

FAQ - Open Call for Proposals Innovation Programme - 2024

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1. Eligibility

1.1 Can a bike sharing or moto sharing provider with a license to operate in the city be a demo host?

The contractual agreement must be valid until at least 31 December 2025). A declaration from the actual city/municipal government must be uploaded together with the application. This declaration should also indicate the duration of the concession.

1.2 Can a private logistics provider or delivery service with a license to operate in the city be a demo host?

A private logistics provider or delivery service with a license to operate in the city can be a demo host. An additional document by the municipality supporting the demo is required. This Letter of Support should be an official document with the letterhead of the municipality.

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)?

Any entity from a RIS country may request to be categorised as a RIS applicant in the proposal submission. However, given the limited RIS budget, the reduced co-funding rate associated to RIS partners cannot be guaranteed. RIS support will be prioritised according to the criteria outlined in Section 2.3 of the Call Manual:

- New entities from underrepresented RIS countries in the EIT Urban Mobility namely Estonia, Slovenia, Malta, Lithuania, Greece, Hungary, Croatia, Slovakia, Poland, Latvia, Bulgaria, and Romania.

- Entities from underrepresented RIS countries in the EIT Urban Mobility Innovation Portfolio that have not already participated and received EIT funding from Innovation Programme.
- New entities from the countries of Spain, Czech Republic, Italy, and Portugal that have not yet had and received EIT funding from Innovation Programme.

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. Any RIS applicant that cannot be funded through the limited RIS budget will still be funded through the main Innovation budget. This will be funded according to the General Call conditions outlined, such as the 33% co-funding rate. If your 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.

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

EIT funding allocation is listed in the table in Section 3.6.1. EIT funding per project varies for each Challenge Area as indicated in the table. For example, projects in the Challenge Area Sustainable City Logistics can apply for EIT funding between 400-500K EUR. The EIT funding rates listed include the RIS budget. Therefore, projects are not allowed to go over this threshold, whether the consortium includes RIS partners or not.

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

The co-funding rates of the approved RIS partners and non-RIS partners for each innovation project are calculated separately. The eligible co-funding rates are at least 20% for each single RIS partners and 33% for the overall non-RIS partners.

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. Section 3.5 of the Call Manual states the following: All outputs and KPIs should be achieved within the project lifecycle and no later than 31 December 2024. If these cannot be achieved, the Project Leader may request a no-cost project extension. If approved, this extension may not extend beyond 18 months from the start of the project.

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.

3.2 Is there a relationship between the KPI Startup Created and the MRE?

There is no direct connection between the acceptance of a Start-up created EITHE04.4 and the successful completion of an MRE. Any 2024 project providing the legal incorporation documentation with the required evidence of sales will have their KPI recognised.

However, the acceptance of a KPI Start-up created EITHE04.4 places no obligation on EIT Urban Mobility to accept a revenue or equity agreement with a start-up that fails an MRE.

4. Co-funding rate

4.1. Is the co-funding rate applicable to all the partners?

All proposals must have a minimum co-funding rate of 33% across the project. Partners in a consortium may have different co-funding rates as long as the overall project co-fund meets the required 33% minimum.

This 33% overall rate may exclude those RIS applicants that are granted RIS funded. Those applicants have a minimum individual co-funding rate of 20% (see section 2.3 of the Call Manual) and this should be specifically outlined.