European Partnership on Animal Health and Welfare

Call 2 Webinar for Applicants

Shaping the Future of Animal Health & Welfare

2nd February – 10:00 to 12:00 CET

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Agenda

1. **Introduction to the Joint Call**
2. Important conditions and requirements (eligibility, participating countries and proposal outline incl. Timeline)
3. Remarks from EMA
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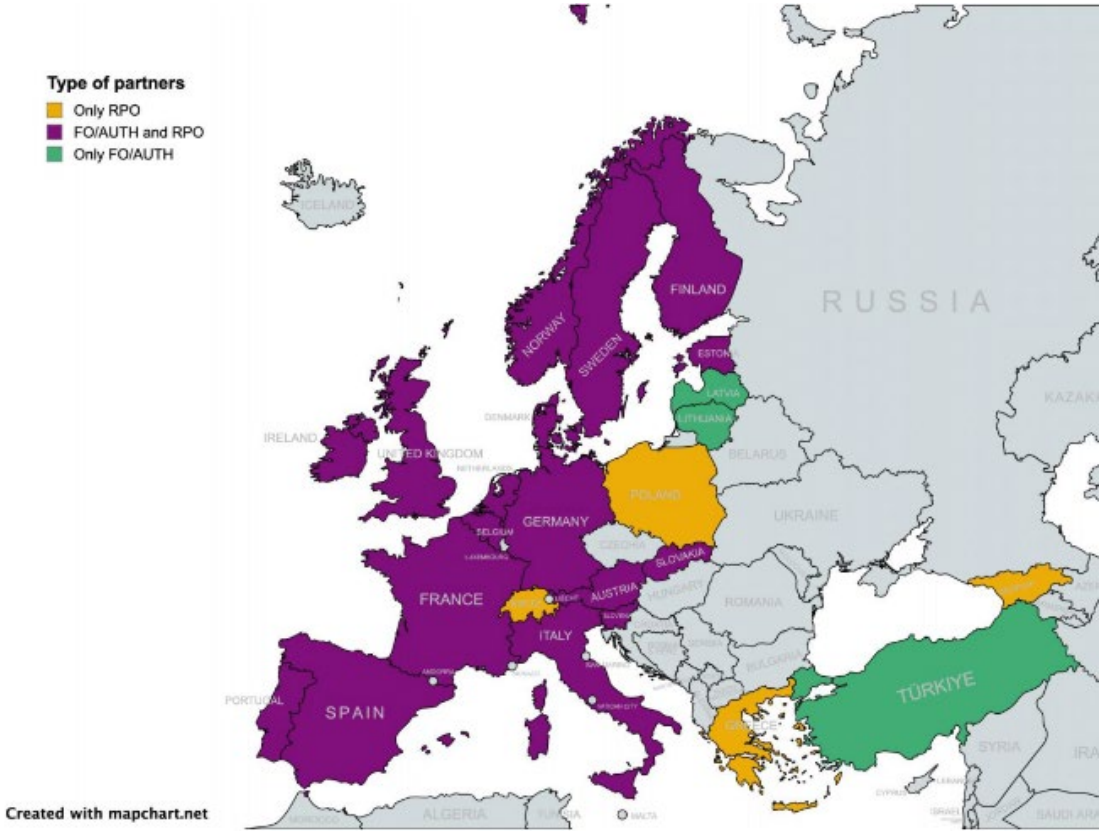
EUPAHW – Budgets and Membership

- €360 million investment anticipated over seven years
- 90 organisations involved, including research-performing institutions, funding bodies, and ministries
  - participation from 24 countries (19 EU Member States + 5 Horizon Europe associated countries)
- Internal programme of 56 leading RPOs
  - 17 internal three-year research projects started in 2024, now progressing onto phase 2.



EUPAHW – Long Term Vision

- Infectious animal diseases are effectively prevented and controlled.
- Antimicrobials are used responsibly and minimally.
- Farmed animals experience high welfare standards across their entire lifecycle.
- Europe strengthens its capacity to raise healthy animals in sustainable systems.
- Builds a strong Research & Innovation (R&I) framework across Europe.
- Enhances collaboration among public research bodies, competent authorities, industry, and NGOs.
- Supports sustainable food systems with fair economic returns, improved public health, and reduced environmental impacts.

EUPAHW – Why This Call Matters

- Animal health and welfare are critical to food safety, public health, productivity, and socio-economic stability in EU livestock and aquaculture sectors.
- Connection to EUPAHW's Strategic Research & Innovation Agenda (SRIA)
  - SRIA developed jointly with EUPAHW, STAR-IDAZ IRC, ICRAD and CWG AHW.
  - Defines five priority areas and nine Operational Objectives (OO1–OO9) guiding all funded research.
  - The 2026 call addresses 12 SRIA Actions, grouped across animal welfare, disease surveillance, diagnostics, treatments, vaccines, and socio-economic integration.
- Internal programme context
  - External call projects must not duplicate the internal activities.

STAR-IDAZ International Research Consortium on Animal Health

European Animal Health & Welfare Research COLLABORATIVE WORKING GROUP

icrad International coordination of research on infectious animal diseases

EUPAHW –Partners and Funding Available

- The call brings together 26 national and regional funding organisations from 18 countries
- Collectively, funders have committed a total budget of approximately €25.3 million to support research under the two call topics.
- The EC will also allocate cofunding to the call, bringing the total funding available to approximately €30M.

Five priority areas of EUPAHW, from SRIA

EUPAHW - Call Scope Development

- EUPAHW Call 1 and Internal Projects launched in 2024, addressing a range actions from the SRIA.
- Guidance from the EC suggested that Phase 2 of the EUPAHW should focus on the remaining SRIA actions.
- We surveyed our funders to gather an idea of preferred actions to include in the scope.
- The scope is based on the outcome of the survey with funders, and also taking into account the priorities of the EC, and reducing overlap with Internal Activities.

Call 2 – Thematic Areas

Animal Welfare

Proposals in this area should aim to improve animal welfare throughout the production cycle, including birth, rearing, transport, and slaughter using innovative technologies, monitoring tools, and systems.

Prevention & Control

Proposals developing and validating tools, interventions, and diagnostics to prevent and control animal infectious diseases, improve treatment efficacy, enhance surveillance, and strengthen animal resilience.

Socio Economic Research – Proposals to understand the socio-economic impacts of higher animal welfare and regulatory change, and to develop practical, balanced solutions that integrate welfare improvements with disease control in sustainable livestock and aquaculture systems

Topic 1 - Animal Welfare (select ONE core action)

OO4-1 Advance understanding of positive welfare, including identification and validation of indicators of positive emotional states via behavioural, endocrine, and neurological measures.

OO4-2 Develop technologies to assess welfare on-farm and during transport, including slaughter-line innovations and suitable animal-based measures (ABMs).

OO4-3 Improve procedures and technologies for welfare assessment during slaughter or emergency killing, ensuring reliable detection of consciousness and death.

OO4-6 Enhance welfare monitoring during transport through sensor-based technologies and decision-support tools to detect early signs of distress (e.g. lameness, heat stress, aggression, exhaustion).

OO6-4 Advance humane stunning and killing methods for livestock and fish to minimise pain and stress during slaughter.

OO6-5 Develop innovative systems for the transport of livestock and fish.

Topic 2 - Prevention & Control (select ONE core action)

OO7-2 Develop and apply tools and models (experimental farms, in vivo/in vitro/in silico infection models) to test efficacy and safety of new therapeutics including vaccines and delivery systems, with reduced reliance on animal testing. Create bioinformatic pipelines for microbiome and pathogen data analysis.

OO7-3 Collaborate with industry to develop or improve interventions and treatments and deliver first proof of concept, where appropriate demonstrate immunogenicity and efficacy (minimum immunizing dose) in target species; representative (small scale) animal (challenge) model (TRL 3-4).

OO3-3 Develop and standardise tools to:– Differentiate between infected and vaccinated animals (DIVA);– Detect whether pathogens in the environment, including waste, remain infectious;– Study transmission dynamics of pathogens and resistant variants across species, including wildlife.

OO5-4 Reinforce animal resilience to disease through research into feeding, breeding, and other biological factors that enhance natural immunity.

Optional Supporting Socio-Economic Actions (cannot be main topic)

OO9-2 Assess socio-economic implications of changes in livestock and fish farming, including shifts in public demand for higher welfare standards and new legislative requirements.

OO9-4 Develop practical solutions to integrate AID mitigation and enhanced welfare measures, addressing trade-offs within sustainable livestock and aquaculture systems in the EU.

EUPAHW – Proposal Requirement Summary

- **1. Address the call scope**
  - Choose one thematic area: Animal Welfare or Prevention & Control
  - Select one primary SRIA Research Action from the list.
  - May include supporting socio-economic action (OO9-2 and/or OO9-4), but cannot be solely socio-economic.
- **2. Focus on eligible species & diseases**
  - Farmed terrestrial animals, aquaculture species, bees.
  - Wildlife or companion animals only when relevant to livestock health/welfare.
  - Pathogens: bacteria, viruses, parasites, fungi, prions, plus non-infectious diseases when welfare is significantly affected.
- 3. **Involve industry where required**
  - Mandatory involvement for OO7-2 and OO7-3 (therapeutics, interventions and vaccines).
  - Strongly encouraged for other actions.

Scope Exclusions - The call will NOT fund proposals primarily focused on:

- Projects focused primarily on improving human health are out of scope.
- Projects primarily focused on companion animals are out of scope, except where companion animals are directly implicated in risks to livestock/aquaculture health or welfare or public health within the project's objectives (e.g., as reservoirs/vectors).
- Insects for food consumption are out of scope.
- Projects primarily focused on wild animals are out of scope, except where wildlife is directly relevant to the selected SRIA Action(s) (e.g., surveillance/diagnostics of zoonotic transmission under OO3-3) and the project's primary objectives concern livestock/aquaculture health or welfare.
- Research focused on laboratory animal welfare science is out of scope.
- Food-borne pathogens with a human food safety focus are out of scope. Projects are only eligible where pathogens are studied in the context of animal health and welfare.
- Socio-economic projects that do not integrate animal health and/or welfare objectives are out of scope.
- Development of new antimicrobials is out of scope.
- Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) research that does not reference animals is out of scope.
- Overlapping AMR research with OH-AMR Partnership 2026 call, please review the OH-AMR call scope to ensure this.

Scope & Topic Eligibility Summary

- 1. Choose a compliant topic & SRIA Action
  - Select one topic:
    - Topic 1: Animal Welfare
    - Topic 2: Prevention & Control
  - Select one primary SRIA Action.
  - Socio-economic actions (OO9-2 and/or OO9-4) may be included, but cannot be the main focus.
- 2. Industry involvement where mandatory
  - Required for therapeutic/vaccine development (SRIA OO7-2, OO7-3).
- 3. Must follow national/regional eligibility rules from each FO.

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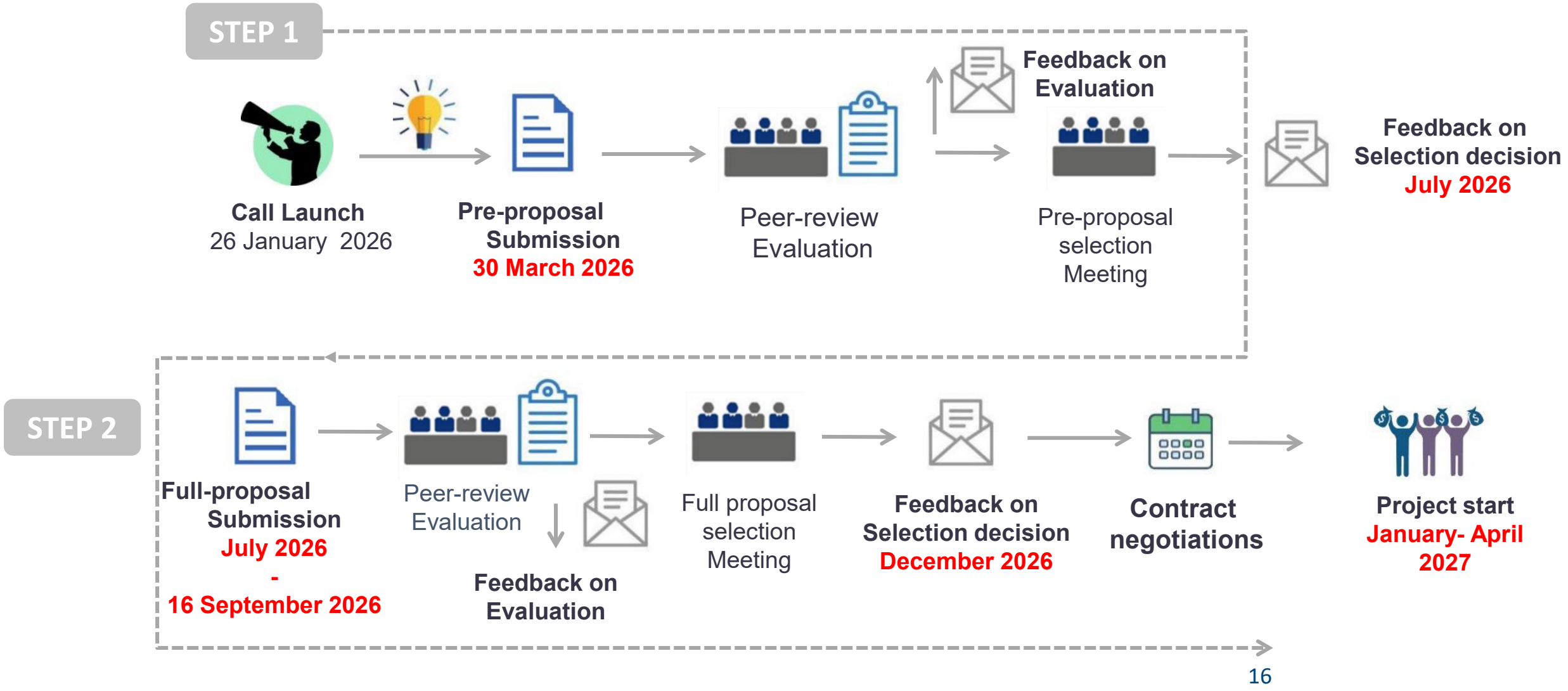
STEP 1
Call Launch
26 January 2026
Pre-proposal Submission
30 March 2026
Peer-review Evaluation
Feedback on Evaluation
Pre-proposal selection Meeting
Feedback on Selection decision
July 2026
STEP 2
Full-proposal Submission
July 2026
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16 September 2026
Peer-review Evaluation
Feedback on Evaluation
Full proposal selection Meeting
Feedback on Selection decision
December 2026
Contract negotiations
Project start
January- April 2027

Funding opportunities

Country	Funding Organisation	National/regional call contribution		Topic		Expected number of projects
		Total	maximum per project	1	2	
		€	€	€	€	
Austria	FWF	1.600.000	450.000	800.000	800.000	4
Belgium	F.R.S.-FNRS	300.000	300.000	300.000	300.000	1
Belgium	FIO	800.000	500.000	400.000	400.000	2
Belgium	FPS Health	495.000	165.000	No	495.000	4
Belgium	FWO	700.000	350.000	350.000	350.000	2-3
Denmark	IFD	1.000.000	500.000 maximum for projects with more than one Danish partner, 300.000 maximum per Danish partner	500.000	500.000	3-5
Estonia	ETAG	150 000 or 300 000	300 000 if coordinator, 150 000 if participant	150 000 or 300 000	150 000 or 300 000	1
Finland	MMM	400.000	200 000.00 €/ project or max. 300 000.00 per project if the Finnish applicant is the project coordinator	200.000	200.000	2
France	ANR	2.000.000	300.000-400.000 if French coordination	1.000.000	1.000.000	5-7
Germany	BMLEH/BLE	750.000	250.000	750.000	No	
Ireland	DAFM	650.000	325.000	325.000	325.000	2-3
Italy	MOH	500.000	150.000	150.000	350.000	

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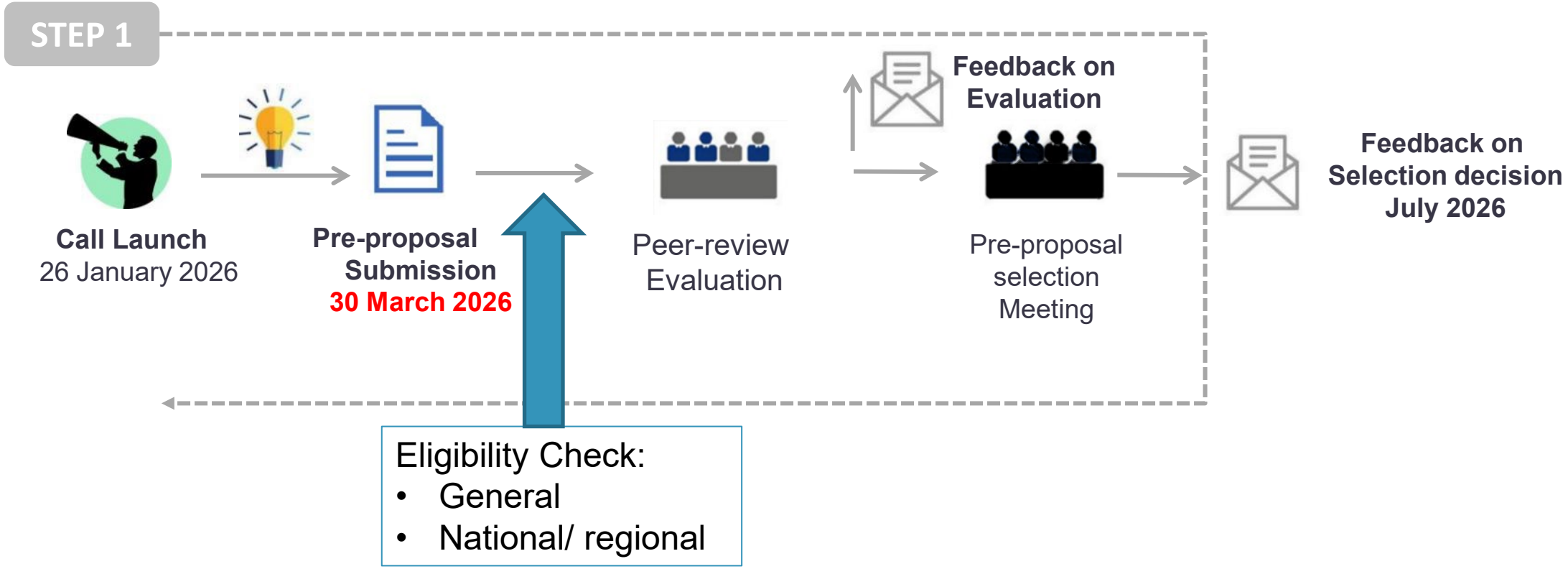
		€	€	€	€	
Latvia	LZP	500.000	100.000 €/per 1 year/ for project partner	250.000	250.000	1-2
Lithuania	LMT	300.000	150.000	150.000	150.000	1-2
Lithuania	ZUM	120.000	120.000	120.000	120.000	1
Netherlands	MINLVVN	2.000.000	350.000	1.000.000	1.000.000	5-7
Norway RCN	terrestrial	1.280.000	320.000	640.000	640.000	4-5
	aquatic	1.020.000	340.000	340.000-680.000	340.000-680.000	3-4
Romania	ANC	500.000	150.000	250.000	250.000	
Romania	ANSVSA	500.000	250.000 max (coordinator); 200.000 max (participant).	300.000	200.000	2
Slovakia	CVTISR	800.000	200.000	250.000	550.000	
Spain	AEI	1.000.000	175.000	500.000	500.000	5-7
Spain	CDTI	400.000		200000	200000	2
Türkiye	TAGEM	200.000	100.000	No	200.000	4
Türkiye	TUBITAK	600.000	150.000 for private sector 100.000 for institutions, public organisations	300.000	300.000	4
United Kingdom	DEFRA	2.300.000	840.000	1.150.000	1.150.000	4
United Kingdom	BBSRC	4.315.000	840.000	2.157.500	2.157.500	5

Important conditions and requirements



„Only proposals meeting national and general eligibility criteria will be considered for evaluation"

Important conditions and requirements: General Eligibility

Who can apply?

