

# PES2020 Support to Norwegian Stakeholders Shaping the Content of Horizon Europe

**Application type:** Coordination and Support Activity

**Application deadline:** Open-ended

**Relevant thematic areas for this call:** [Internationalisation](#)

**Target groups:** Public sector, Industry, Research organisations

**Funding scale:** NOK 100,000-1,000,000

**Amount of funding presumed available for this call for proposals:** NOK 10 000 000

**Project duration:** 12-24 months

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This is an open-ended call for proposals with planned assessment of the grant proposals submitted by 27 September and 22 November 2019. The call will be closed once all the available funding has been allocated.

 You may also apply for the following under the PES2020 scheme for project establishment support:

- [Support for the Establishment of Project Proposals Directed towards Horizon 2020](#)
- [Funding for Travel and Positioning Activities in Horizon 2020 for Norwegian Actors Without an Annual Framework Grant](#)

## Purpose

The aim of this call is to facilitate cohesive Norwegian collaboration and increase the participation of Norwegian stakeholders in the effort to promote Norwegian interests in the process of shaping the content of Horizon Europe, the EU's next research and innovation framework programme (2021–2027).

### Call for proposals



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## About the call for proposals

The Research Council is constantly expanding its strategic efforts to promote Norwegian interests in the EU arena. This call is designed to facilitate cohesive Norwegian collaboration and increase the participation of Norwegian stakeholders in the effort to promote Norwegian interests in the process of shaping the content of Horizon Europe, the EU's next research and innovation framework programme (2021–2027).

On 20 March 2019, the EU Council, EU Parliament and European Commission reached a provisional agreement on the main features of Horizon Europe (HE). The European Commission is now moving forward with the strategic planning of HE and has indicated that it seeks to develop a strategy programme for the first four years of HE in the course of 2019. Efforts to develop the first draft work programmes (calls for proposals) for the initial two years of HE are scheduled to commence in early 2020.

In connection with these processes in particular, the Research Council encourages Norwegian stakeholders to take advantage of relevant opportunities to participate in shaping strategies and priorities, including collaborative arenas within their own subject areas. Support is also available for strategic efforts relating to the partnership areas and Mission Boards to be established under HE, if and when opportunities arise for stakeholders to participate.

We will also provide funding for stakeholders that take on a national role in their participation in the EU arena. This will entail presenting unified Norwegian priorities in your subject area (for instance the national “2021” strategies where applicable) and working closely with other Norwegian stakeholders. It will require maintaining close dialogue with relevant individuals at the Research Council underway (such as NCPs, Research Council personnel in Brussels and other Norwegian government representatives in EU forums).

Applicants must be able to document wide-ranging exchange of experience with relevant Norwegian stakeholders to ensure that the funding awarded promotes effective integration between Norwegian groups and EU work processes. The Research Council is seeking projects that incorporate collaboration between a broad-based consortium of Norwegian partners.

Funding is available for all relevant subject areas under HE except energy, as future-oriented energy is covered under other funding schemes such as the [Funding Scheme to Increase Participation in International Energy Strategy Forums](#).

Funding will only be available for participation activities that demonstrate a broad reach within their scientific sphere. Narrow special interests will not be awarded funding. Applicants must show that the forum/arena for which funding for participation is sought has clear relevance for the shaping of strategies and priorities under Horizon Europe. Both existing and new forums/arenas may be of interest (including e.g. still-pertinent European platforms, networks and research alliances, existing partnerships, expert roles, introductory speaker roles in key conference and communication arenas, the new Mission Boards, etc.).

This is a pilot call for proposals that will be revised in 2020 in light of experience gained. The call has an open-ended deadline, with planned assessment of the grant proposals submitted by 27 September and 22 November 2019, respectively. The call will be closed once all the available funding has been allocated. Funding for participation activities may only be sought for maximum two years as from the application date. Applicants may seek funding totalling NOK 100 000–NOK 1 million (maximum NOK 500 000 per year).

[See the National Contact Points \(NCP\) for Horizon 2020 here.](#)

## Who is eligible to apply?

Applications will be accepted from [approved Norwegian research organisations](#), universities and university colleges, business-sector actors, special interest organisations with national impact and consortia comprised of these organisations.

## Who can participate in the project?

### Requirements relating to the Project Owner

The organisation listed as the Project Owner in the grant application must have approved the submission of the grant application to the Research Council.

## What can you seek funding for?

Funding is available for the following:

- [Payroll and indirect expenses](#): costs incurred by the Project Owner and other task-performing partners, budgeted in accordance with the Research Council's standard guidelines.
- Direct costs related to:
  - travel and accommodation/board in connection with relevant meetings;
  - costs in connection with organising workshops, seminars, etc.
- Project activities/incurred costs from the application date onward may be included.

## Level of support

Up to 75 per cent of eligible costs may be covered. Funding will be disbursed in arrears based on a report of actual incurred costs.

