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# Support to the EU-Eastern Partnership (EaP) research and innovation



# Support to the EU-Eastern Partnership (EaP) research and innovation (2022-2025)

- Will be implemented on behalf of the European Commission (\*Service Contract to be enforced shortly)
- Aim: Facilitating a successful participation of the EU Eastern Partnership countries (EaP) in the EU's Framework Programmes for research and innovation (R&I) and the European Research Area (ERA)
  - Monitoring & reporting on the implementation of the post-2020 priorities relevant for R&I in the EaP countries
  - Training and assisting EaP researcher on Horizon Europe and in the preparation of applications to Horizon Europe Calls
- Duration: 40 month, starting in October/November 2022

# Monitoring and reporting on the implementation of the post-2020 priorities on R&I in the EaP countries

- Post-2020 priorities relevant for R&I
  - i. Increase each partner country's global innovation index score by three points
  - ii. Invest in Research and Innovation (R&I) policy reforms
  - iii. Increase gross R&I expenditure by at least 50% to ensure sustainable growth
  - iv. Support the green and digital transitions
  - v. Ensure solid citizen engagement in R&I actions, including in areas affecting the future of economies and societies
  - vi. Strengthen excellence and the technological base by increasing to 700 the number of partner countries' participations in Horizon Europe and EU4Innovation
  - vii. Support the implementation of smart specialisation strategies and the development of technology transfer roadmaps by interested EaP partner

# Monitoring and reporting on the implementation of the post-2020 priorities on R&I in the EaP countries

- Monitoring and reporting (1)
  - Central data collection: quantitative and qualitative information
  - Remote interviews with relevant stakeholders (starting late 2022/early 2023)
  - Fact finding and validation missions within the partners countries (01-03/2023)
  - Report (1) on each partner country (summer 2023)
- Monitoring and reporting (2)
  - Remote interviews (winter/spring 2024)
  - Report (2) on each partner country (summer 2024)
- Monitoring and reporting (3)
  - Fact finding and validation missions (01-03 2025)
  - Report (3) on each partner country (summer 2025)
- Final report 01/2026\*

# Proposal Writing Camps & Expert Consultations

- Horizon Europe Proposal Writing Camps:
  - Lasting 3 Days, in each of the five EaP Country on an annual basis
  - for up to 30 selected researchers and innovators (and other stakeholders such as NCPs, SMEs, IND, NGOs)
  - Particular interest to apply for Horizon Europe Funding
  - Organised in close cooperation with the respective NCP Coordinators in the EaP countries
- Horizon Europe Expert consultations
  - with potential applicants of Horizon Europe calls
  - will normally take place physically and attached to the Proposal Writing Camps (12 Expert Consultations in the context of each Event)
  - Virtual follow up calls and possibility to switch to a virtual format.

# Proposal Writing Camps & Expert Consultations

- Logistics (date, location, etc.) will be arranged in cooperation with regional stakeholders/NCP Coordinators
- Registration procedure & selection of participants:
  - Registration website for each of the events will be set up
    - One registration website to register/apply both for Proposal Writing Camps & Expert Consultations
    - Selection of participants for both formats in close collaboration with the respective NCP Coordinators
    - Website can be used as an information hub to download info-& trainings material
- Promotion of “Camps” and “Consultations” in close cooperation with regional stakeholders

# Proposal Writing Camps



- Take place annually in each of the 5 EaP countries, 15 Camps in 40 months
- Expert Consultations in between, tentatively on Tuesdays and Thursday
- Following sessions to be included in addition Proposal Writing Sessions:
  - NCP training; to be planned for half a day before the training on proposal drafting starts, or as concluding session
  - innovation tools available in the frame of Horizon Europe (Pillar 2, EIC); Mini-Trainings (2 hours)

# Bilateral Expert Consultations

- Consultations can take place virtually or physically, with the preference to be implemented during the Proposal Writing Camp's week
- 180 Expert Consultations in total (12 each event in each country)
  - Optional online follow-up meeting app. 2-3 weeks after first consultation
- Expert Consultations with EU trainers to provide support:
  - on the way to prepare proposals
  - on the way to identify suitable partners in the EU
  - on the way to put forward the researcher's (or lab's) expertise
- By assisting researchers in the preparation of applications to Horizon Europe



# Approach

- hands-on practical training, which will involve both information and practical work directly with researchers and innovators on the preparation of key sections of project proposals
- alternate between information and specific guidance on a key area of a project proposal
- practical work (trainings, consultations) on preparing draft sections of a proposal
- Blended learning approach:
  - combining the hands on practical learning during the camp with scheduled consultations/coaching for selected participants from each country
- Agenda will be tailor-made by team of experts/trainers together with the respective NCP Coordinators



# Thank you!

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