Universities and other higher education institutions, public research institutions, non-profit organisations, consumers/citizens as individuals and civil society representatives and private companies can apply, subject to the national/regional regulations and eligibility criteria (Annex VII). Partners that are not eligible for funding from any of the FOs may participate in research consortia if they provide with their own resources and submit a valid “Letter of Commitment” (see Annex V, full proposal only). However, these applicants cannot act as the coordinator, and they will not count towards the minimum or maximum number of partners. To support consortium building, a partnering tool will be available on the submission tool homepage (https://EUPAHW.ptj.de/).

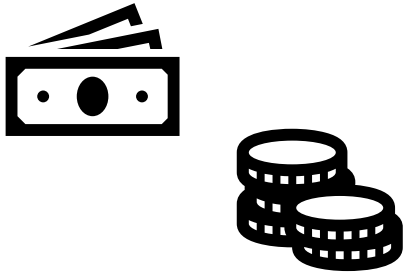
Research Performing Organisations (RPOs) that are beneficiaries of the EUPAHW and are interested in participating in external research calls may do so in cases defined in the Grant Agreement (list provided as Annex II).

Eligibility Criteria:

- English
- Submitted before deadline via Online tool
- Project duration max. 3 years
- If Coordinator (Person): Only coordinating 1 Project
- If Partner in more than 1 Project: Name involved projects and Tasks
- In scope of the Call
- Also fulfilling all national/regional eligibility criteria
- Pre-proposal is mandatory, no full-proposal without pre-proposal
- Projects must follow the rules outlined under “consortium structure”.
- *(Full proposals must submit a Communication and Dissemination Plan (Annex III) and a Data Management Plan (Annex IV).)*

Important conditions and requirements: General Eligibility: Consortium Structure

Partner: Asking for funding;
Minimum 3 - Maximum 8!



Associated Partner: Not asking for funding, Letter of Commitment necessary at Full-Proposal stage!

Be really careful with your project consortium composition and better <u>ask the call secretariat</u> in case of doubt! If rules are not fulfilled, your project will be ineligible → No Funding!

Important conditions and requirements: General Eligibility: Consortium Structure

Eligible Consortia (Coordinator counts as Partner)

- **Minimum 3** Partners from **3 different countries**, requesting funding (full partners) from a Funding organisation taking part in the call.
- **Maximum 8** Partners requesting funding.
- **Associated partners** (not requesting funding) **are allowed** and **do not count toward the Minimum or Maximum**. An associated partner can only be a partner in a proposal, not coordinator of a proposal.
- **Total funding of partners from one country must not exceed 50% of the total funding budget of the proposa**l.

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Important conditions and requirements: General Eligibility: Consortium Structure

Eligibility of Partners that are also Beneficiaries of the EUPAHW:

Some beneficiaries of the Partnership are allowed to be part of an applying consortium (Annex II). However, the majority of funding for this call should be allocated to external parties. **Therefore, the total funding allocated to parties that are beneficiaries of the EUPAHW should be at most 35% of the total funding requested by the proposal consortium.**

FOR EACH PARTNER YOU NEED TO CHECK, IF THE PARTNER IS AN EUPAHW BENEFICIARY OR NOT. A LIST IS AVAILABLE IN ANNEX II. If you are unsure, ask us or funding contact point!

MAKE SURE THAT AT LEAST 65% of the FUNDING is requested from Organisations external to the EUPAHW! !

Important conditions and requirements: General Eligibility: Examples

Consortium	Eligible	Reason	Comment 1	Check2
2 Partners, + 2 Associated Partners	No	Less than three partners!		
3 Partners from Austria, 1 from Estonia, + 2 Associated Partners	No	Less than three countries with full **partners** involved!		
9 Partners from 3 countries	No	More than 8 Partners!		
3 Partners from 3 Countries	Yes (but see Comment 1+2)	Minimum number of full partners fullfilled	Make sure that less than 50% of funding for one Country	Make sure that more than 65% of the Funding to Partners external to the EUPAHW
4 Partners from 3 Countries, + 3 Associated Partners	Yes (but see Comment 1+2)	All eligibility rules fulfilled		
8 partners from 5 Countries, + 2 Associated Partners	Yes (but see Comment 1+2)	All eligibility rules fulfilled		

Important conditions and requirements: National Eligibility

National eligibility criteria as described in the National Regulations:

READ the national ANNEX VII!

Please consider:

- Which Topic can be funded (Not all Funders fund all Topics!)
- Budget per project (Some Funders have budget limitations per project or per partner!)
- Who can apply for funding (research institutions, SMEs) differs from funder to funder
- Whether a submission of a national application is requested

Consult your Funding Contact Points! (Annex I)

Make sure every Partner in your proposal contacts his/her Funding Contact Points!

In case one partner of a project consortium is not eligible, the Call Board will reject the entire proposal!

Important conditions and requirements: Call Budget

- Please be aware of different **maximum budget per project partner** --> It is also allowed to stay below the max. amount! It is a maximum, not a recommendation! (Point 4 of the CA. “Overview on Funding Opportunities” + Annex VII for details)
- Please discuss your proposed budget with your Funding Contact Point and make sure your project partners do so too, in order to be eligible.
- Total funding per country must not exceed 50 % of the total funding in order to achieve balanced partnerships and ensure that responsibility and risks are shared. → make sure the budget in your project is well distributed, according to the tasks the partners have to fulfil
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Regulatory Support & Recommendations

Second External Call EUP AH&W, Webinar for Applicants, 2 February 2026

Presented by Mark Goldammer
Veterinary Division

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If focussing on (i) development/authorisation of VMPs[1]/vaccines, or (ii) methods & tools to be used with or for (authorised) VMPs

Scientific guidelines for veterinary medicines[2] (SGLs)
->To be taken into account from the early planning phase

- Examples:

(i) The definition for starting materials (defines applicability of GMP): Important for planning of the manufacturing process; later changes may imply repetition of studies etc.

(ii) SGLs relevant for the development of methods for the quantification of (biological) substances or evaluation of efficacy: Acceptance by CVMP[3] is a prerequisite for efficient and successful development

- *SGLs are not legally binding, however, deviations should be very well justified*

- [1] VMPs (veterinary medicinal products): As defined by the Regulation (EU) 2019/6 (https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2019/6/oj)
- [2] SGLs (scientific guidelines for veterinary medicines): https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/veterinary-regulatory-overview/research-development-veterinary-medicines/scientific-guidelines-veterinary-medicines
- [3] CVMP (Committee for Veterinary Medicinal Products): https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/committees/committee-veterinary-medicinal-products-cvmp#:~:text=The%20Committee%20for%20Veterinary%20Medicinal,medicines%20in%20the%20European%20Union.

How to approach?

- A common/generic
- workflow:

1. Identification of all relevant SGLs
2. Check planning against SGL requirements
3. Address all relevant SGL requirements
   i. Identification of open questions and
   ii. needs for clarifications & deviations
4. Preliminary PoC[1]
5. Request for 1st ITF BM[2] / CVMP SA[3]

While for the early planning phase only a few SGLs may be relevant, the number of applicable SGLs may rise e.g. when reaching next TRLs[4] during VMP development.

- [1] Preliminary PoC (Proof-of-Concept): E.g. for an ITF BM, preliminary data (studies) would be very useful as a base for the discussion
- [2] ITF BMs (EMA Innovation Task Force briefing meetings): For addressing scientific, legal, GMP-related and regulatory issues of emerging/innovative therapies & technologies.
- [3] CVMP SA (CVMP Scientific Advice): Advice on scientific aspects of the development (quality, safety & efficacy) of VMPs
- [4] TRLs (Technical Readiness Levels for VMPs), see Arnouts et al, 2022: https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC9811140/

Recommendations & tips for projects focussing on the develop-ment of VMPs or methods & tools to be used with or for VMPs

- **First Step**: Include (just) a list of relevant SGLs in pre-proposal.
- **Second Step:** Comprehensively address relevant SGLs in the full proposal.
- **Work plan:** Take into account intended ITF BM(s) / CVMP SA and the time expected for the preparation.
- In case one or more **CVMP Scientific Advice request(s)** planned: Funding for the applicable fees may be available via EUP AH&W, if the full-proposal is selected for funding (ITF BMs are free of charge).
- In case one or more **SME partner(s)** are included in the consortium: Support via EMA's SME Office[1] may be available. An overview on available support is provided in the SME user guide.
- [1] SME (Small and Medium-sized Enterprise) Office – Contact/Information: https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/about-us/support-smes

EMA's ITF Briefing Meetings & CVMP Scientific Advice

For requesting an ITF Briefing Meeting or EMA Scientific Advice:

- Contact EMA's ITF[1] or CVMP Scientific Advice[2] Secretariat
- ➢ The secretariat will explain requirements for preparing the briefing document & questions (ITF BM) or requirements for preparing the request and questions for the CVMP Scientific Advice

Please Note: Do not request for ITF BMs/CVMP SA before the funding decision has been received. However, after positive funding decision, timely scheduling of a 1st ITF BM/CVMP SA is recommended.

To be taken into account for the preparation of the briefing document/request and questions:

- Address feedback from expert evaluators, received after pre-proposal / full proposal evaluation.
- Include available PoC data and/or studies (not mandatory, but, e.g. for ITF BM discussions very helpful)
- Questions should be comprehensive: provide all information/clarifications needed (until next ITF BM/CVMP SA)

[1] ITF Secretariat – Contact and requests via email (itfsecretariat@ema.europa.eu) or https://register.ema.europa.eu/identityiq/home.html

[2] CVMP Scientific Advice Secretariat – Contact and requests via email (vetscientificadvice@ema.europa.eu)

Further information

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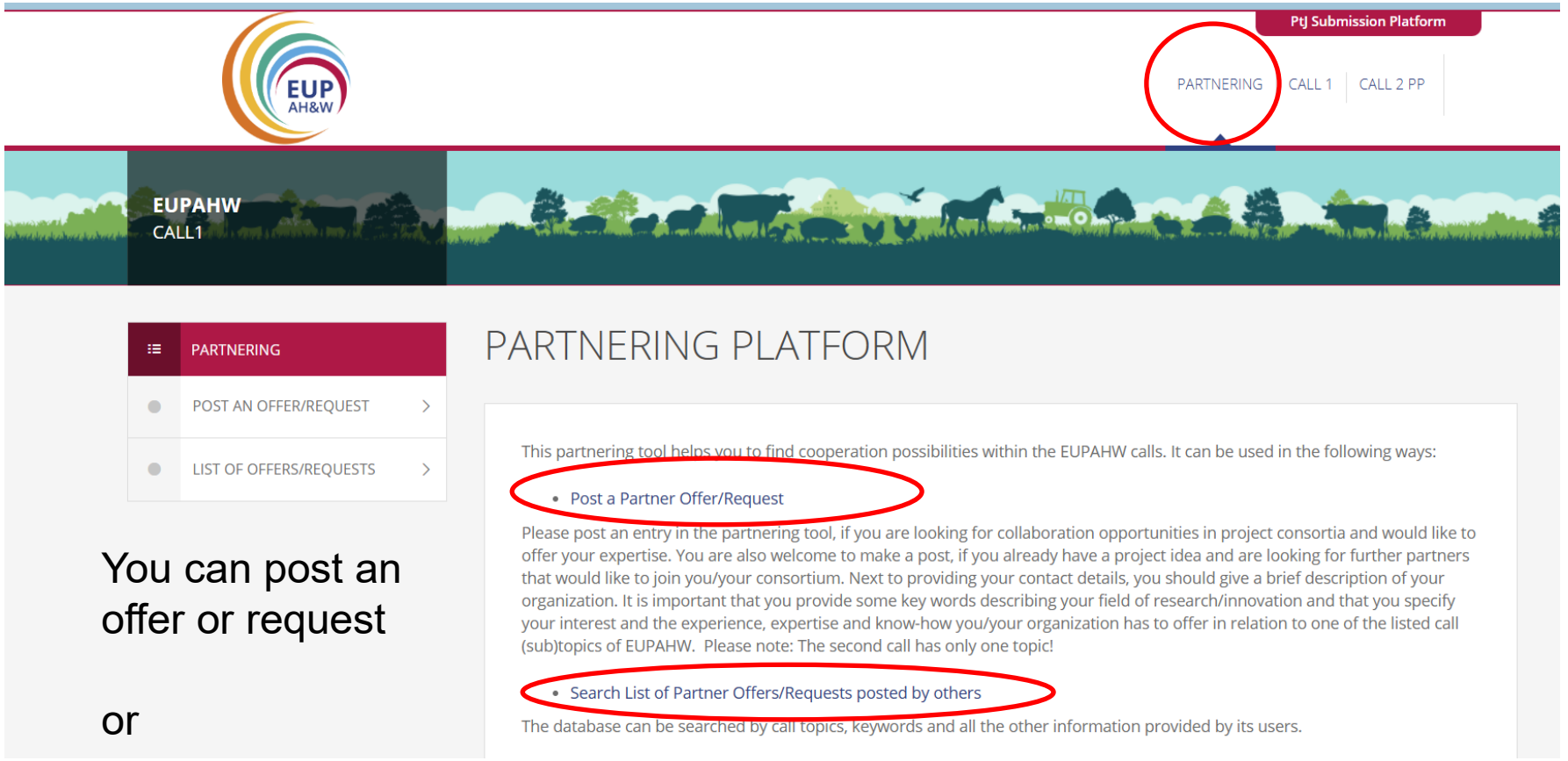
Partner Search Tool

- **On the same page as the submission tool: https://eupahw.ptj.de/call2**
- **On the upper right corner: Choose “Partnering”**



