

AARHUS UNIVERSITET

RESEARCH SUPPORT AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS

H2020 SOCIETAL CHALLENGES RIA/IA/CSA

Societal Challenges – based on the Strategic research agenda of the European Commission, aimed at contributing to solving major societal challenges and securing growth and development.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Universities, public or private non-commercial research centres, public institutions and governmental agencies, large enterprises, SMEs, non-profit or charitable organisations, European-based international organisations

Note that in most cases, organisations outside Europe can participate, but are not always automatically eligible for funding.

THREE TYPES OF PROJECTS

01 RESEARCH AND INNOVATION ACTION (RIA)

Technology Readiness Level normally between 2 and 5

Aim: To provide new knowledge about, and solutions to, specific societal challenges. Interdisciplinary and inter-sectorial set up in the projects. To assist European growth for the benefit of citizens and society in a sustainable way.

Normally only limited demonstration and pilot activities are allowed.

Size: Minimum 3 partners from 3 different EU or associated countries

Budget: Varies from topic to topic. RIAs can be as small as EUR 1.5 million or as big as EUR 20 million.

Reimbursement rate: 100 % for all beneficiaries. Indirect costs (overhead) is 25%

02 INNOVATION ACTION (IA)

Technology Readiness Level normally between 3 and 7

Aim: To upscale, test, make pilots in an area using existing research results to create/disseminate results and create further impact of existing research. Demonstration projects.

Research cannot be the major part of the project.

Size: Minimum 3 partners from 3 different EU or associated countries

Budget: Varies from topic to topic. IAs tend to have bigger budgets, EUR 5-10 million, due to the demand for various types of demonstration activities.

Reimbursement rates: 100 % for non-profit beneficiaries, 70 % for for-profit beneficiaries. Indirect costs (overhead) is 25%

03 COORDINATION AND SUPPORT ACTION (CSA)

Technology Readiness Level not applicable

Aim: Coordinating and mapping existing research in an area. Suggesting road maps or agendas for further research or implementation of research.

Networking projects, not a research project as such.

Size: Normally minimum 3 partners from 3 different EU or associated countries. In some special cases, single beneficiary

Budget: Varies from topic to topic. CSAs normally have quite small budgets, between 1.5 and 2.5 million Euros.

Reimbursement rate: 100 % for all beneficiaries. Indirect costs (overhead) is 25%

MORE INFORMATION

Find relevant application material in

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/programmes/h2020>

RSO contacts: www.au.dk/fse

H2020-RIA/IA (single-stage calls & stage 2 of two-stage calls) ASSISTANCE FROM RSO, PRE-AWARD

TASKS	COORDINATOR / PRINCIPLE INVESTIGATOR (PI)	RSO PRE-AWARD TEAMS
Planning of EU application process (e.g. consortium composition, purpose, structure, requirements, budget, coordination, evaluation, time plan, EUopSTART application etc.)		
	Dialogue with RSO Pre-award team (e-mail, phone, meeting)	Dialogue with Coordinator/PI (e-mail, phone, meeting)
Consortium kick-off meeting		
	Arrange and host meeting	Plan and participate in meeting (financial issues will be agreed if meeting is held outside Denmark)
Administrative forms + submission system (cf. Funder & Tender Opportunities)		
	Provide list of partners and contact information. Select scientific keywords, write abstract – max. 2000 characters including spaces.	Send out first info-forms to all partners. Fill in administrative forms in the submission system and/or check that each partner has filled in own form. Provide guidance for and feedback on abstract
Part B – document B1 Section 1: Excellence Section 2: Impact		
	Write and collect input from partner co-writers	Provide annotated template and guidelines. Advise on structure and contents. Comment on drafts. Ensure compliance with mandatory requirements.
Part B – document B1 Section 3: Implementation		
	Write and collect input from partner co-writers (WP descriptions incl. list of deliverables and milestones, critical risks table, and consortium as a whole)	Advise on and provide drafts for 3.1 (Management WP) 3.2 (Management structure) + 3.4 (Resources to be committed including justifications tables).
Gantt Chart		
	Build Gantt Chart, provide input for Gantt chart and adjust deliverables etc. if necessary	Provide template suggestions for Gantt chart. Check for consistency with proposal text
Part B – document B2 Section 4: Participating Organisations		
	Provide list of contact persons for all partners and beneficiaries. Contribute with main tasks for each partner.	Advise on format and content of tables. Provide AU/AUH template for 4.1. Collect and edit tables from partners. Advise on rules about use of third parties.
Part B – document B2 Section 5: Ethics + Security Section 6: Call specific questions		
	Fill in schemes stating if the research include any ethical issues or security issues or other. If yes, write an ethical self-assessment/ explanation on security issues	Add info on ethical issues to the A-forms incl. page references. Provide guidelines for ethics assessment and call specific questions. Collect input from relevant partners and make a rough draft, if possible.
Budget		
	Dialogue with partners to clarify expectation. Agree on tasks and relevant level of budget with each partner.	Collect detailed budgets from partners, adjust with coordinator, make collated budget and have partners agree to that. Fill in budgetary information in A-forms. Write 3.4 Justification of resources (see above) and finalize staff effort table based on input from all beneficiaries
Letters of Commitment		
	Collect signed Letters of Commitment or provide list of organisations to be contacted	Advise on format and content of Letters of Commitment.
Submission		
	Perform a validation check before submission.	Advise on submission process.