

## Q & A Document

### Call 2 Webinar for Applicants

#### Shaping the Future of Animal Health & Welfare

**Will there be a recording of this webinar available so other members of my team can watch it?**

No, there is no recording. Slides of the presentation and Q&A are available.

**Can you shortly explain where I can find the partnering tool, I fail to find it online.**

You can find the partnering tool here: [EUPAHW: Partnering](#)

**Can the same entity apply with several different projects/partners?**

Yes. The Call Announcement states: “Researchers and entities may participate in more than one research proposal, provided there is no double funding of the same work or cost item, and the same work is proposed only once, and that FO national regulations allow it. In case of multiple participation, partners must list all proposals and explain clearly how their work within the respective proposals differs in the section “Partners” (via Partner Login) under “Tasks within the project” A second statement in the Call Announcement about the role of the principal investigator additionally states: “The principal investigator (PI), representing the project coordinating organisation, is only allowed to coordinate one proposal; a PI of one proposal can be a partner in another proposal (not for all Funders organisations - see National regulations);”

**If a topic isn't eligible in one country but that part is covered by a different partner is that OK?**

You will need to speak to your NCP to confirm this. You can choose only one topic.

**If you are a coordinator of an ongoing project in the first EUPAHW call, can you also be a coordinator for a proposal in this second EUPAHW call?**

Yes, you can.

**If there are two partners from the same country, can they separately request funding from two different funders in the country?**

This depends on the national/regional funding organisations rules. Please contact your national/regional funding contact point for clarification. You find those in Annex I of the Call Announcement.

**Is there a way to include a Researcher from the US (in addition to partners from the various European countries)?**

Yes, as an associated partner. However, as an associated partner it is not possible to receive funding. This is only possible for partners being eligible for funding organisations listed in Section 4 of the Call Announcement.

**In the list of internal projects (<https://www.eupahw.eu/projects>), several ongoing projects are only very generally described (without details on research questions/approaches). Is it possible to get more detailed information on the current in-ternal projects to avoid duplication with new proposals?**

The information on the internal projects on the EUPAHW homepage can only give a first indication of possible overlaps. If you suspect a possible overlap, please use the contact form provided for each internal project to contact the chairs of the project and clarify the possible overlap.

**Do we still need to list all associated partners in the Pre-Proposal Step, or could they be added between the Pre- and Full-Proposal?**

Please list all associated partners as soon as you know they will take part. This is important information for the evaluation of your proposal.

**Can Associated Partners not apply for funding directly, but can they receive it from a partner? Or how can they receive funding?**

Associated Partners cannot receive funding, they are expected to contribute in-kind with their own resources or through their own external funding.

### Can Beneficiaries or Internal partners be Coordinators?

Yes. However, the Chairs of the internal activities of the internal programme of EUPAHW cannot act as principal investigators (PI) in this call at the same time.

### Looking at the EUPAHW beneficiaries and not all of the abbreviations are obvious to me, is it possible to get a list of the full names of organisations?

You can also use the homepage: [EUPAHW - Consortium Structure](#) to find out the EUPAHW Beneficiaries of EUPAHW in different countries. In case of doubt, do not hesitate to ask the Call office.

### FEG (Portugal) and SLU (Sweden) are both listed in Annex II, however there is no FO listed for their respective nations. Is there a mistake in Annex II or can they only participate as associate partners (i.e. self-funded)?

There is no mistake in Annex II. Annex II does only list all beneficiaries which are in theory allowed to apply. If they can in practice apply as a funding receiving partner is determined by whether there is a funding organisation taking part in the call. This is defined in Section 4 of the Call Announcement. Without being eligible for a funding organisation from the table in Section 4, one cannot receive funding through this call. Portugal and Sweden do not have a Funding Organisation participating in this call, therefore organisations from Sweden or Portugal can only participate as associated partners.

### With regards to “non-duplication with internal activities” –Does it also include round one activities (i.e. ending 2026) or is it only related to current internal activities?

Duplication with internal activities should be avoided, including with the ones from the first internal round.

### Can you please confirm whether or not Small private companies can be partners?

We can confirm SME can be partners and are encouraged to do so, but please consult the national and regional annexes for each case, because not all Funding Organisations can fund private companies.

## **Funding: Is there a maximum budget for a single project proposal? Or is this determined by the sum of available funding for each participating nation?**

It is the sum of available funding for each participating partner. There is no general overall maximum budget.

## **Can I use the funding for salary for a PhD student? And can I use part of the budget for paying for the PhD school for a PhD student? A PhD in Denmark is only 3 years long, so it would fit into the 3 year time limit.**

Specific budget questions like this should be addressed to the National/Regional Funding Contact Point, see Annex I.

## **How do we know which funding partner to select, when there is more than one for a country?**

Please have a look at the Annex VII and contact the Funding Contact Points to choose the right Funding Organisation.

## **Can different external proposals be explicitly linked?**

Every project proposal needs to be a complete proposal on its own. Linking pre-proposals is not advisable, as each project is evaluated on its own merit only.

## **Could you please specify what is meant by describe your task in this project (question for coordinator)? Is this referring to the organisation and coordination of the project, or is it specifically about the individual person's role?**

Please describe the task of the partner (organisation) in this field. You are free to additionally describe the tasks of the individual persons, but this is not mandatory.