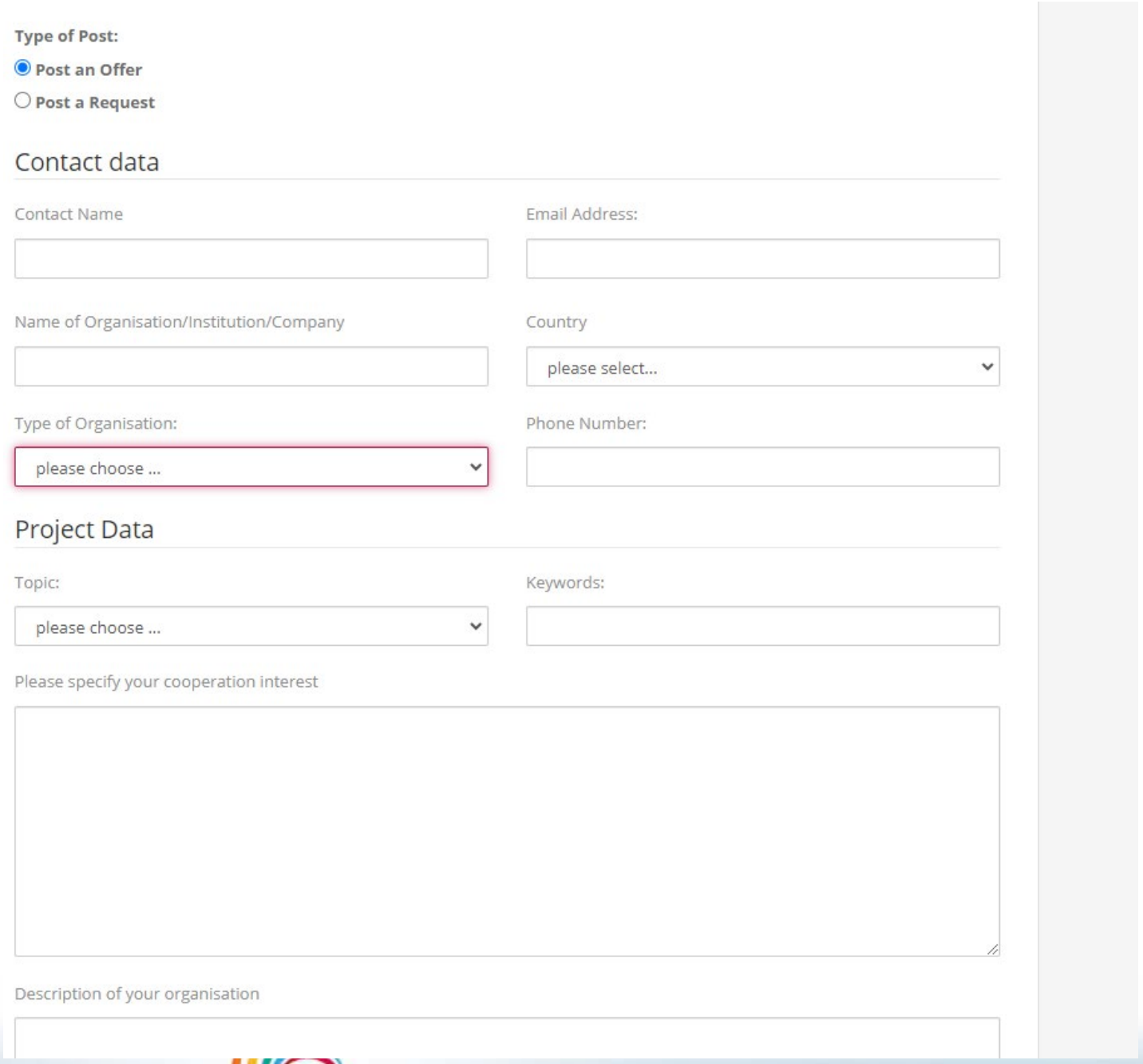
You can post an offer or request

or

See the list of offers/requests

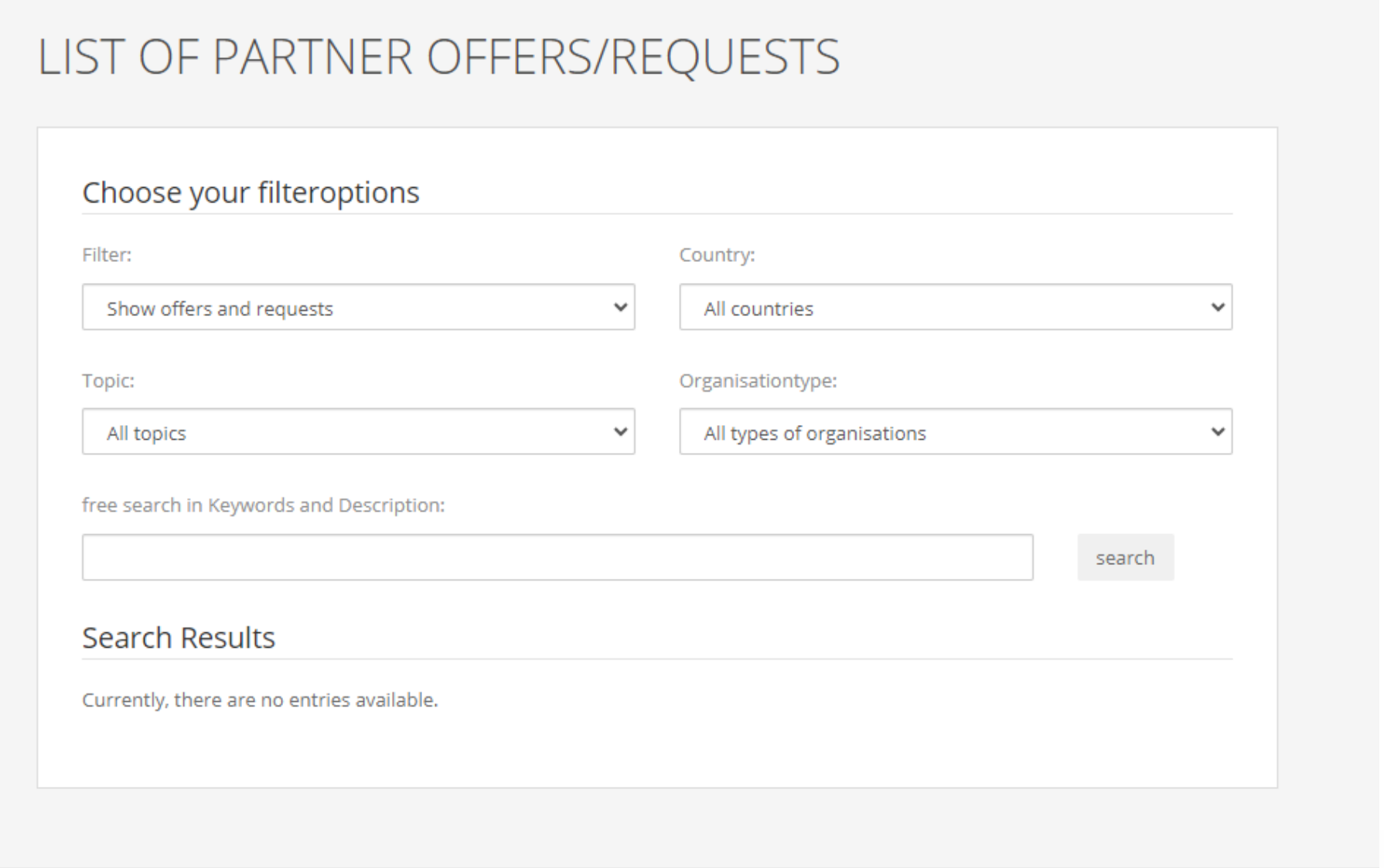
Partner Search Tool

- Post an offer or request
- Choose your topic, give keywords!
- Also important: Select your country, type of organisation
- Please be aware that your partner offer needs a manual check by Call Office and approval, so it can take a few hours until it is published → No need to submit several times



Partner Search Tool

- List of offers can be filtered to find what you need faster!
- For example filter for Country, Organisation type, Topic, Keywords…



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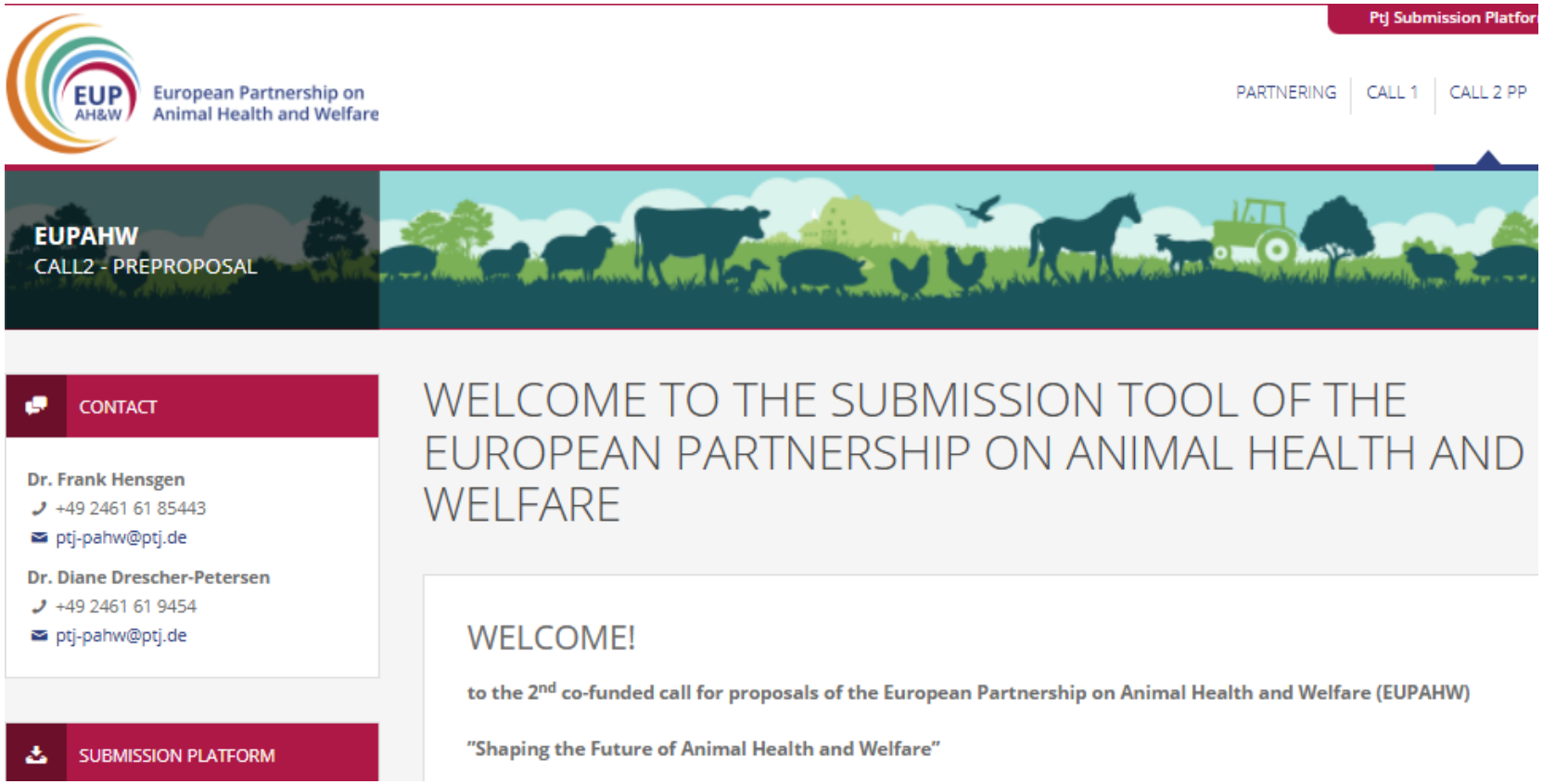
Submission Tool

- Submission tool: https://eupahw.ptj.de/call2
- EUPAHW Call Office: ptj-pahw@fz-juelich.de

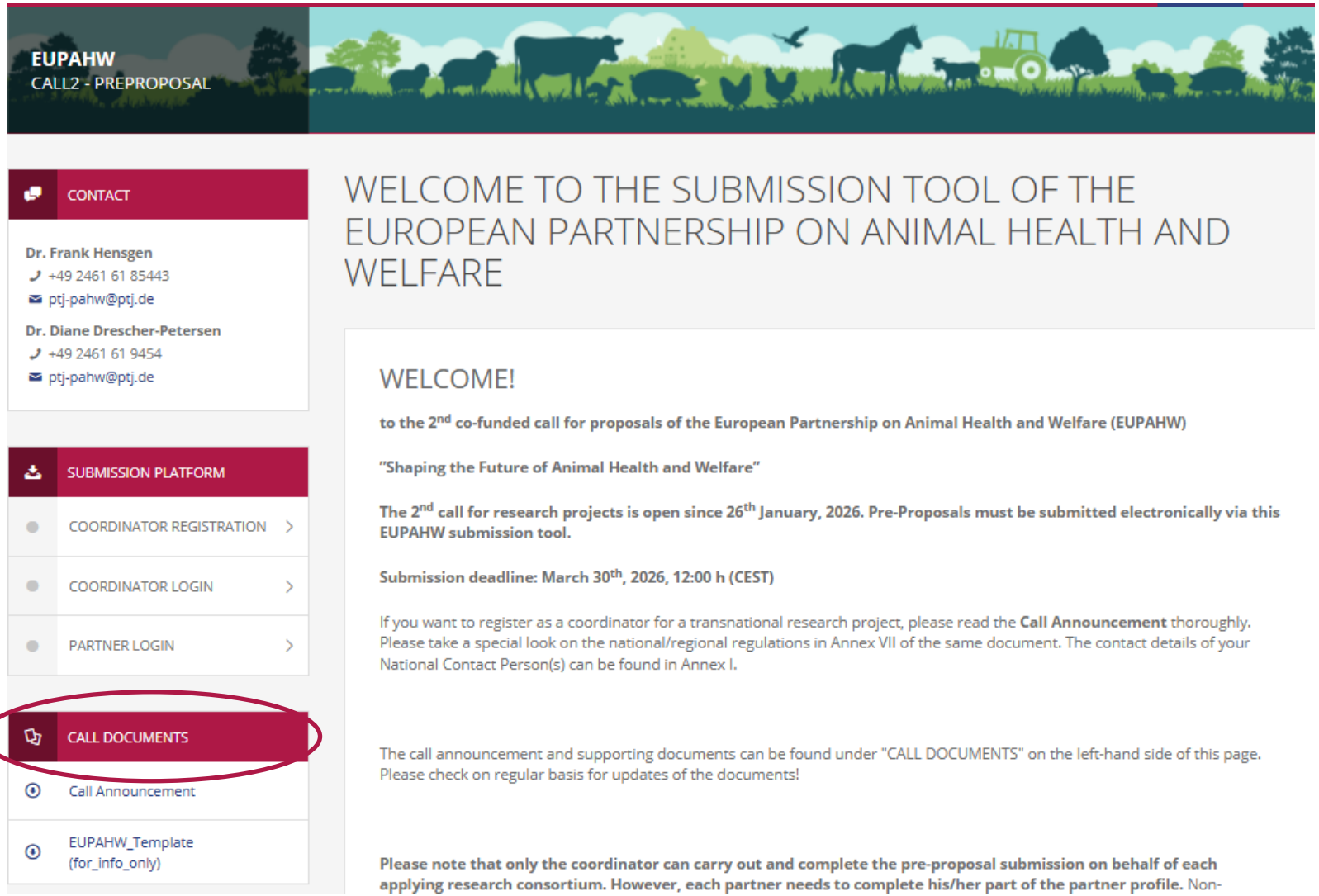
- Please find our contact details here

Call Office:
Dr. Frank Hensgen
Dr. Diane Drescher-Petersen



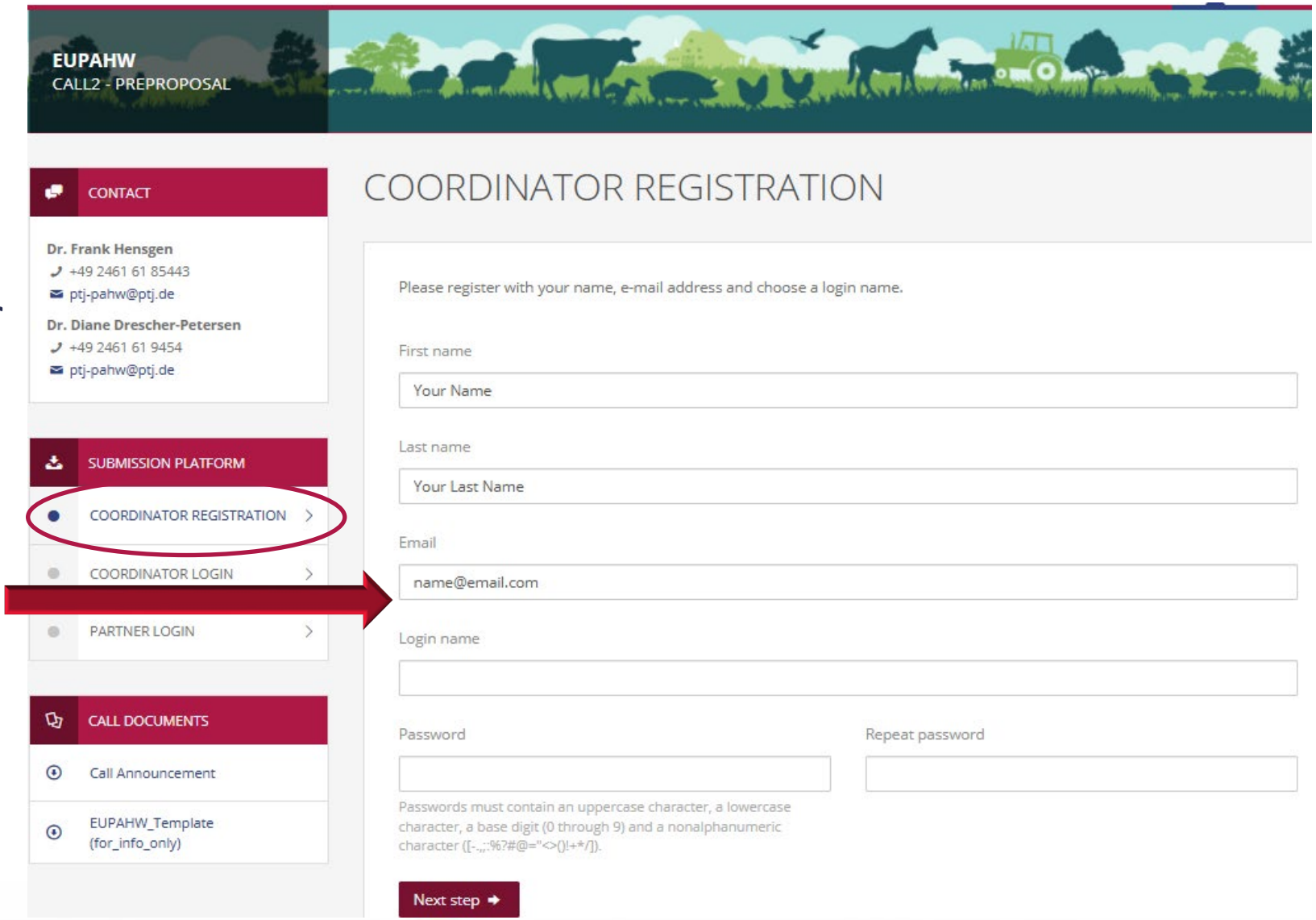
Submission Tool

- All important documents can be found and downloaded under „CALL DOCUMENTS“
- Scroll down to the bottom of the page
- Please check for updates of the Call Announcement

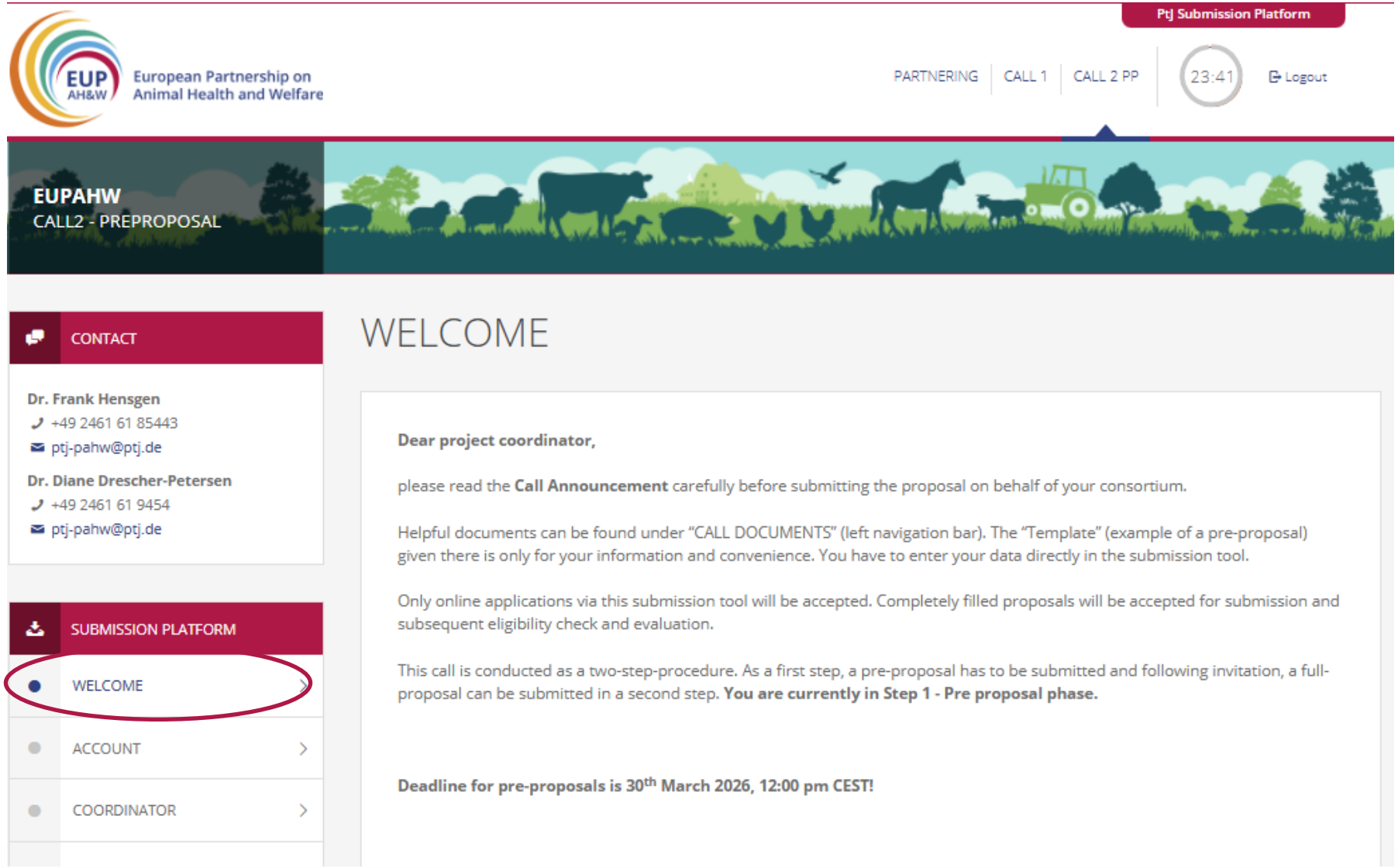


Submission Tool: Coordinator Registration

- Please register as a coordinator, if you want to coordinate a research proposal!
- You will just need your name and a working e-mail address
- You will get an email from the system with further info



