities within the framework of EU4Health qualifying for grants vs tenders?

Please refer to the [2023 Work Programme](#).

21. From the latest documents it's not clear if the US is the third country eligible to participate. could you please clarify?

The US is not a country associated to the EU4Health programme and therefore is not eligible to receive funding.

22. Would hospitals/sites from the UK joining the consortium be eligible to receive funding in this call?

Only legal entities that are established in EU Member States and in third countries associated to the EU4Health Programme are eligible for funding. For more details please refer to section 6 of the [call document](#).

23. Given Latin-America is not mentioned specifically in the associated countries list, does it mean LatAm legal entities are excluded, or should this be checked specifically per call / per topic ?

As per [Article 13 of the EU4Health programme](#):

“2. the Legal entities that are established in a third country which is not associated to the Programme may in exceptional cases be eligible to participate in the Programme where such participation is necessary for the achievement of the objectives of a given action. The assessment of that necessity shall be duly reflected in the funding decision.

3. Legal entities that are established in a third country which is not associated to the Programme shall bear the cost of their participation”

24. In Horizon Europe, participants located outside the EU or an Associated Country can exceptionally be funded if their participation is deemed essential for the implementation of the action by evaluators (source Horizon Europe programme guide page 16). Would the same rule apply in EU4health ?

As per [Article 13 of the EU4Health programme](#):

“2. the Legal entities that are established in a third country which is not associated to the Programme may in exceptional cases be eligible to participate in the Programme where such participation is necessary for the achievement of the objectives of a given action. The assessment of that necessity shall be duly reflected in the funding decision.

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25. Is there a minimum number of partner for the consortium under the topic EU4H-2023-PJ-05?

Applications may be submitted either by a single applicant or a consortium.

26. Which other EU-programmes provide funding for mental health?

Horizon Europe for research, Technical Support Instrument, Creative Europe, European Social Fund Plus, and European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations.

27. Regarding EU4H-2023-PJ-03 "mental health": since Moldova and Ukraine are participating in EU4Health, are Ukraine veterans also part of the vulnerable population groups?

The call refers to activities that address vulnerable groups which include 'displaced people from Ukraine as well as people still living in Ukraine'.

28. For the conferences (EU4H-2023-PJ-12) - is there any restriction on which countries the conference could be held?

As per the [call document](#), the place of implementation must be: EU Member States, listed EEA countries and countries associated to the EU4Health Programme or countries which are in ongoing negotiations for an association agreement and where the agreement enters into force before grant signature.

29. For the topic EU4H-2023-PJ-12, is EC thinking of one big event or one big event plus several satellite events?

The action will deliver at least three different high-level events. The high-level events may be part of the same conference.

30. Could you say something about these two calls openness of this call for cross-sectoral initiatives in the area of arts for health? What would such projects need to make sure to be eligible/successful? Evidence on the success of such projects have been amply presented in recent publications

Please refer to the activities and mandatory deliverables of the call.

31. What is the deadline for call for the action grant to contribute to the organisation of conferences if the event should be already in 2023?

17 October 2023 (for all topics of this call)

32. About the call for proposals to organize clinical audit campaigns....(SAMIRA). The rule 3 partners , 3 EU countries is mandatory? Can you can apply individually or together with other EU partner?

As per the [call document](#), applications may be submitted either by a single applicant or a consortium. In both cases (single applicants or consortium) the proposal must include one eligible applicant with expertise in at least one of the following medical specialties: radiology, radiotherapy, nuclear medicine, other medical specialties using ionising radiation. This needs to be clearly highlighted in the proposal.

33. CR-g-2319.01 : how many proposals will be accepted on Mental Health and cancer action?

As per the [call document](#), seven grant agreements expected to be signed

34. When will the second wave of calls open and on what topics?

This is the only wave of open calls that is launched under the 2023 Work Programme.

35. In the call text of the topics EU4H-2023-PJ-08 and EU4H-2023-PJ-09, in the section "Type of applicants targeted" it says: Civil society organisations (professional associations, foundations, NGOs and similar entities). Does this preclude consortia with partners from other backgrounds (academia and RPOs)?

According to [call document](#), for topics EU4H-2023-PJ-08 and EU4H-2023-PJ-09, indeed these are the targeted applicants. However, these are not related to the eligibility criteria, which are mentioned in the section related to the specific eligibility criteria applicable to the consortium composition.