## **Do we have to include CVs for all the team members?**

No, only one CV per Partner.

## **How can we detect possible Conflict of Interests (Col) of evaluators (who are anonymous)?**

The evaluators are supposed to detect the conflict of interest and should not evaluate projects where they do have a CoI. They have to undersign an agreement to formalise this. You can name up to three people that you do not want to evaluate your proposal because you know a strong conflict of Interest does exist.

### **Could multiple projects be funded by one operational objective? Or is it one OO, one project?**

It is possible that we will fund multiple projects per OO. The funded projects will be decided by evaluation scores, rather than by ensuring that all OOs are covered.

### **It seems that only a selection of OOx themes are covered by this second call. So, other OOx themes - not mentioned in this presentation - are not eligible?**

There are some OOs not included in this call. Your proposal must address one of the core Research Actions in the Call Announcement. Addressing any others will mean your proposal is ineligible.

### **In the Topic Animal Welfare one primary SRIA research action must be selected, but can the project address other research actions too?**

You must select one primary action (supported by a socio-economic action if relevant). If the call touches on other actions that is fine and can be recorded in the submission tool.

### **Will including a supplementary socio-economic action improve the chances of the project being approved?**

Including a socio-economic action will not automatically increase the evaluation result of a project, the addition must be relevant and add value to the project. However, in a situation of two almost equally evaluated projects, when choosing which to fund, funders may likely choose the one with the increased socioeconomic value.

### **Do you confirm that socio economic study should only deal with the fish sector?**

No, projects with socio-economic aspects can focus on terrestrial livestock, aquaculture or bees.

### **Is research in wildlife in scope if studying potential zoonotic pathogens of relevance to wildlife and for understanding pandemic preparedness?**

If including wildlife in a proposal - it must include livestock as a significant aspect of it. For example, spillover of pathogens from wildlife to livestock. Projects looking at zoonotic pathogens in wildlife only are not eligible.

## The zoonotic pathogens should be relevant to livestock, too? Not just other wild animals?

Yes, proposals covering zoonotic transmission must consider livestock. Wildlife to wildlife is not within scope.

## Is an ASF related project only be eligible if primarily focused on domestic pig (and secondarily on wild boar), and not the other way around?

An ASF related project would need to include aspects related to domestic pigs as a significant component of it. It may be best to send a brief proposal summary to your NCP to determine whether your ideas have enough relevance to the call scope.

## With regards to the wildlife exclusion, are wild caught fish (i.e. in commercial fisheries) also excluded?

Commercial fisheries are not included in the call scope as this is harvesting wild fish from oceans, not under farm conditions.

## Does the definition of fish correspond to all aquatic animals that are being produced for human consumption?

Projects addressing aquaculture are within scope. This includes fish, shellfish or crustaceans that are farmed for food.

## Are crustaceans within the scope?

Yes, if they are a product of aquaculture. But please also contact your NCP.

## Are equines covered in the call? If they are not being used as a production animal?

Research including horses as companion animals is out of scope. Horses as livestock could be in the scope but funding depends on the funder, please get in touch with your NCP.

## In the Topic Prevention and Control, is it possible to follow different forms of immune prophylaxis (e.g. vaccination and use of immune components to dampen disease phenotype)?

Both are within scope and if your proposal is able to sufficiently cover both that is fine.

## Are alternatives to antimicrobials in scope i.e. phage, or would they still be classed as an antimicrobial and therefore out of scope?

Yes, phage technologies would be considered interventions and so are within the call scope.

### **Under Action OO7-2, are natural products with antimicrobial activity also considered new therapeutics?**

Yes, as long as you adhere to the aims of OO7-2 a natural product would be within scope.

### **For Action OO7-2: do we need industry involvement if the project focuses on bioinformatic pipeline development/pathogen analysis? Industry involvement seems more relevant to vaccine-related projects.**

Where relevant, industrial involvement is strongly encouraged for proposals to this call. For actions OO7-2 and OO7-3 industry involvement is mandatory. Industrial partners may apply for funding through the call, provide self-funding or contribute in-kind resources. Please consult your FO's National Annex for specific details regarding industrial funding.

### **Under OO7-3 Is the demonstration of immunogenicity (minimum immunizing dose studies) mandatory for all interventions and treatments to be developed?**

Demonstration of immunogenicity (minimum immunizing dose studies) is usually only required for vaccines. For other interventions and treatments than vaccines, demonstration of immunogenicity is usually not needed. The scope of OO7.3 is broad and includes vaccines, but also other interventions and treatments.

### **What is your definition of "industry"?**

Industry partner is defined on pg. 7 in the Call Announcement. Industrial Partner is a private, for-profit organisation (including SMEs and large enterprises) that contributes to the project by advancing technologies, products or services towards market uptake, demonstration, validation, scale-up and/or exploitation of results, in line with identified market and societal needs.

### **How many pre-proposals will be selected?**

This is depending on a lot of factors and is impossible to answer.

### **Are proposals with a smaller budget preferred?**

Applications with a smaller budget are not preferred, the budget has to fit to the proposed project and consortium. Both larger and smaller projects are evaluated by scientific experts and the selection follows the ranking list and availability of funds.