Submission platform: coordinator view



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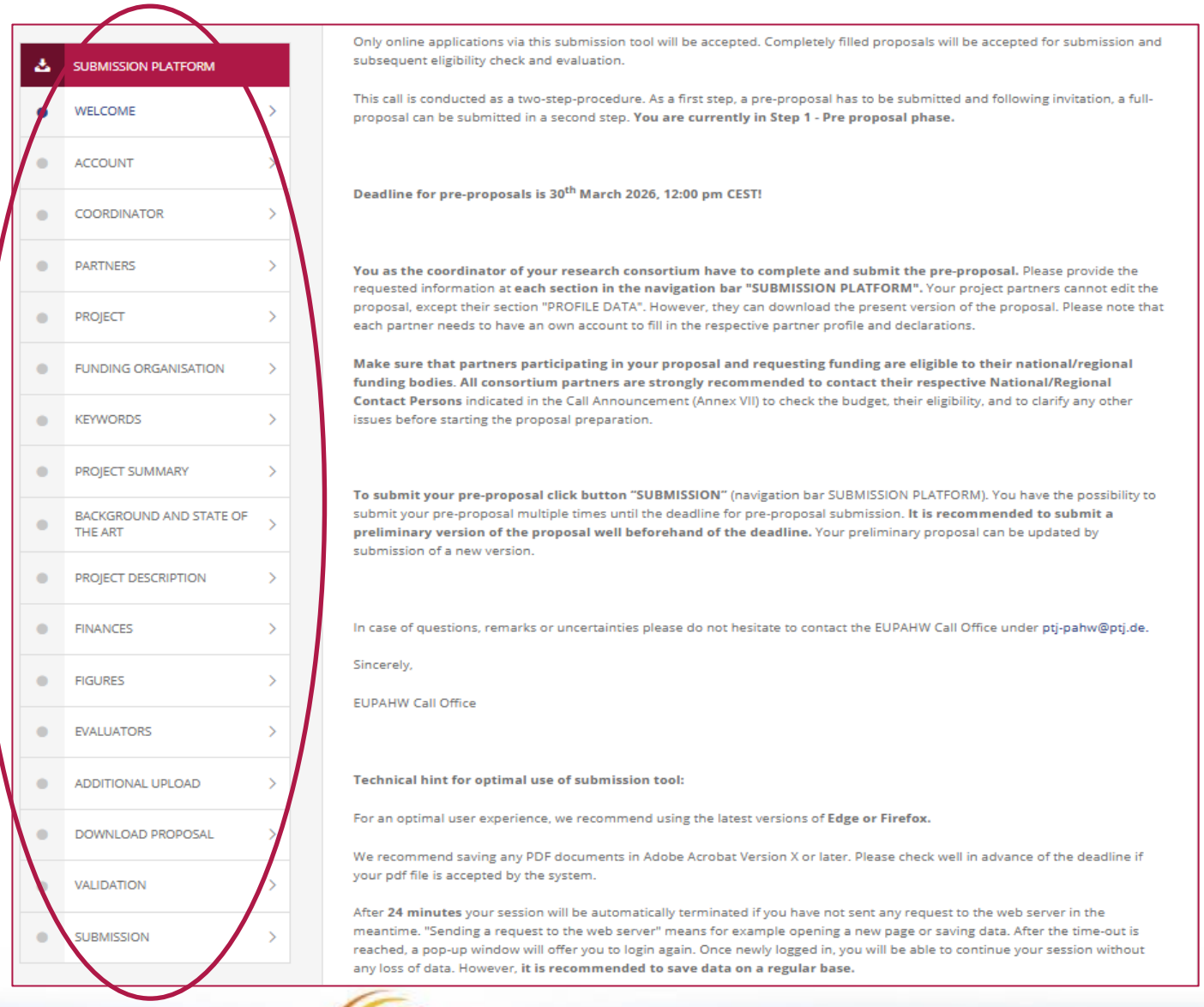
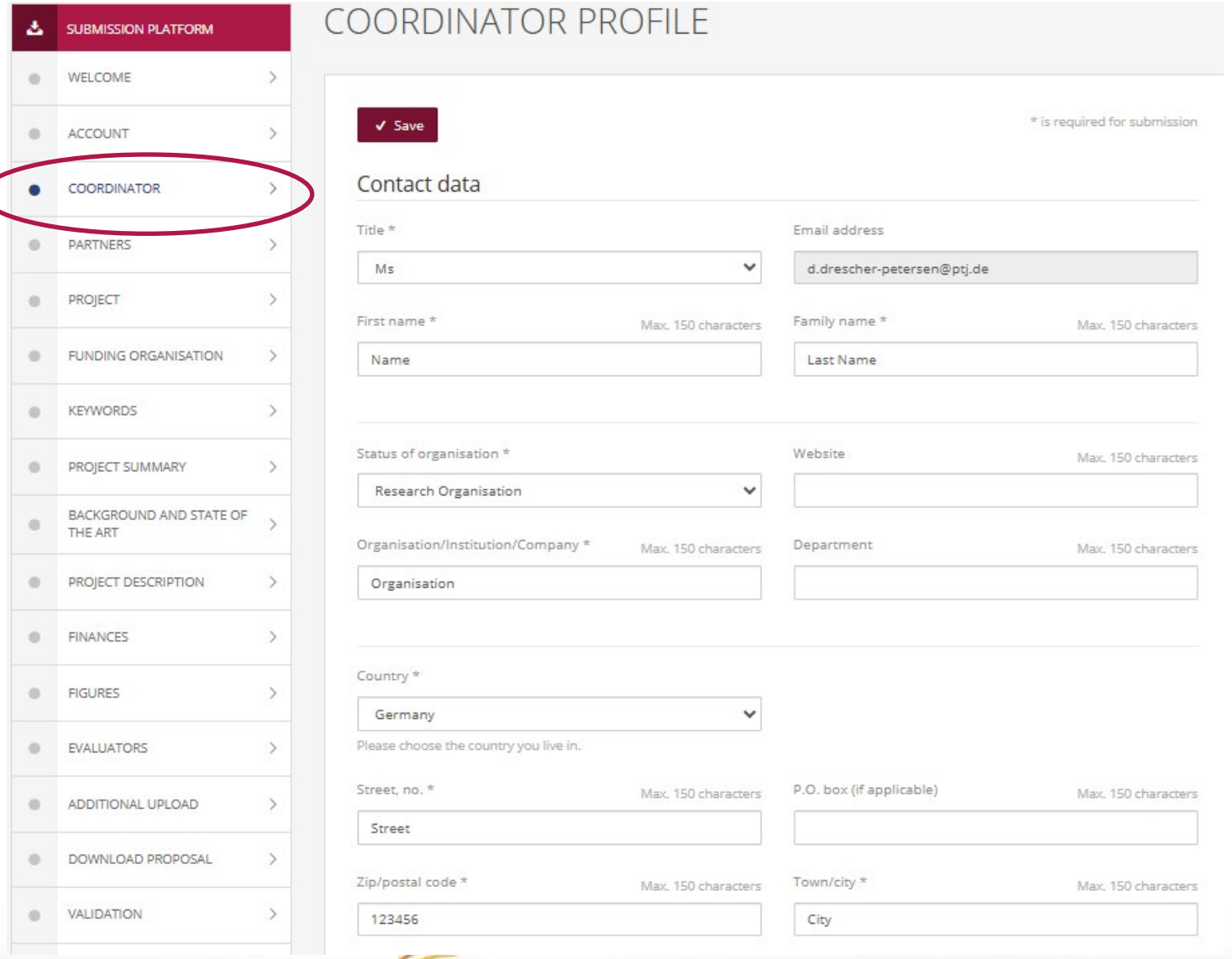
- After Login, you will find all menu items on the left hand
- Please fill them all!
- Starting from the top makes sense.



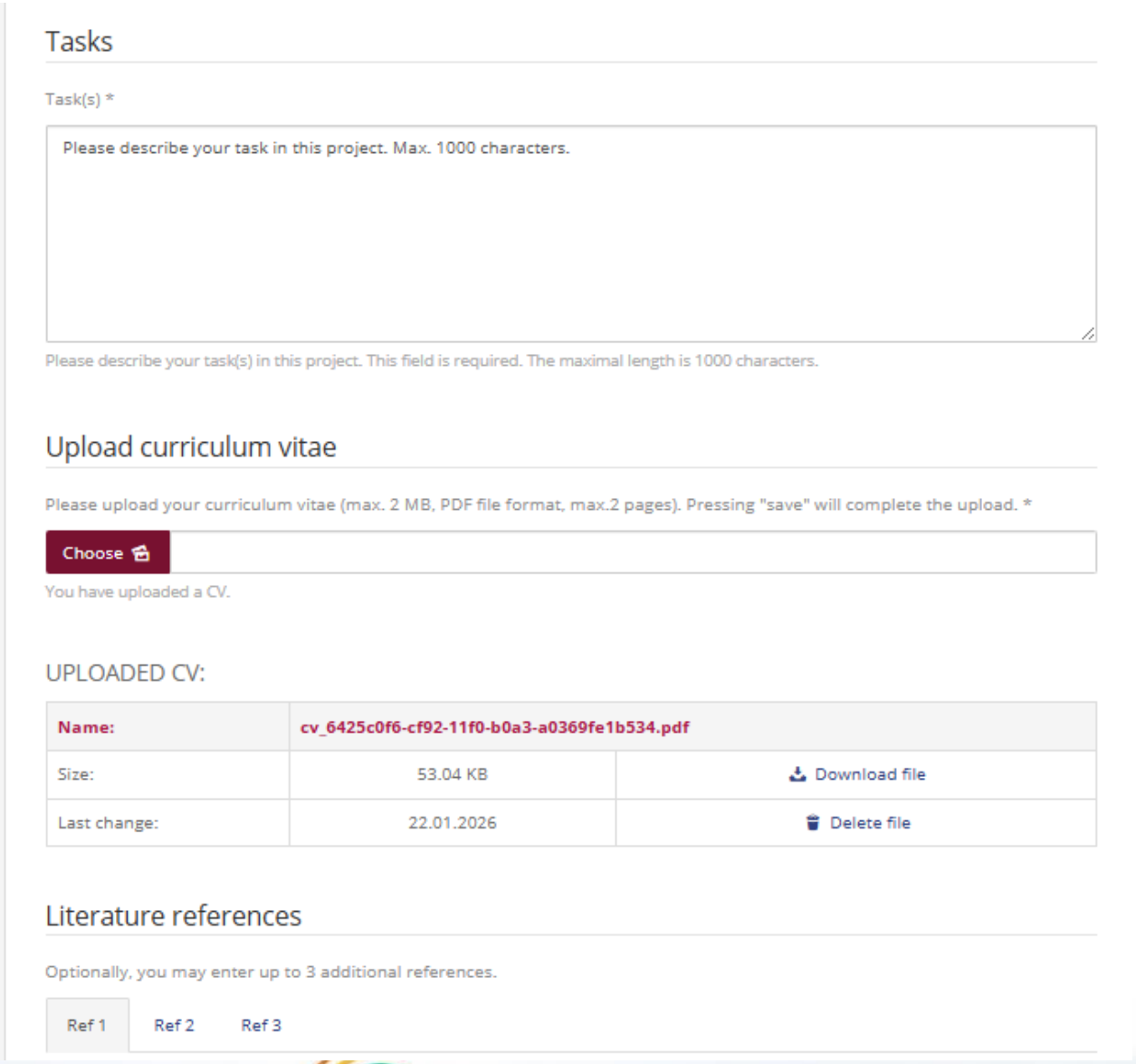
Submission platform: coordinator profile I

- Enter your Data
- Title, Email, Name, Contact data,…
- All fields marked with * are mandatory



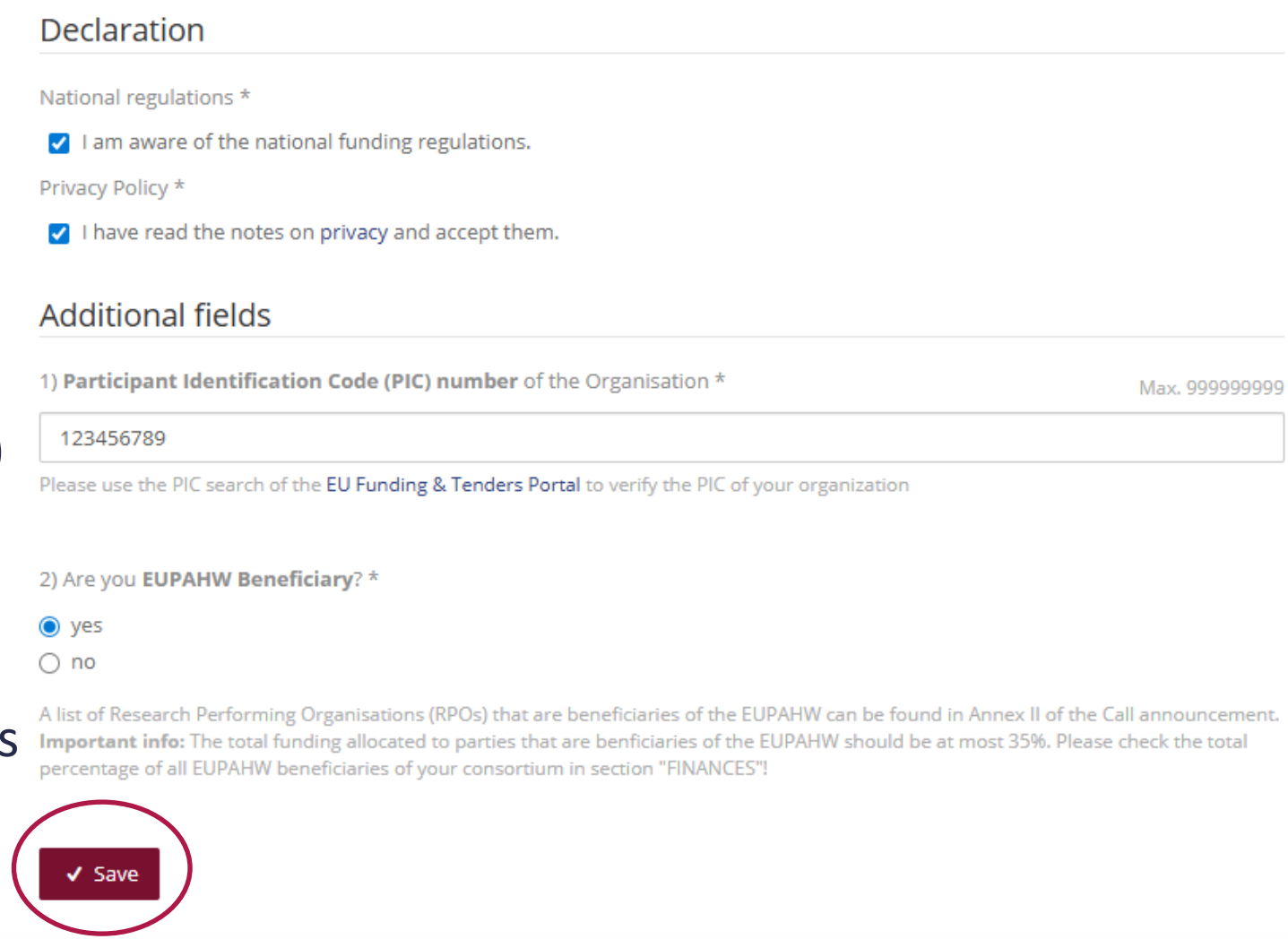
Submission platform: coordinator profile II

- Tasks: Describe what your organisation is doing in the project
- Upload CV, PDF, max 2 pages, max 2 MB
- Pressing ✓ Save will finalise the CV upload
- Literature references (optional)



