

## FAQ - Call for Innovation BP23-25

### Version history

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23 March 2022	First release
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### 1. Eligibility

#### 1.1 In the consortia composition, what do you mean by “affiliated entities” active in the proposal?

To be eligible, the consortia composition needs to include a minimum of two cities and/or their affiliated entities. By affiliated entity we mean an entity with direct links with a public city/municipal government. For example, a transport agency within a city, a living lab formally linked to the city, or a development agency funded directly by the city. As explained in Section 5.1 (Eligibility and admissibility check) of the amended Call Manual, in case of new affiliated entities (not previously validated in PLAZA as Linked Third Party), a declaration from the related city should be uploaded together with the application.

### 2. Integration of RIS Applicants

#### 2.1 If my organisation is eligible for RIS funding, should I apply as a RIS partner (e.g. lower co-funding rate)?

You can apply as a RIS partner, however, be aware that in case your project proposal is selected, the budgetary benefits associated to RIS partners are not guaranteed as it will depend on the funding available. If the proposal is selected, you may be asked to raise your co-funding rate. In case this is a problem for your entity, please discuss it with the project coordinator during proposal preparation.

#### 2.2 In the case that a RIS eligible applicant is not selected to be allocated RIS Innovation funding, can the applicant be financed through the regular Innovation funding?

Yes, in this case, RIS Applicants would be covered by the Innovation funding allocation, however, they would not receive the benefits outlined in section 2.2.3 of the Call Manual.

#### 2.3 How should we calculate the project overall budget when RIS Applicants are involved?

The maximum budget for innovation projects is 300k EUR for type 1 and 800k EUR for type 2 projects. The RIS budget is however considered additional so projects that apply for additional RIS funds are allowed to go over this threshold.

E.g. A project that applies for project type 2 is allowed to request a total funding of 350k EUR if total requested RIS funds are >50k EUR.

#### 2.4 How is the consortium co-funding rate applied when RIS Applicants are involved in a project proposal?

The co-funding rate of the RIS and non-RIS partners in a single innovation project is calculated separately. The eligible co-funding rates are at least 20% for each single RIS partners and 32% for the overall non-RIS partners.

#### 2.5 Is the stated 50-80k EUR per RIS subgrantee or a recommended total for all RIS subgrantees of the project (PLAZA application form, tab 3)?

The 50-80k EUR is the recommended budget PER subgrantee.

### 3. Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

#### 3.1 What happens if the project does not deliver on their KPIs by the deadline?

KPIs are used to measure how effective a consortium is meeting the objectives set by the project. The NB in section 3.6 of the Call Manual (Monitoring) states the following: All project outputs, including KPIs, must be achieved within the project lifecycle. If these cannot be achieved, the consortia can request a project extension. If the extension is approved, they will be allowed to continue with the implementation without any additional EIT funding. This extension cannot finish later than 18 months from the start of the project – irrespective if the project is Type 1 or Type 2.

In case a consortium does not deliver on the KPIs, this will be considered an underperformance and EIT funding may be reduced. The % of grant reduction will depend on the type and number of project outputs/KPIs that have not been fulfilled. For example, failure to achieve the Activity KPIs at the project end may lead to a 15-50% grant reduction. This reduction would be applied at project level.

### 4. Continuation Projects

#### 4.1 Should existing projects from 2022, that plan to continue in 2023, re-apply in this current Innovation call?

No. Projects selected in the 2022 Innovation Call that, in their application form, indicated that they were planning to continue in 2023 should not submit an application to the current call for innovation.

These projects will have to go through two assessments to be granted the continuation. The first assessment (mid-term review) will take place in June/July 2022 and the second assessment will take place in October/November 2022. This second assessment will take into consideration the progress made during 2022 and the proposed workplan, budget and KPIs for 2023. Their continuation will be conditional on: the Activity fulfilling all 2022 reporting requirements, the budget available and the EIT approval. More information will be provided to the concerned projects.