## Conditions for funding

Support to research organisations under this call is provided for the organisation's non-economic activity. The Research Council requires organisations to maintain a clear separation of accounts for their economic and non-economic activities.

In accordance with [Commission Regulation \(EU\) No 1407/2013](#), support to undertakings is to be provided in the form of *de minimis* aid. An “undertaking” in this context is defined as any actor that carries out an economic activity consisting of offering products or services on a given market. The maximum amount of *de minimis* aid that may be awarded to a single undertaking is EUR 200 000 over a period of three fiscal years. Thus, to be eligible for financial support, the applicant may not have received more than a total of EUR 200 000 in *de minimis* aid during a period of three fiscal years (i.e. the year the aid was disbursed and the two preceding years). The disbursement of *de minimis* aid by the Research Council must not lead awardees to exceed this ceiling.

Prior to disbursement of any *de minimis* aid, the Research Council will request written confirmation and an overview of all other *de minimis* aid that the company has received in the course of the three fiscal years in question. For companies that are a part of a group of linked enterprises, the ceiling amount generally applies to the group as a whole. For more information on *de minimis* aid, see [the Commission Regulation \(EU\) No 1407/2013](#).

### Reporting and disbursement of funding

Funding awarded for participation projects will be disbursed in arrears based on a report of actual incurred costs. Please note that disbursement will be contingent on adequate specification of achievement of project objectives and activities in the relevant reports.

Relevant thematic areas for this call

## Internationalisation



### Requirements for this application type

Funding is available for participation activities in all relevant subject areas under Horizon Europe except energy (see designated calls for proposals under the Large-scale Programme for Energy Research (ENERGIX) and the Norwegian RD&D CCS programme (CLIMIT)).

- All grant applications must be submitted using the online grant application form.
- Grant applications and all attachments may be submitted in Norwegian or English.
- All attachments must be uploaded in PDF format.

All the templates for attachments are available for download at the end of this call for proposals.

### Mandatory attachments

- A project description, using the designated template.
- A CV for the project manager, using the designated template.

Grant applications must satisfy the following requirements:

- The applicant/Project Owner must come from an eligible category of institution.
- The grant application must lie within the scope/satisfy the objectives of this call.
- The funding amount sought, expenses to be covered and own financing to be provided must be in keeping with the framework of the call.
- The budget must be formulated correctly to clearly indicate what the funding will cover.
- The application form must be fully completed.
- The required attachments must be included using the designated templates.
- The project description must provide answers to the items set out in the text of the call.

All items in the project description template must be completed. Responses to each item should be as concrete and clear as possible.

Grant applications that do not fulfil the above requirements will be rejected.

Links to websites and documents, as well as other attachments than those specified above, will not be included in the application review process. There is no technical validation of the content of the attachments you upload, so please make sure that you upload the correct file for the selected type of attachment.

### Assessment criteria

Importance will be attached to the following factors when assessing the relevance of the participation activities: the subject area's relevance for Norwegian objectives and interests, the relevance of the specific EU arena or process with regard to achieving support in Horizon Europe, and the extent to which the activities will promote greater coordination and cohesion in Norwegian efforts to shape the content of Horizon Europe.

Grant applications will be assessed on the basis of the Research Council's common assessment criteria: *Excellence, Impact and Implementation*.

### Excellence

#### Originality/Novelty

- The extent to which the concept is sound, credible and novel.

#### Solidity

- The extent to which the project objectives are clear and relevant.
- The quality of the proposed deliverables from the project.

## Impact

### Potential

- The extent to which the expected effects are specified.
- The extent to which expected impacts on the system and societal levels are specified.

### Knowledge sharing and exploitation

- The quality of the proposed communication and dissemination activities.
- The extent to which it is credible that the proposed outputs will contribute to the specified effects and impact.

## Implementation

### Project Manager and project group

- The extent to which the Project Manager and project group are qualified and have the necessary expertise and are positioned to implement the project.
- The extent to which management structures and procedures are appropriate.

### Plans and management

- The extent to which the work plan is clear and understandable, and the time table realistic
- The extent to which objectives and measures are coherent.
- The extent to which the project has the support of the leadership of the Project Owner and any partners, and the allocation of roles in the project is clear.
- The extent to which the budget is realistic and appropriate, and resources are allocated so that each of the partners can fulfil their role.
- The extent to which potential risks have been discussed.

## Administrative procedures

The Research Council will assess the grant applications administratively, and the final decisions regarding allocation of funding will also be taken by the Research Council administration.

An assessment process is planned for grant applications submitted by 27 September and 22 November 2019, respectively. Processing time is expected to be 6–8 weeks.

## Application templates for download



[PES2020 Mal for prosjektbeskrivelse - Støtte til medvirkning i utforming av Horisont Europa.docx](#)



[PES2020 Template for Project Description - Support to Norwegian Stakeholders Shaping the Content of Horizon Europe.docx](#)



[CV-mal for forskere/CV template researchers \(docx\)](#)



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