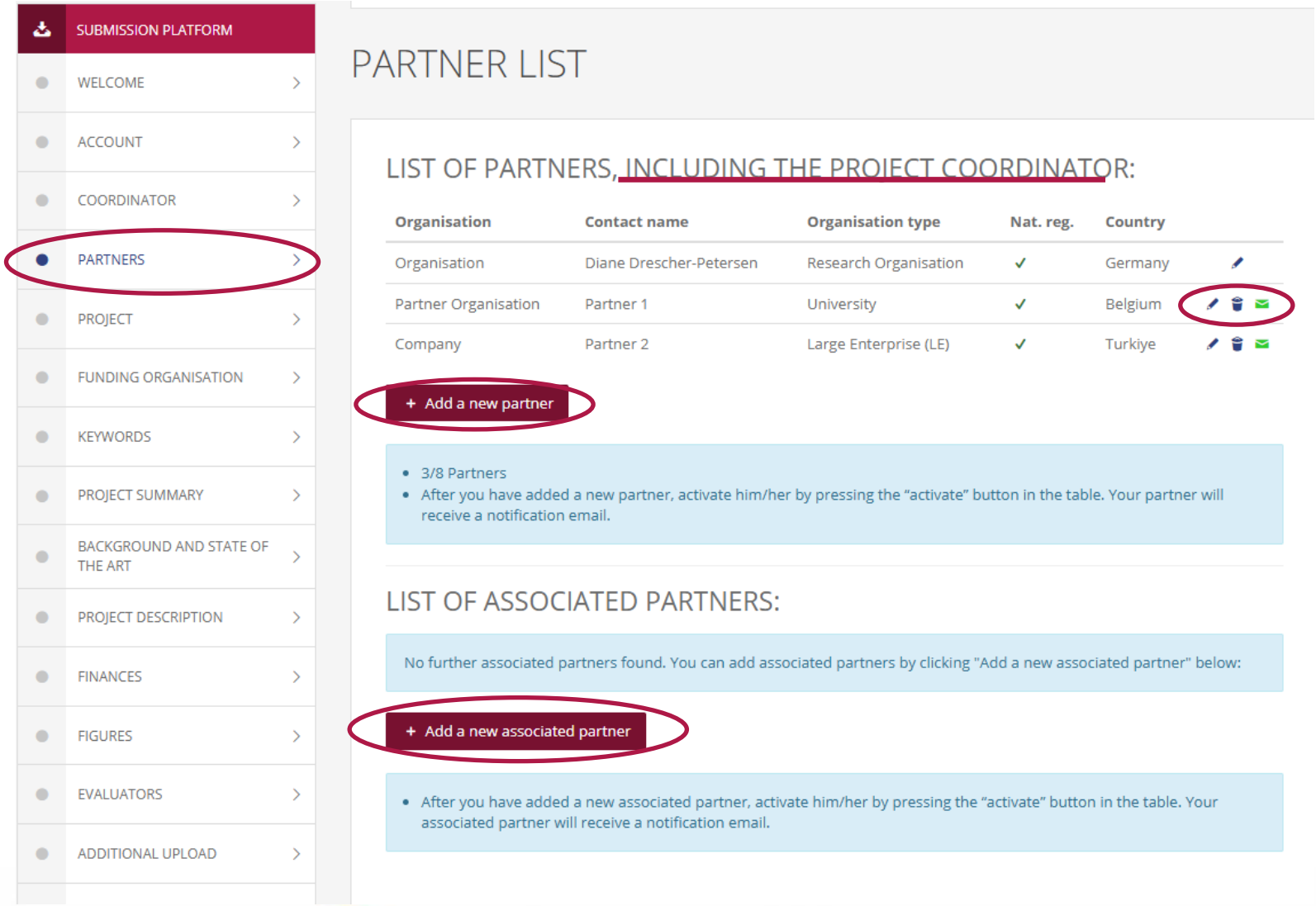
Submission platform: coordinator profile IV

- Important Declarations at the end!
- Enter your PIC Number
- Beneficiary of the EUPAHW: Your Organisation has signed the Grant Agreement (see Annex II of Call Announcement) and is a Partner in EUPAHW („35% rule!“)
- Press ✓ Save. If you get an error message, follow the instructions



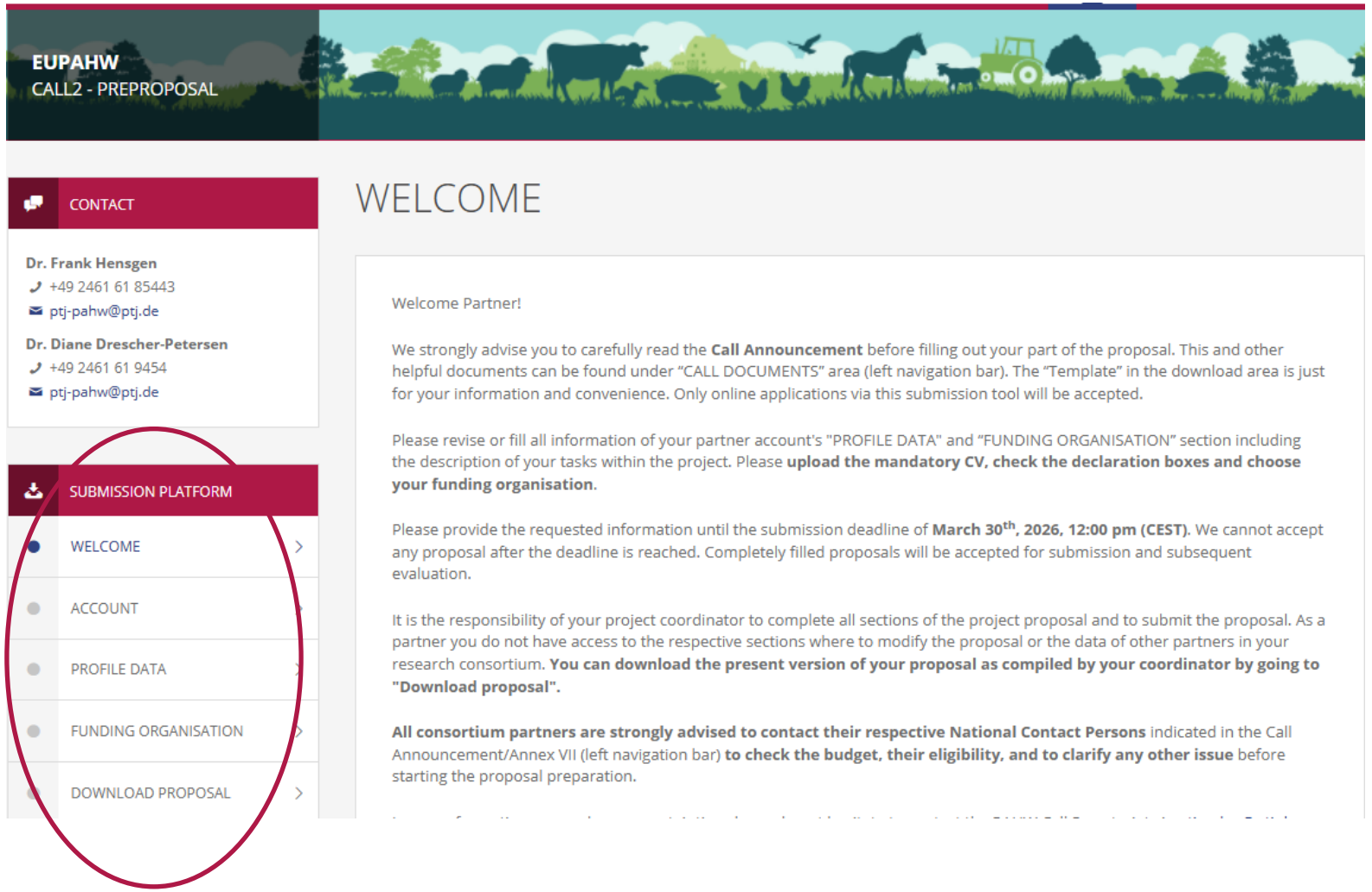
Submission platform: Add Partner

- Add Partners or Associated Partners
- Pencil Symbol: Edit
- Waste Bin Symbol: Delete
- Envelope Symbol: Activate Partner. The system sends an email to the Partner
- The Partners have to log in and fill their part!!!



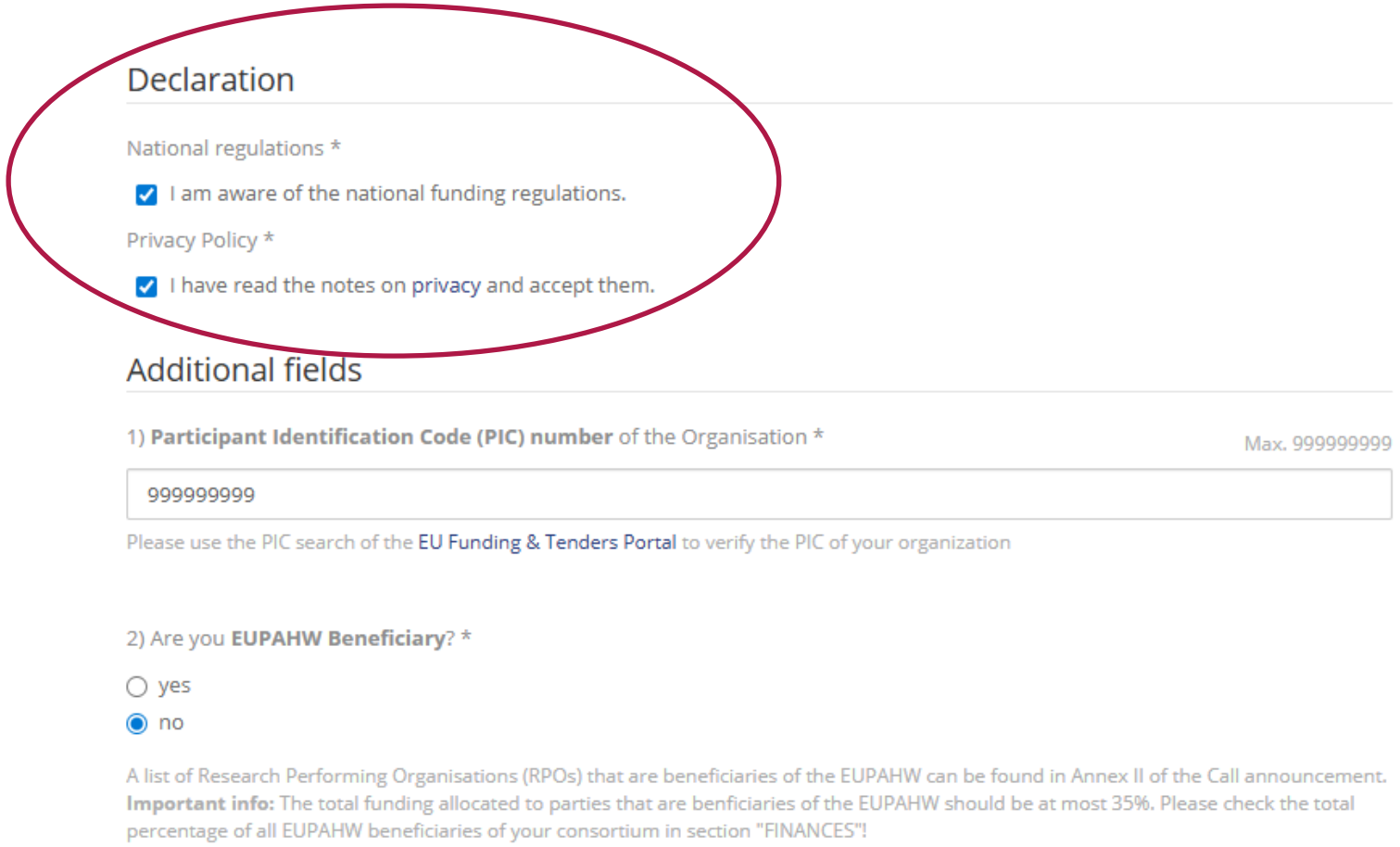
Submission platform: Partner View I

- Much less work to do compared to the Coordinator
- Basically just to fill out your profile data, CV, tasks, declarations and funding organisation



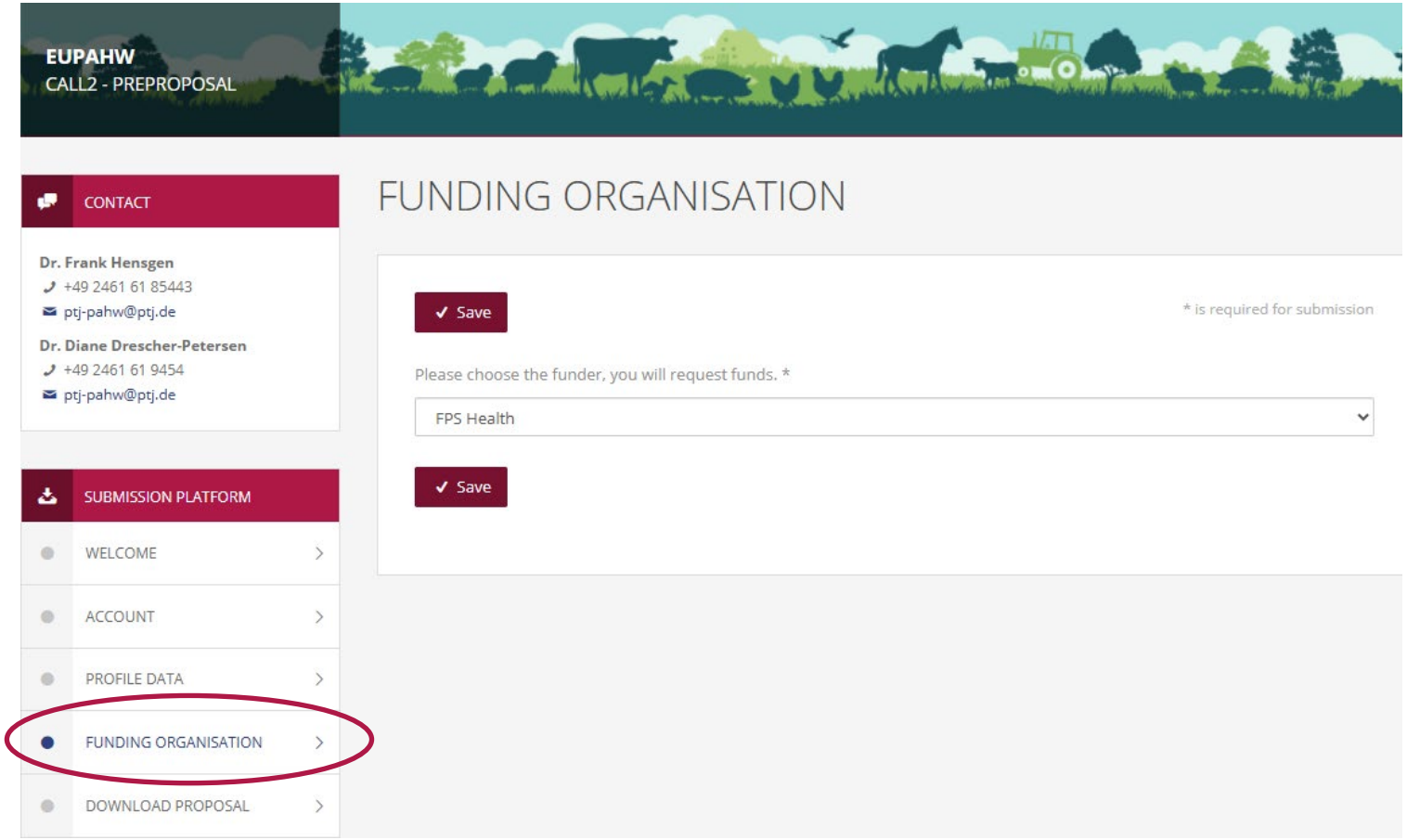
Submission platform: Partner View II

- General partner data could but be filled either by coordinator or partner
- Important: declarations have to be ticked by partner him/herself
- Otherwise your coordinator cannot submit the application!



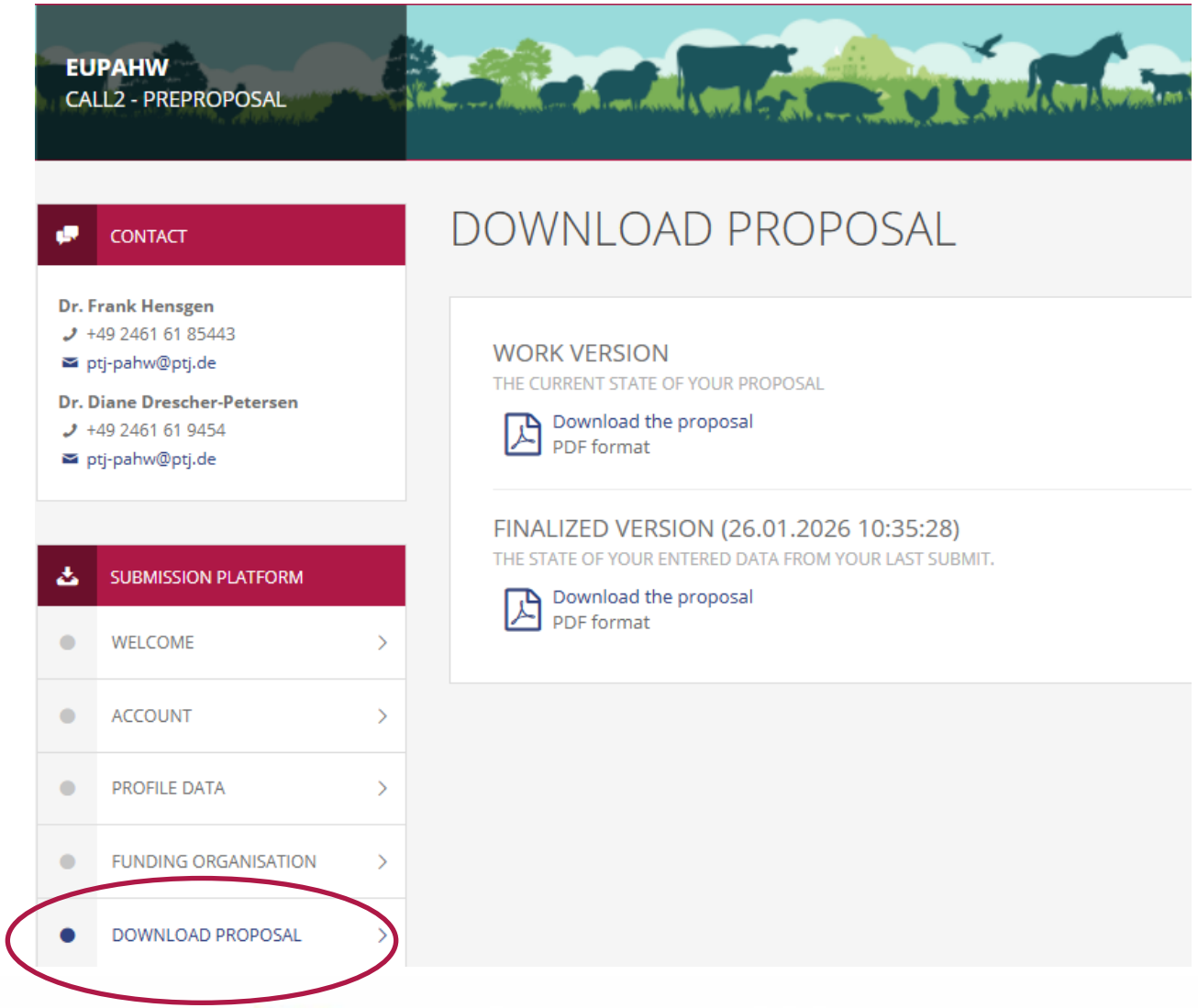
Submission platform: Partner View III

- Funding organisation has to be chosen by the partner him/herself
- Only funding organisations that are relevant in your country will be visible
- Your coordinator cannot submit the application without this information!