36. Does the grant opportunity on the safety and quality of new Substances of Human Origin applies to transplantation only or blood transfusion coordination projects can be also eligible?

Blood transfusion projects can bring good expertise, but it needs to be for focus of this action (FMT and/or BM).

2 overall clarifications on the BM/FMT calls: (1) the topics and calls will be organised separately/ 1 action per topic is expected. (2) the focus here is on the collection and use of BM and FMT under the SoHO framework.

37. How do you envisage the connection of PJ-08 and PJ-09 with other JA in this field?

No direct link is foreseen with existing JA - but of course the overall practices established in the SoHO framework will be fully taken into account as they will drive the direction of work for this action.

38. What is the budget for all the proposals?

Specific budget information per topic can be found at pages 44 and 45 of [call document](#). For the number of grant agreements expected to be signed, per topic, please see 45 and 46 of the same document. The indicative project budget is available at page 50 and 51. This does not however preclude the submission/selection of proposals requesting other amounts.

39. Are the audits planned, executed and issued by HADEA or by another EU body?

Details on audits aspects are addressed in article 25 of the grant agreement.

40. Is the signature of Consortium agreement between consortium members mandatory before the proposal submission?

The consortium agreement is mandatory but not before the proposal submission. This is addressed during the grant agreement preparation phase if the proposal is selected for funding.

41. Can a LEAR be blocked for signing DoH, or other documents in the Portal, because of the FCA Update?

In principle it should not be a blocking factor.

42. We have a case where for the DoH signature, the LEAR was requested to use a smart card...would that be some specific bug or what could be the reason?

It could be. REA validation is in charge of the LEAR appointment on their side. However, they do not follow the process afterwards for the LEAR at project level.

43. Whom can we address to for resolving the issue for the validation of entities?

EC FUNDING TENDER SERVICE DESK EC-FUNDING-TENDER-SERVICE-DESK@ec.europa.eu.

44. Can one organisation take part in two different calls of EU4H-2023 - one as the Consortium Coordinator /Beneficiary and in another call as Consortium's Participant /Affiliated Entity?

Multiple proposals — Applicants may submit more than one proposal for different projects under the same call (and be awarded a funding for them). Organisations may participate in several proposals. -BUT: if there are several proposals for very similar projects, only one application will be accepted and evaluated; the applicants will be asked to withdraw one of them (or it will be rejected).

45. May a legal entity established in UK, whose participation in a project is pivotal for the implementation of project activities, fall under the Art13 of the EU4Health programme?

As per [Article 13 of the EU4Health programme](#):

“2. the Legal entities that are established in a third country which is not associated to the Programme may in exceptional cases be eligible to participate in the Programme where such participation is necessary for the achievement of the objectives of a given action. The assessment of that necessity shall be duly reflected in the funding decision.

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46. Is the same reimbursement system (i.e. 60% standard rate and 80% if certain conditions are met, with incorporation of under-represented Central and Eastern European countries? Is it the same list of countries as the previous actions?

Please refer to the call document where the conditions are explained.

47. I'd like to ask if the limit of 60% of reimbursement for eligible cost is applicable for all types of beneficiaries, e.g. SME, non-profit, etc..

Please refer to the call document where the conditions are explained.

48. Regarding the equipment: we have to have it before the project and we are able only to depreciate it through the project. Am I right?

Purchases of equipment for general operations or work programme-related activities must be declared as depreciation costs, calculated on the basis of the costs actually incurred and written off in accordance with international accounting standards and the beneficiary's usual accounting practices. Only the portion of the costs that corresponds to the rate of actual use for the action during the action duration can be taken into account.

If you intend to use the equipment at the very start of the project I believe you should have it by this moment. Indeed the depreciation will be done during the project duration.

49. As far as unit costs are concerned shall these be taken into account only for the estimation of project or HaDEA will apply them also at the time of the reporting period? For example if the estimated cost for a travel from rome to paris is 250(flight)+ 150 (accommodation) + 50 (subsistence) BUT the actual cost are 450 flight + 180accommodation + 65 subsistence, will the difference of €245 be considered as eligible for reimbursement from EU?

No, the 245 EUR are not eligible costs.

The amounts reimbursed to the beneficiaries will be in line with the amounts for travel unit costs established in Decision C(2021)35 and Annex 2a and not with the actual costs. No matter if the actual costs are higher or lower.