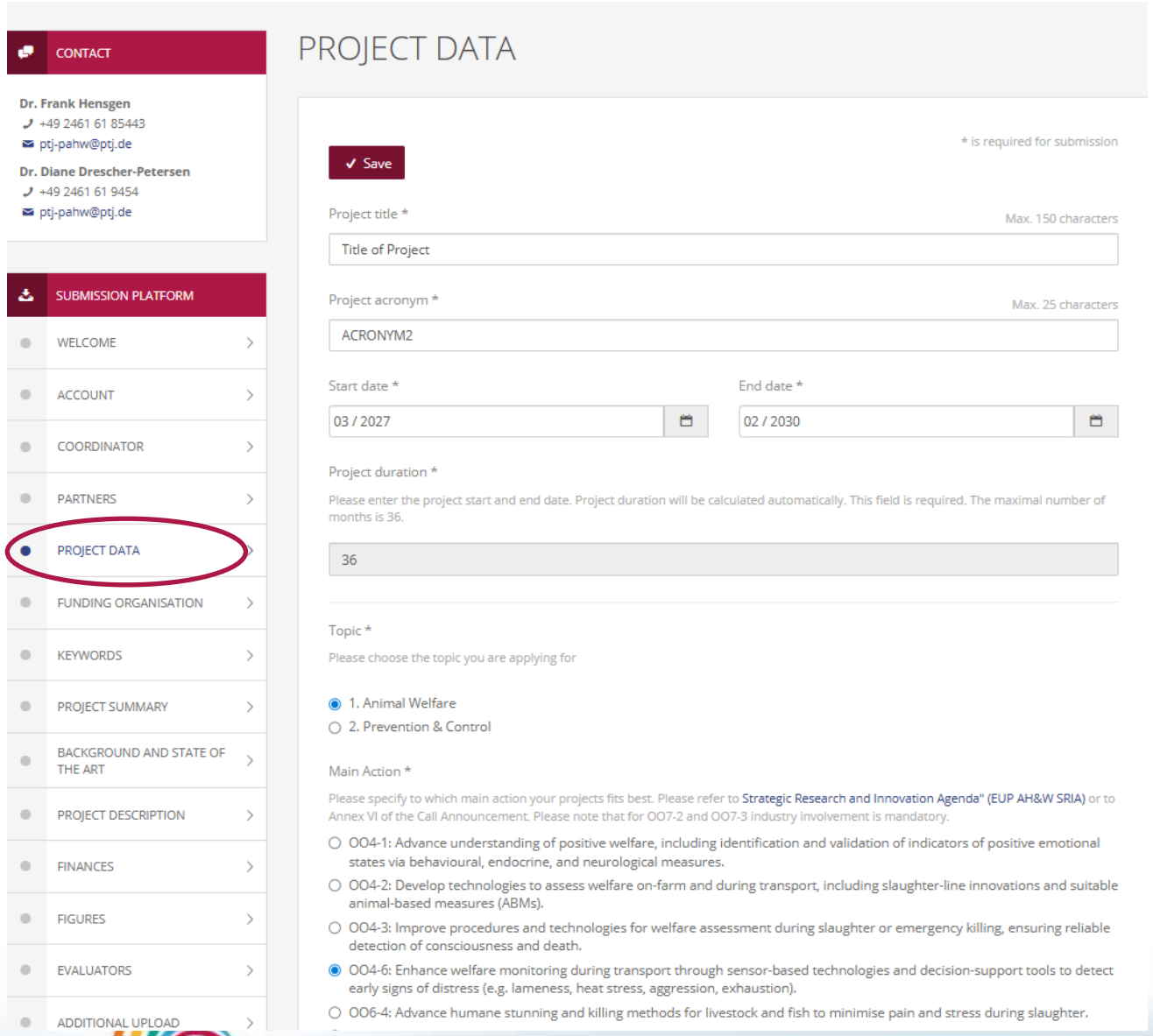
Submission platform: Partner View IV

- Download proposal:
- You cannot submit the proposal yourself, but you can always download the proposal in its current state, to see what your coordinator has done



Submission platform: PROJECT DATA I

- Start and End Date: Max 3 years possible!
- Earliest Start Date 01/2027
- Choose one Topic (check national annex!)
- Main Action: choose one (!) action your projects fits best



Submission platform: PROJECT DATA II

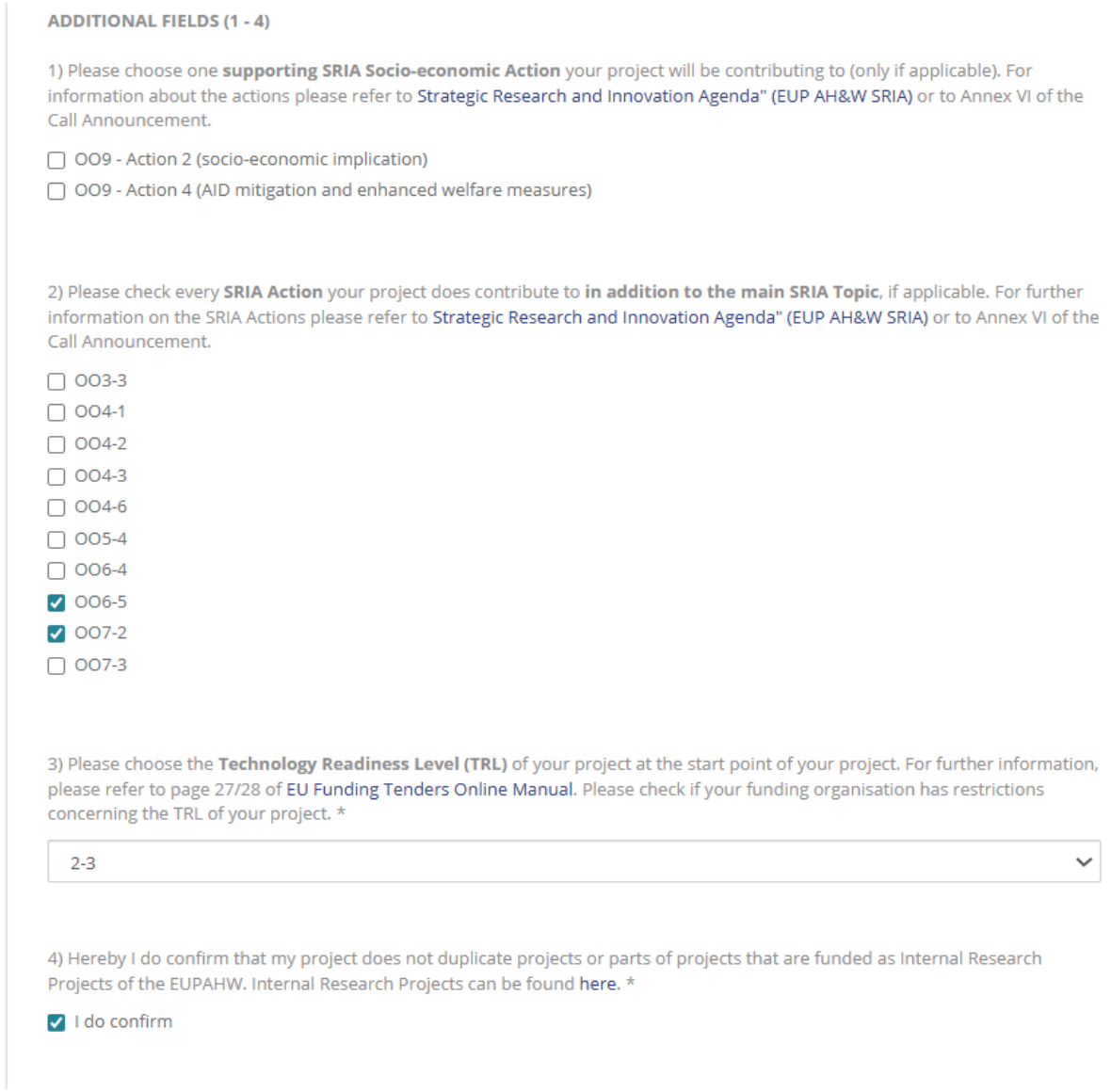
- 4 additional fields:

1) Supporting Socio-economic Action: please choose, if applicable

2) Additional SRIA Actions: check which SRIA action your project realtes to

3) TRL: Technology Readyness Level. Decide for the range that fits best

4) Your Project should not duplicate internal projects. Make sure your project idea is new and not duplicating! You need to confirm this.



ADDITIONAL FIELDS (1 - 4)

1) Please choose one **supporting SRIA Socio-economic Action** your project will be contributing to (only if applicable). For information about the actions please refer to Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda" (EUP AH&W SRIA) or to Annex VI of the Call Announcement.

- [ ] OO9 - Action 2 (socio-economic implication)
- [ ] OO9 - Action 4 (AID mitigation and enhanced welfare measures)

2) Please check every **SRIA Action** your project does contribute to **in addition to the main SRIA Topic**, if applicable. For further information on the SRIA Actions please refer to Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda" (EUP AH&W SRIA) or to Annex VI of the Call Announcement.

- [ ] OO3-3
- [ ] OO4-1
- [ ] OO4-2
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- [ ] OO4-6
- [ ] OO5-4
- [ ] OO6-4
- [x] OO6-5
- [x] OO7-2
- [ ] OO7-3

3) Please choose the **Technology Readiness Level (TRL)** of your project at the start point of your project. For further information, please refer to page 27/28 of EU Funding Tenders Online Manual. Please check if your funding organisation has restrictions concerning the TRL of your project. *

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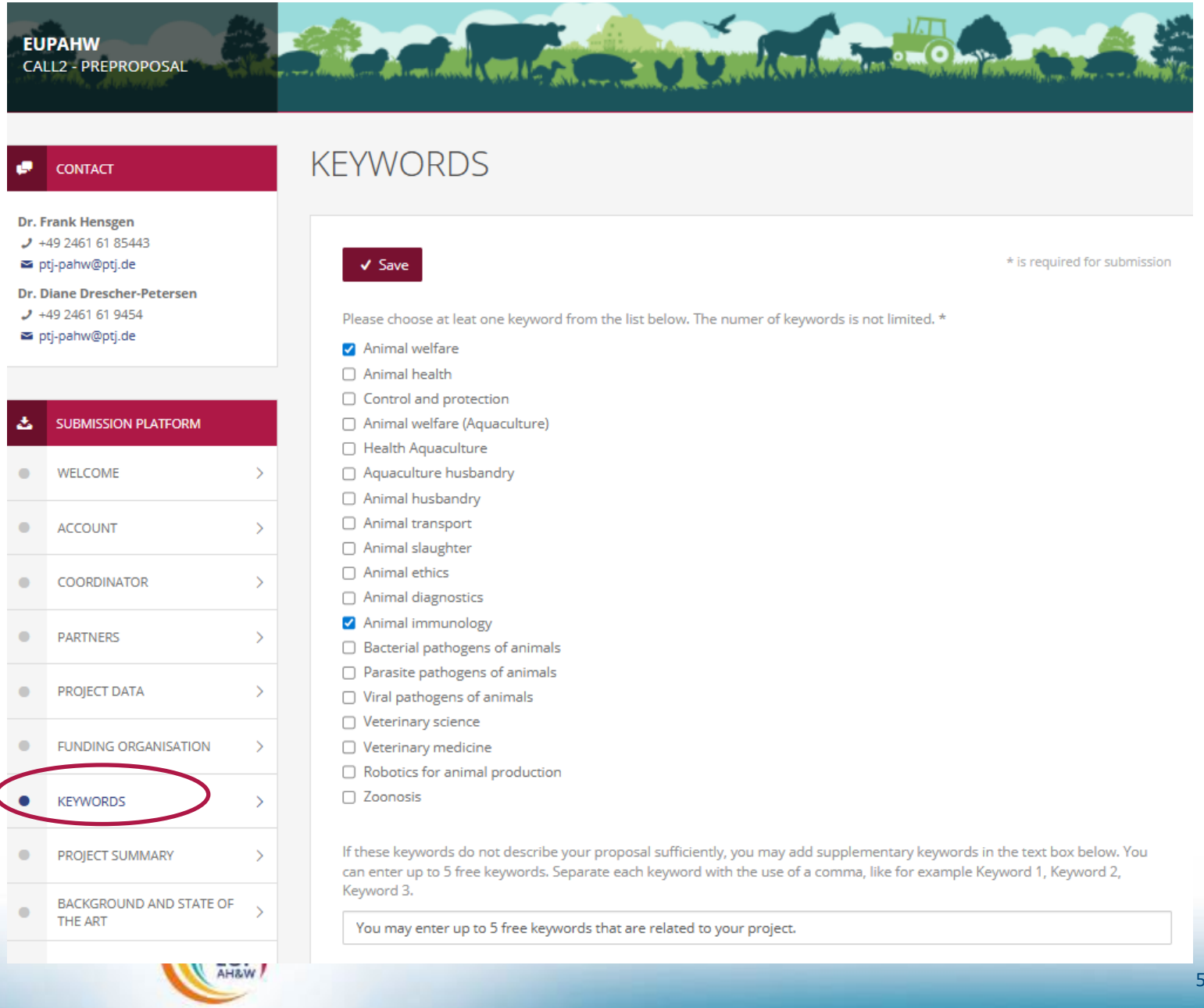
4) Hereby I do confirm that my project does not duplicate projects or parts of projects that are funded as Internal Research Projects of the EUPAHW. Internal Research Projects can be found here. *

- [x] I do confirm

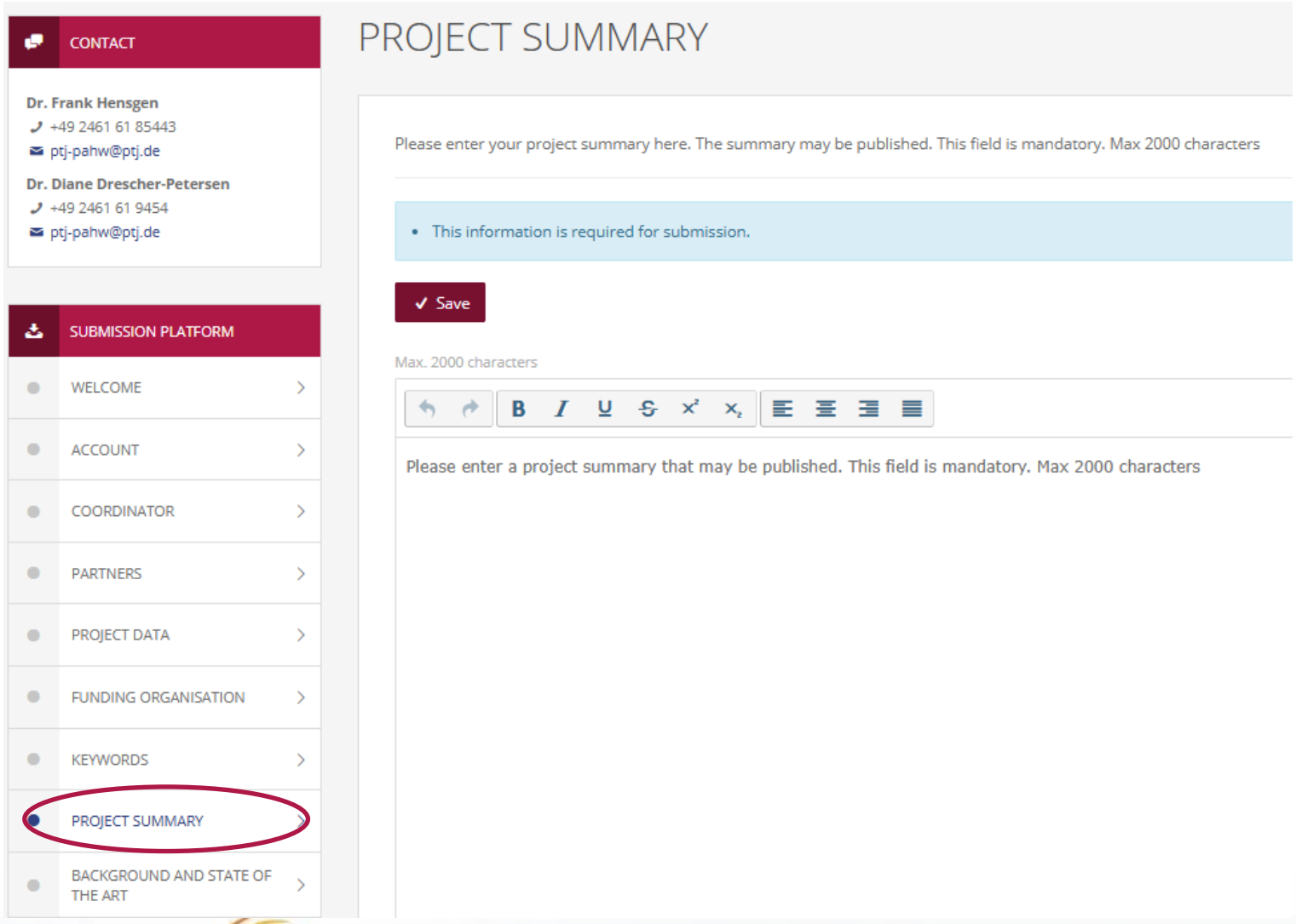
Submission platform: Keywords

- Choose at least one keyword from the list that describes your project
- Add (optional) up to 5 free keywords



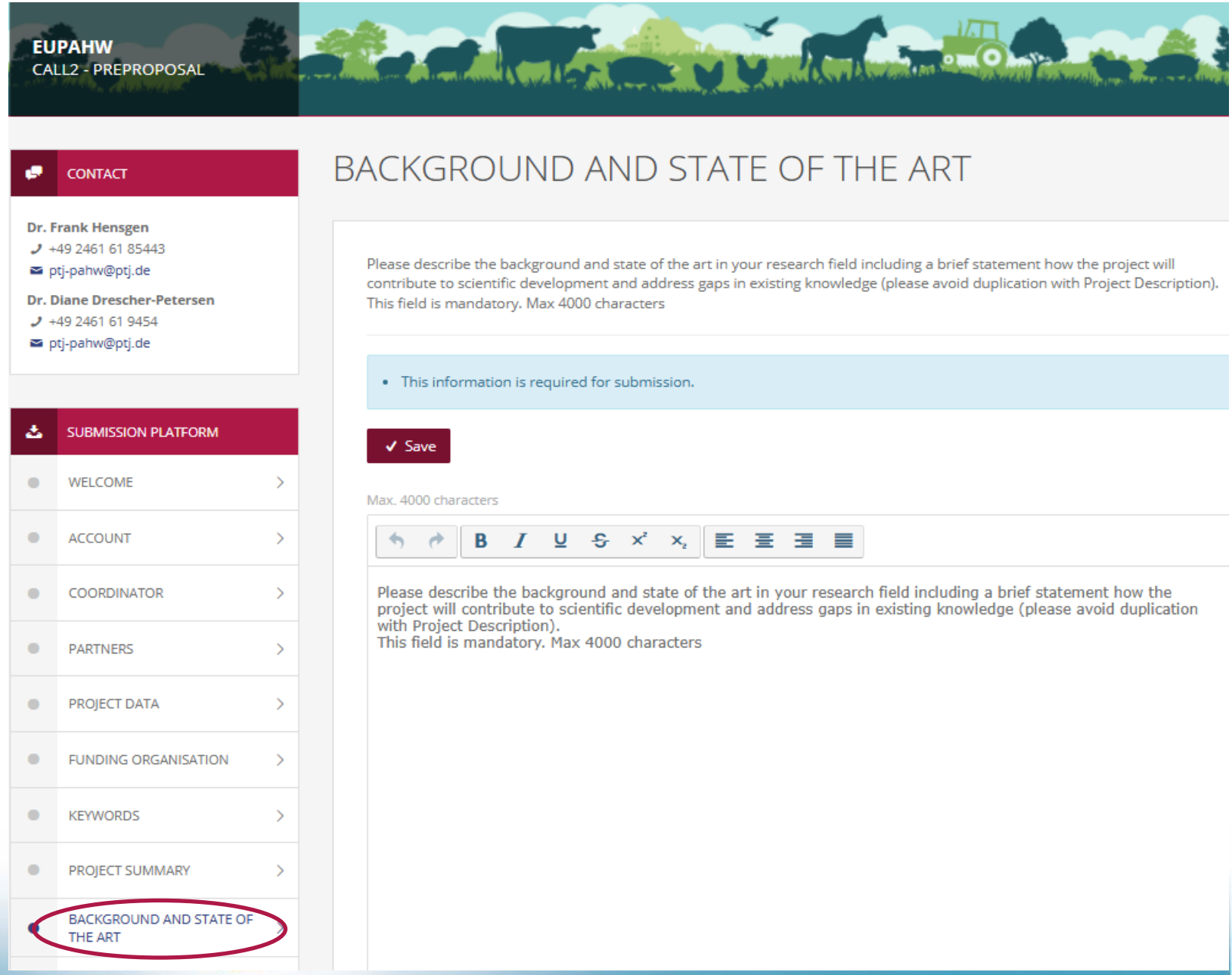
Submission platform: Project Summary

- Describe your project shortly in 2000 characters
- Summary might be published, if the proposal is selected and becomes a project



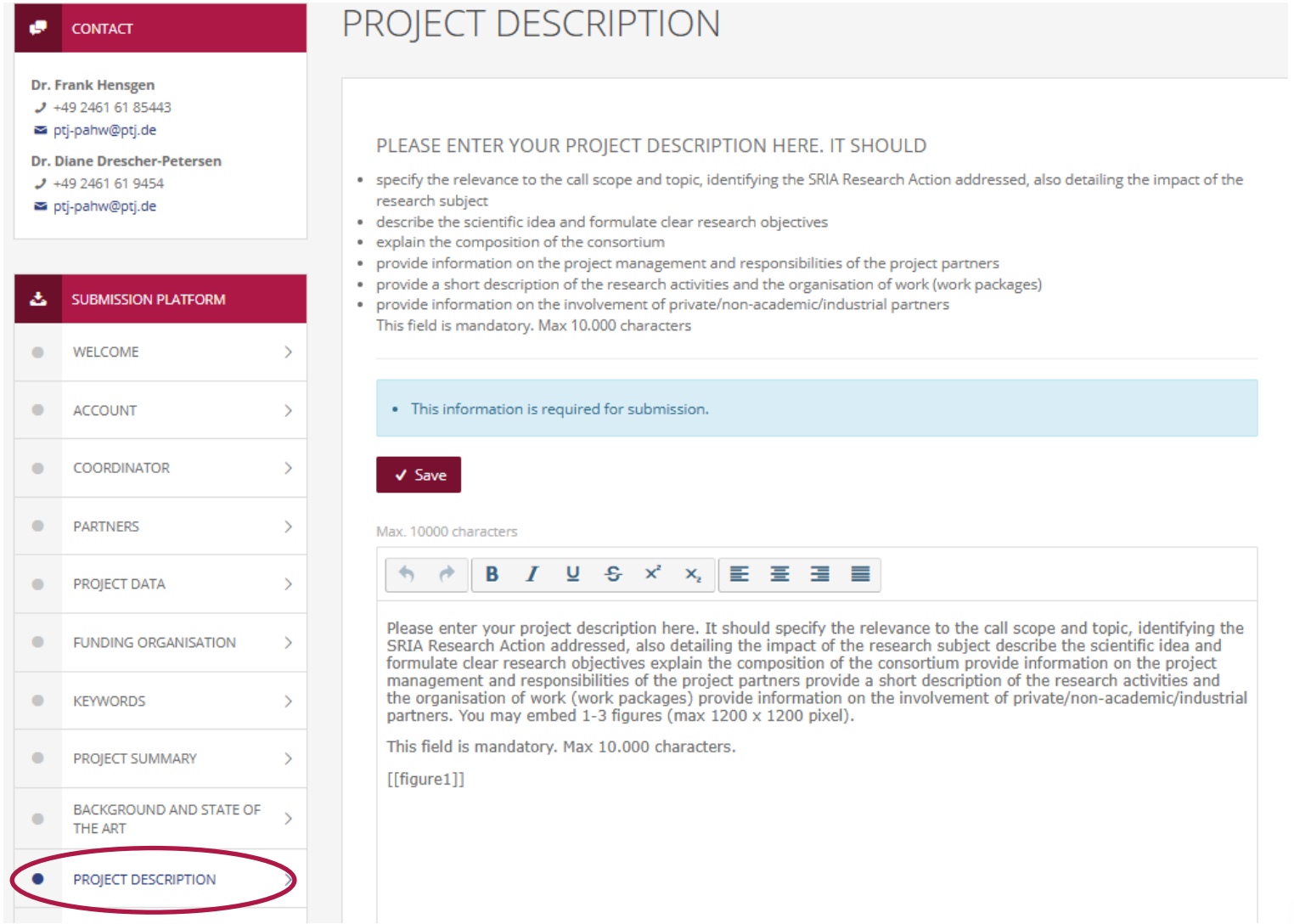
Submission platform: Background and State of the Art

- Describe Background and State of the Art
- Describe how your project will advance science and go beyond the State of the Art
- Max 4000 characters



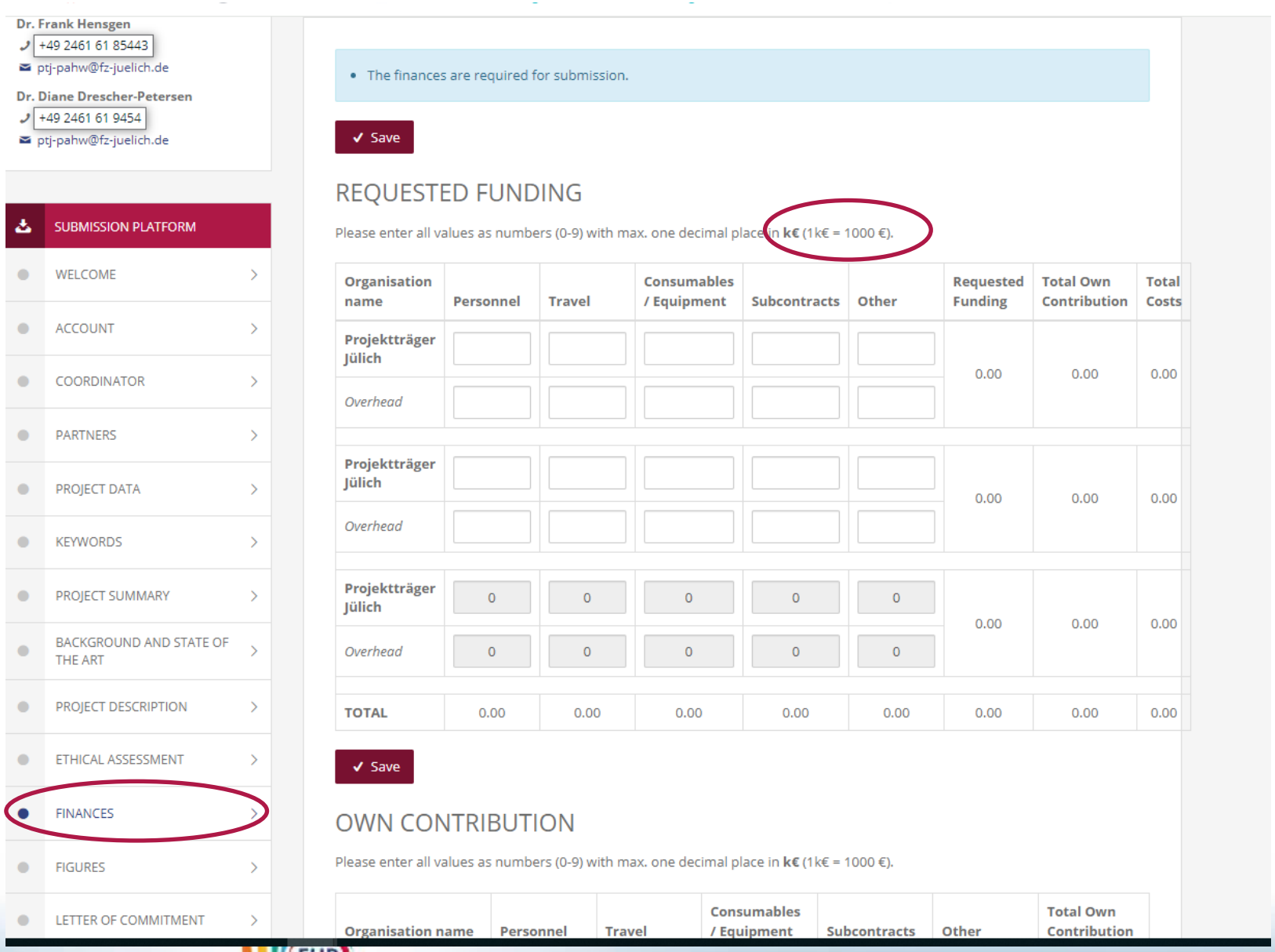
Submission platform: Project Description

- Project Description
- Please read description and stick to the points
- Work Packages
- Max 10.000 characters



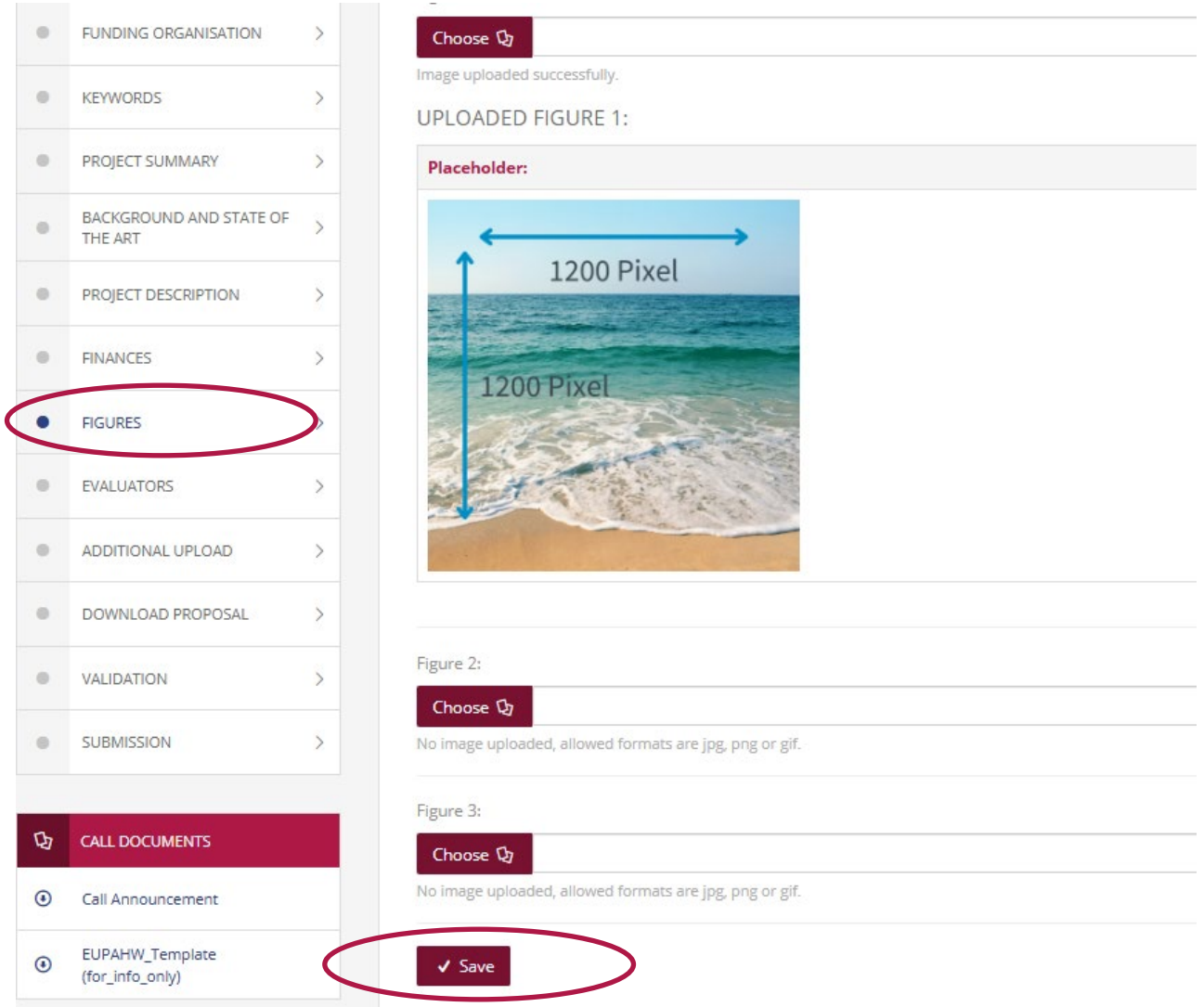
Submission platform: Finances

- There are two tables to be filled by the coordinator for all partners
- One table for requested funding
- One table for own contributions
- Associated Partner: Requested Funding is automatically filled with 0
- Info: Coordinator please calculate costs for 2 project meetings (EUPAHW)



Submission platform: Figures

- You can add 3 Figures to your proposal. Please follow the description given in the tool
- Max file size: 1200 x 1200 pixel, 2MB
- Allowed formats are jpg, png or gif
- You can embed the figures in text fields (Summary, Background, Project Description)
- Press save to complete the upload!



Submission platform: Evaluators and Additional Upload

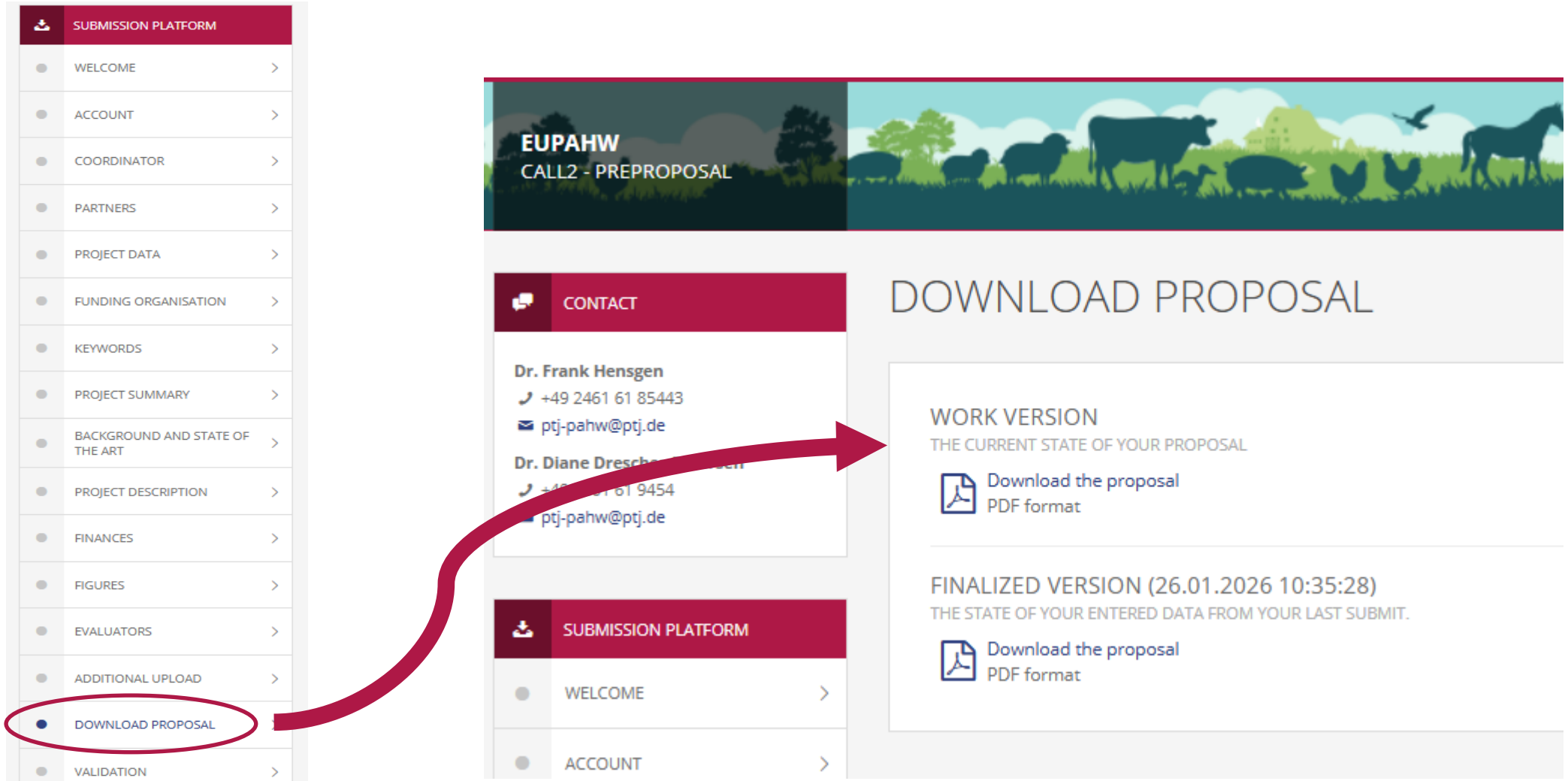
Evaluators

- you can name up to three persons, who may NOT evaluate this proposal (due to conflict of interest)