The travel unit cost to be paid is a fix amount and it depends on the distance between the place of departure and place of arrival. All unit costs are an amount to cover a return trip. However, the calculation of the distance should be done on the basis of the 1-way distance between the points. This is the one-way distance between the departure and arrival point, corresponding to the amount for the return journey -Decision C(2021)35.

Details on the amounts and the calculation are explained in Annex 2a.

All distances to be measured using either the rail or flight calculator in the following website: https://ec.europa.eu/info/calculate-unit-costs-eligible-travel-costs_en

For further details, please refer to [Annotated Model Grant Agreement](#)^[1] page 78 and subsequent pages.

50. Regarding the co-financing, is it possible to exceed the 100%, meaning can the consortium provide more than 40%? What is the maximum amount that will be reimbursed per project, if the total envelop for the topic is 1M EUR (Chronic respiratory diseases call)

A project can be reimbursed up to the maximum grant amount. If the Total eligible costs are equal to 1M and the funding rate is 60% the maximum grant amount will be 600k. Even if the incurred costs for the project are above 1M the maximum reimbursement will be still 600k (of course if the declared costs are eligible).

51. May I buy equipment for the project from the project money?

Purchases of equipment for general operations or work programme-related activities must be declared as depreciation costs, calculated on the basis of the costs actually incurred and written off in accordance with international accounting standards and the beneficiary's usual accounting practices. Only the portion of the costs that corresponds to the rate of actual use for the action during the action duration can be taken into account.

52. Does that mean we can use already incurred cost, we have invested in the project? How do we report those costs? thank you.

Is this question linked to the question 51? One of the conditions for the costs to be eligible is to be incurred during the duration of the project. If they the costs have been incurred before the start date of the project they are not eligible.

^[1] Please note that an updated version of the draft [Annotated Model Grant Agreement](#) has been published on the Funding & Tender Portal's webpage.

According to Article 6.1 (a), for actual costs, costs are eligible if they are incurred in the period set out in Article 4 (with the exception of costs relating to the submission of the final periodic report, which may be incurred afterwards).

53. Can you please clarify if research institutes are included as type of applicants targeted for the EU4H-2023-PJ-04 Call?

According to the call document (p.22), the type of applicants targeted for topic EU4H-2023-PJ-04 are: Academia and educational institutions, civil society organisations supporting the priority areas (health professional associations, patient organisations, foundations, NGOs and similar entities).

The above are targeted type of applicants, but these are not related to the eligibility criteria, which are mentioned in the same section below for EU4H-2023-PJ-04 – proposals must be submitted by a consortium of at least 3 applicants (beneficiaries; not affiliated entities), which complies with the following conditions: Minimum 3 entities from 3 different eligible countries.

You may also refer to the eligibility criteria mentioned under section 6 of the call document. In order to be eligible, the applicants (beneficiaries and affiliated entities) must be legal entities (public or private bodies) or be established in one of the eligible countries, i.e.:

- EU Member States (including overseas countries and territories (OCTs))
- eligible non-EU countries:
- listed EEA countries and countries associated to the EU4Health Programme or countries which are in ongoing negotiations for an association agreement and where the agreement enters into force before grant signature.

Finally, please also keep in mind that the main aim of the EU4Health programme is to make available instruments and solutions to support Member States in building stronger, more resilient and accessible health systems. So the main focus is not a Research programme – if you wish to explore Research & Innovation funding opportunities you could refer to the [Horizon Europe](#) programme.

54. Upon reading the above call we are seeking some clarification on the timeline of activities. In the call document it states that activities under this call are eligible if taking place in 2023 and/or 2024, and be a maximum of 12 months. However, given that the evaluation results will only be released in January 2024, and the Grant Agreement signed in July 2024, this would give no room for activities in 2023, and potentially allow for only 6 months of activities in 2024. Therefore, we wanted to enquire as to whether this timeline is correct, or if activities are instead allowable in 2024 and/or 2025?

We confirm that this is the correct timeline for this topic.

However, it is possible in exceptional cases to request a retroactive start of the action.

According to section 10 of the call document, *normally the starting date will be after grant signature. A retroactive starting date can be granted exceptionally for duly justified reasons – but never earlier than the proposal submission date.*

Nevertheless, please keep in mind that, as per the topic specifications, *conferences which have already been held by the date on which the grant application is submitted are not eligible.*

55. Concerning the topic EU4H-2023-PJ-03 / DP-g-23-32-02, the 2.36 Million € is per topic, so on average 590.000 € per consortium. The project shall last 36 month and the consortium must consist of at least three organizations, from three different and EU4Health approved member states. So 196.666€ per organization in total or 5462,94€ per Month per Organization. So roughly 3 researchers over 3 years, is this assumption correct?