Additional Documents

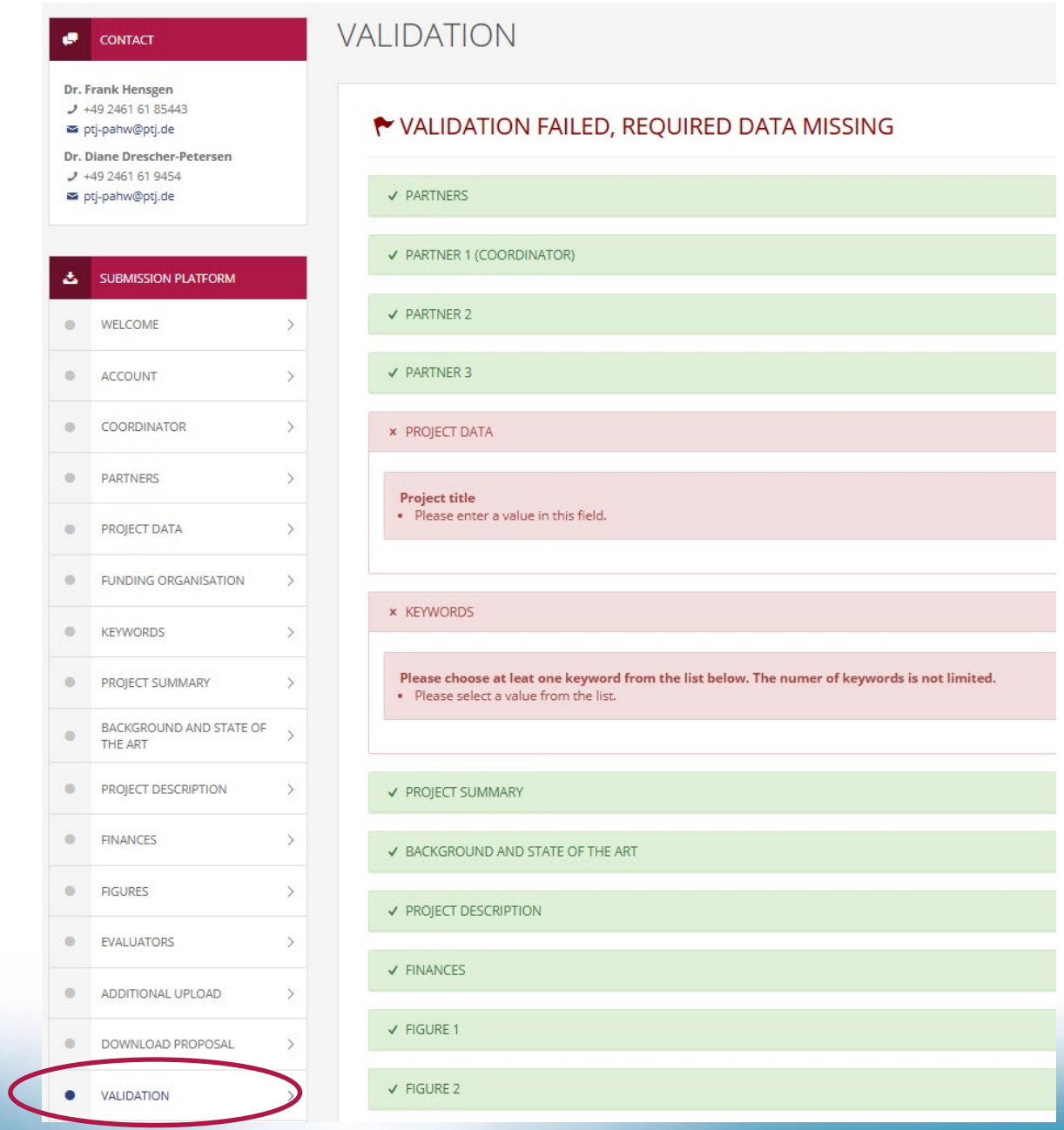
- you may upload an additional documents (pdf; 3 pages, max 3 MB)
- for example a list of References, another figure, diagramm …
- please make sure that it is understandable to which part of the application your optional document belongs to

Submission platform: Download proposal



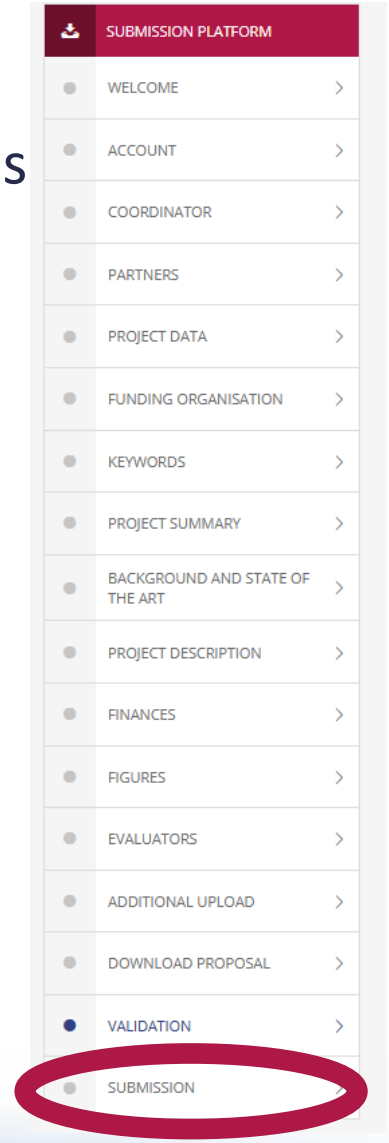
Submission platform: Validation

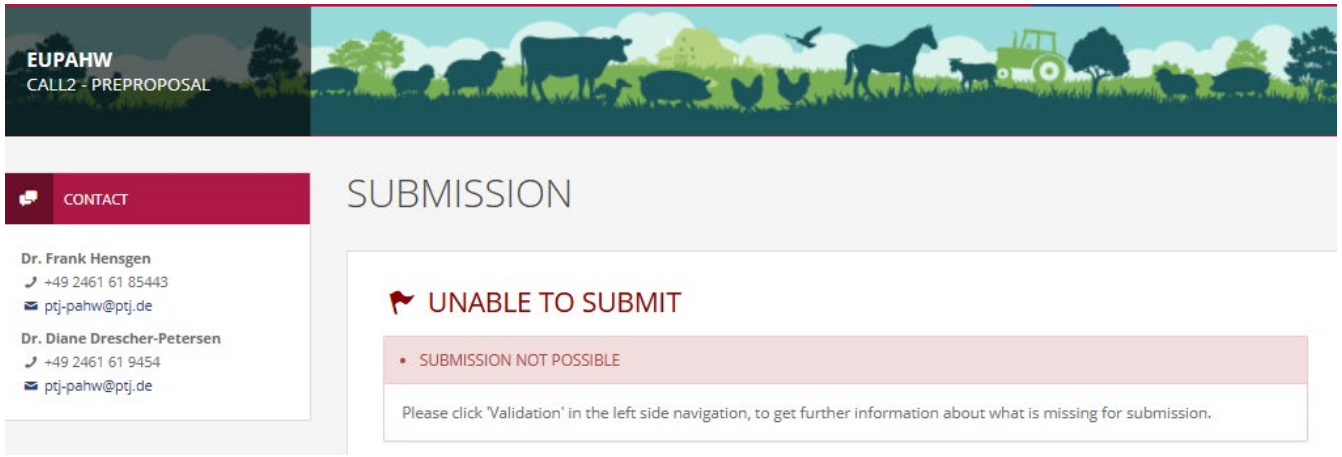
- Validation gives you the possibility to see what is missing
- Only technical assessment, no guaranty for eligibility, success
- Error messages in red
- Green = ok, submission possible → go to submission



Submission platform: Submission

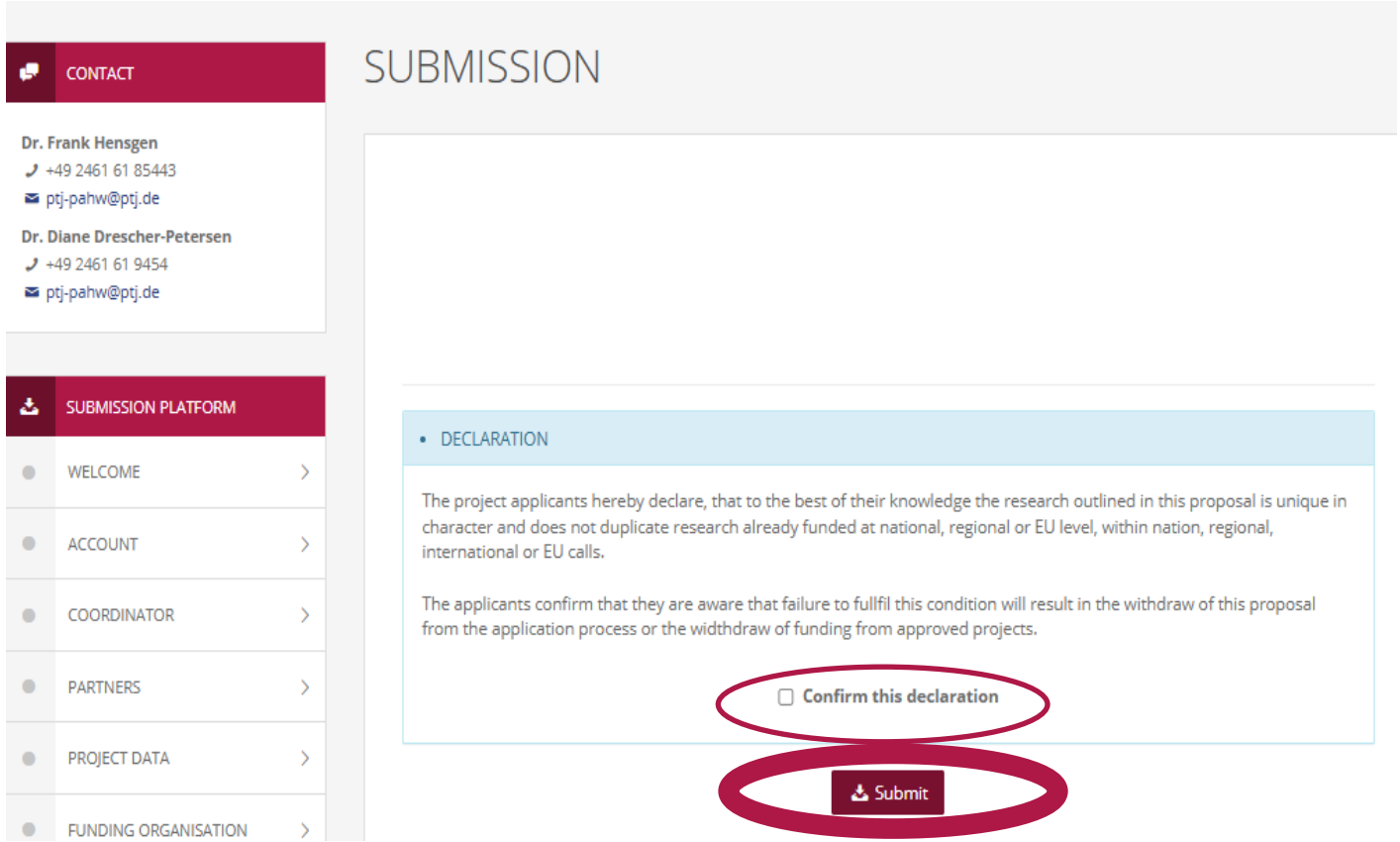
- Finally: Submission
- „Unable to submit“ as long as there are errors. Please go to validation to see the errors
- Get rid of the errors and try to submit again, until it works.





VSubmission platform: Submission

- confirm declaration
- **Press „submit“!**
- Submitting again will replace the existing proposal



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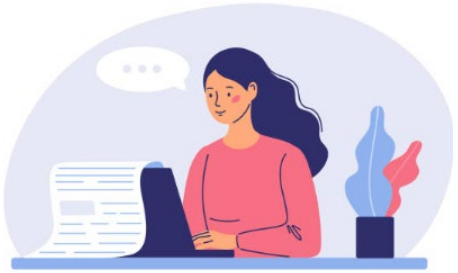
7. Q & A

EVALUATION

First of all, some definitions:

The Evaluation Office (EO) is responsible for managing the evaluation.

IEPE: The International Evaluation Panel of Experts; an independent expert group nominated by the CB, will evaluate the submitted pre and full proposals.



Rapporteur is the member of the IEPE who leads the documentation of opinions and consolidates the evaluation report.

The Independent Observer (IO) is an independent expert who will observe the whole procedure.

Evaluation

Platform registration

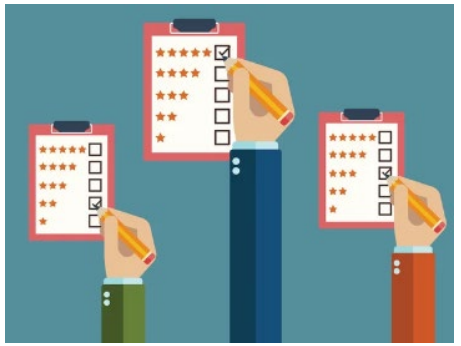
1. Expert receives personalized login data to the online evaluation tool from the EO;

2. Upload signed Confidentiality Agreement to get access to the core data of the projects (abstract, consortium, title);

3. Based on the core data, experts will be asked to declare whether they have a CoI with assigned proposals.

Evaluation

Peer review



- Each pre and full proposal is reviewed by at least 3 evaluators from the

IEPE: International Evaluation Panel of Experts

- The assignment of the proposals to the experts is done by EO with support of the IEPE Chair and Co-Chair according to the relevant expertise of the reviewers

- Proposal **evaluations are** held first **remotely via the online evaluation tool**.

- Evaluation panels are held with assigned experts to discuss the proposals and reach a final decision

Evaluation of Pre-Proposals

Excellence

a) Clarity and pertinence of the project's objectives, and the extent to which the proposed work is ambitious and goes beyond the state of the art

b) Soundness of the proposed overall methodology

Impact

a) Credibility of the pathways to achieve the expected outcomes and impacts specified in the work programme, and the likely scale and significance of the contributions from the project.

- Evaluation scores will be awarded for the two main criteria.
- The scoring system uses a 5-point scale half scores are allowed.
- Scores will have equal weight.
- The threshold for each single criterion will be **3** out of 5.

Evaluation of Pre-Proposals

Eligibility Check Result/Evaluation Report

Not the decision

Redress for eligibility check and evaluation outcome in 30 days

Only if; a procedural irregularity, factual error, manifest error of assessment, misuse of power, or a conflict of interest.

The redress can not question the scientific or technical judgement of appropriately qualified experts.

Admissibility of requests for redress

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The request for redress must contain the following minimum information (given in the template):

- the name of the call for proposals,
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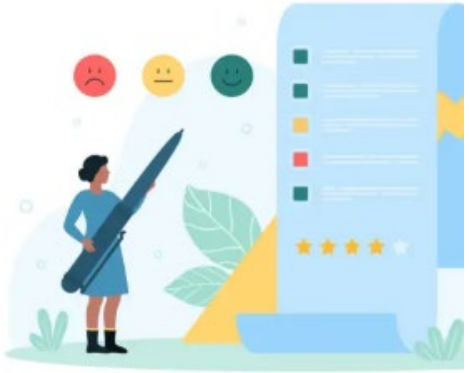
- the title of the proposal,
- a description of the alleged shortcomings of the evaluation procedure.

Selection of Pre-Proposals

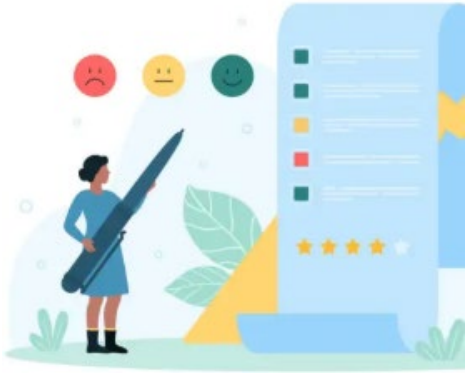
IEPE Evaluations

Ranking List 1



Topic 1. Animal Welfare

Ranking List 2



Topic 2. Prevention & Control

The decision will be given following the order

Possible to adapt budgets, including the distribution of available budgets between topics

To enable the invitation of as many highly ranked pre-proposals as possible

- not to exceed three times the available national or regional budget of a FO
- ensure broad participation of the countries involved in the Call
- appropriate balance between topics

Selection of Pre-Proposals

The outcome of the invitation (recommendation for full proposal submission or rejection)

Submission Tool opens for full-proposals

16th September 2026, 12:00 CEST	**Deadline for full-proposal submission**

Evaluation Full-Proposals

Excellence

a) Clarity and pertinence of the project's objectives, and the extent to which the proposed work is ambitious and goes beyond the state of the art.

b)Soundness of the proposed methodology, including the underlying concepts, models, assumptions, inter-disciplinary approaches, appropriate consideration of the gender dimension in research and innovation content, and the quality of open science practices, including sharing and management of research outputs and engagement of citizens, civil society and end-users where appropriate.

Impact

a) Credibility of the pathways to achieve the expected outcomes and impacts specified in the work programme, and the likely scale and significance of the contributions from the project.

b) Suitability and quality of the measures to maximise expected outcomes and impacts, as set out in the dissemination and exploitation plan, including communication activities.

Quality and efficiency of the implementation

a) Quality and effectiveness of the work plan, assessment of risks, and appropriateness of the effort assigned to work packages, and the resources overall.

b) Capacity and role of each participant, and the extent to which the consortium as a whole brings together the necessary expertise.

- The threshold will be **3** out of 5 for each criterion and **10** out of 15 for the overall score

Evaluation of Full-Proposals

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Decision for Funding Recommendation

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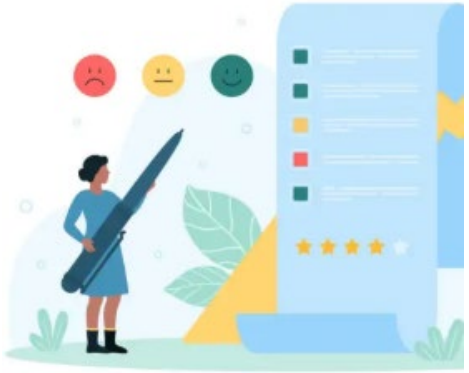

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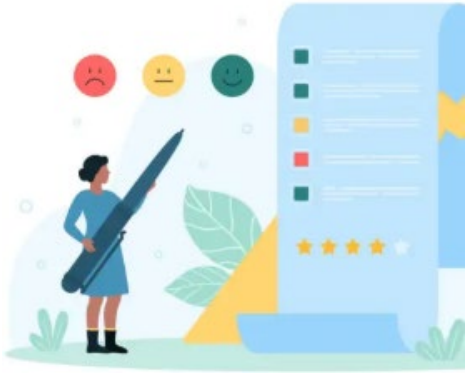

Topic 2. Prevention & Control

- Shall be made following the ranking lists within the limits of the available budgets of FOs.
- Where appropriate, adjustments to funding commitments, including the distribution of available funds between topics, may be made in order to maximise the number of highly ranked proposals that can be funded.
- The final funding decision shall be taken by each FO in accordance with its national or regional rules and procedures.
- Not all FOs may be able to fund proposals under **both topics** (see national regulations).

Decision for Funding Recommendation

The outcome of the funding recommendation

National/Regional grant agreements	
January - April 2027	Start of research projects

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