As indicated in the call document, indeed the overall budget for topic EU4H-2023-PJ-03 is EUR 2.360.000, with 4 Grant agreements expected to be signed (i.e. EUR 590.000 per project).

This does not however preclude the submission/selection of proposals requesting other amounts. The grant awarded may be lower than the amount requested (p. 51 of the call document).

Regarding the specific topic eligibility (p.20 of the call document), proposals must be submitted by a consortium of at least 3 applicants (beneficiaries; not affiliated entities), which complies with the following conditions:

- Minimum 3 entities from 3 different eligible countries;
- At least one NGO working in the field of mental health;
- At least one patient organisation working in the field of mental health;

This needs to be clearly highlighted in the proposal.

Concerning the budget distribution among the beneficiaries, it is the applicant's responsibility to decide how to proceed in this regard.

56. I have a question about the Call topic EU4H-2023-PJ-03 - "Call for proposals on the prevention of NCDs in the area of mental health including actions supporting vulnerable population groups, such as migrants, refugees, Roma people and displaced people from Ukraine (DP-g-23-32-02)". Can a private company be part of a consortium submitting a proposal for that call?

According to the call document (p.20), the type of applicants targeted for topic EU4H-2023-PJ-03 are: Academia and educational institutions, civil society organisations supporting the priority areas (health professional associations, patient organisations, foundations, NGOs and similar entities).

The above are the targeted type of applicants, but these are not related to the eligibility criteria, which are mentioned in the same section below – proposals must be submitted

by a consortium of at least 3 applicants (beneficiaries; not affiliated entities), which complies with the following conditions:

- Minimum 3 entities from 3 different eligible countries;
- At least one NGO working in the field of mental health;
- At least one patient organisation working in the field of mental health;

This needs to be clearly highlighted in the proposal.

You may also refer to the eligibility criteria mentioned under section 6 of the call document.

57. Is this call reserved to companies that are organisers or also to participants of fair and events? If we organized an event to promote our company, could this be accepted?

As per the call document (p. 41), the proposal should cover one or more strands of the annual work programme and have clearly defined specific objectives. The thematic areas and sub-areas to be covered may include one or more of the below mentioned topics:

- (i) health care systems and workforce including in relation to demographic changes;
- (ii) One health approach;
- (iii) pharmaceuticals;
- (iv) digital transition across health challenges; Call: EU4Health-Action Grants 2023 — EU4H-2023-PJ 42
- (v) major non-communicable diseases such as mental health, cancer, cardiovascular;
- (vi) European Health Union: what's next? Priority will be given to proposals covering several types of the above topics in several Member States, and beyond the EU where necessary.

For full details on the topic (e.g. type of targeted applicants, specific eligibility criteria etc.) please refer to the relevant section of the [call document](#).

58. I am writing to you regarding the call “EU4Health”. We were wondering if the Gender Equality Plan is generally required for any EU-projects or if it would also be possible to apply without one.

The Gender Equality Plan is not a requirement for calls under the EU4Health programme – therefore, it is possible to apply without one.

59. I have a few questions regarding the Health4EU call for proposals:

- 1. Is the duration of 36 months mandatory or is it the maximum duration that projects can have?**
- 2. Are victims of domestic abuse an eligible target group under this priority: EU4H-2023-PJ-03 — Call for proposals on the prevention of NCDs in the area of mental health including actions supporting vulnerable population groups, such as migrants, refugees, Roma people and displaced people from Ukraine (DP-g-23-32-02)**

Under section 6 (Eligibility - Duration) of the call document it is highlighted the recommended duration is indicated for each topic, which does not correspond to the maximum duration. Please also remember that activities within the proposal need to be aligned with duration of the action.

Regarding the specific activities to be funded under EU4H-2023-PJ-03, we may kindly invite you to refer to the detailed section in the [call document](#) (page 16), where it is also mentioned that *activities shall address vulnerable and socio-economically disadvantaged population groups whose mental health has been disproportionately affected by the pandemic, including the elderly, young people, people with less secure employment, and people with less education or a lower income and particularly migrants, refugees, Roma people, displaced people from Ukraine as well as people still living in Ukraine. Activities will also take into consideration socio-economic and environmental determinants as established risk factors for mental health and behavioural problems (e.g. poverty, unemployment, financial instability, a low educational level, violence, air pollution and climate crisis, homelessness, and social isolation).*

60. I have a few questions on the eligibility of Switzerland both as main applicant and/or project partner for the calls DP-g-23-31-02 and the DP-g-23-31-02. Can we be the main applicant? Can we be part of a consortium and therefore also receive the corresponding amount? What is the external scope of this call? Can we involve our members outside EU/Europe?

As per the call document, section 6 (Eligibility – Eligible participants) in order to be eligible, the applicants (beneficiaries and affiliated entities) must be established in one of the eligible countries, i.e.:

- EU Member States (including overseas countries and territories (OCTs))
- eligible non-EU countries: listed EEA countries and countries associated to the EU4Health Programme or countries which are in ongoing negotiations for an association agreement and where the agreement enters into force before grant signature.

Unfortunately, Switzerland is not eligible for funding under the EU4Health programme, so it cannot be part of the consortium as a coordinator or beneficiary.

However, it is possible that legal entities not eligible for funding participate as:

- subcontractors (see Article 9.3 of the [Model Grant Agreement](#));
- associated partners, which participate in the action, but without the right to charge costs or claim contributions (see Article 9.1 of the [Model Grant Agreement](#)).

61. I am contacting you concerning the following call : EU4H-2023-PJ-03 — Call for proposals on the prevention of NCDs in the area of mental health including actions supporting vulnerable population groups, such as migrants, refugees, Roma people and displaced people from Ukraine (DP-g-23-32-02).

As mentioned in the call, “the aim of this action is to complement the implementation of the joint action “DP-g 23-32- 01 ‘Healthier Together’ EU NCD Initiative – Mental Health” led by the Member States”. By complementing the implementation of the joint action, do you mean that our activities must be directly aligned to the activities established and financed in the previous call? Do our activities must be directly linked to results of Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe projects? Hence, is this call favoring entities which have already received funding to complement their previously established activities? is there a way we can have access to the previously funded projects which need to be complemented for this call?

The Joint Action “DP-g 23-32- 01 ‘Healthier Together’ EU NCD Initiative – Mental Health” is not a previous call – it is part of the EU4Health Annual Work Programme 2023, and will be launched this year.

As indicated in the call document, indeed the aim of topic EU4H-2023-PJ-03 is to complement the activities of this Joint Action which will be led by Member States’ authorities. The activities of EU4H-2023-PJ-03 will run in parallel to the Joint Action.

In addition, the action will implement projects on health promotion and disease prevention, **taking into account** relevant results of Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe projects, and is expected to support the Member States’ efforts to reduce the burden of NCDs.

This does not in any way imply that entities which may have previously received funding under EU programmes will be funded in this call or future calls. As per the footnote in the call document (p.19), the results of previously funded projects are publicly available on the CORDIS database: [CORDIS | European Commission \(europa.eu\)](https://cordis.europa.eu/)

We would like to reiterate that this is an open competitive call for proposals, which respects the principle of equal treatment of applicants.

62. We would like to receive some clarifications with regards to the funding rate of the call, which is described as follows in the call document: The costs will be reimbursed at the funding rate fixed in the Grant Agreement (60%). You can apply for a higher project funding rate (80%) if your project is of ‘exceptional utility’, i.e. concerns:

- actions where at least 30 % of the budget is allocated to Member States whose GNI per inhabitant is less than 90% of the EU average or

- actions with bodies from at least 14 Member States and where at least four are from Member States whose GNI per inhabitant is less than 90% of the EU average.

Our understanding is that (provided that our consortium complies with all the eligibility criteria described in the call document) if we allocate 30% of the overall project budget to partners based and implementing the action in countries such as Greece, Cyprus, Spain and Slovakia (among many others whose GNI per capita

is below 48613, i.e. 90% of the European average of 54015, according to [World Bank most recent data](#)), our project could be considered of *'exceptional utility'*, and therefore a funding rate of 80% would be accepted. Is this correct? And secondly, would the request for a funding rate of 80% have an impact on the overall evaluation of the proposal, in comparison to proposals applying for a lower funding rate?

Yes indeed, we confirm that if the proposal fulfils the eligibility criteria for exceptional utility as outlined in the call document, then the 80% co-funding rate will apply.

The applied funding rate of a proposal is independent of the evaluation procedure – for more details on the evaluation and award procedure, as well as the award criteria, please refer to sections 8 and 9 of the [call document](#).