

Questions & Answers – Horizon 2020 Green Deal Call Info 8.9.2020

Are startup companies eligible to apply as project coordinators? Are there differences between the topics in this respect?

Yes, a startup company can act as a coordinator in an EU project. However and of course all project participants must have enough financial capacity to execute the project. EC will check beneficiaries financial viability before the Grant Agreement is signed. This applies to all Green Deal topics presented in the event. / Kaisa Ainala

In the topic concerning innovative land-based renewable energy technologies: Why is the call limited to applications with a link to CHP / district heating/cooling applications?"

In these CHP/DH/DC applications the energy source has been a fossile fuel based. There is a big gap in demand and production whenever the use of fossile fuels is to end. I will look this issue more closely as well. / Reijo Munther

In the offshore RES topic, do possible P2X systems also have to be offshore? This is not quite explicit in the call

I will come back to this, please be directly in contact. My first guess is that it depends on the quantities of energy produced but mainly p2x facilities are on shore. / Reijo Munther

Is LC-GD-2-1-2020 only about wind energy and not about other types of renewable energy (biomass, etc.)? The speaker mentioned only wind energy.

Wind has been the example mostly used. There was a big discussion after the first draft that if offshore wind energy is enough. Finland supported the idea that all means of renewables should be included. Sorry for focusing too much on wind, all means of renewables are included. / Reijo Munther

Can liquified H2 be transported from S.Africa to Europe?

Yes, there are plans to establish this. For instance Germany has published its national H2 strategy which claims that they will be dependable on imported H2. This calls for ships and ports and technology development. In Finland we have to prepared for import as well but also for export maybe at some point. / Reijo Munther

For the GD-2-3 Partnership with Africa are there specific African countries?

Not mentioned. Even the Northern Africa, which I mentioned has not been mentioned in the call. / Reijo Munther

Can you go through the eligibility and consortium criteria a little better i.e. it seems the focus is on close to market solutions that have high TRL which would mean we need companies as partners. However, companies are rarely intereted in coordinating such projects. So in a nutshell, are there guidelines on the partner composition.

One can't give general advise on consortia partner composition as soon as a general eligibility requirement is met (consortia projects must always contain at least 3 separate partners from 3 different Member States

and/or Associated Countries). Consortia must be suitable to address the challenge in the topic description. So my advise is to study and analyze the call text carefully. Call text can sometimes contain rules for what kind of partners must be included (ex. SME's). You can always ask opinion from EUTI and/or from NCP's. / Kaisa Ainala

In the topic "Green airports and ports as hubs for sustainable and smart mobility", the consortium requires at least 3 airports / ports from different EU member states or H2020 associated countries. Should these airports / ports be independent at organizational or ownership level, if the composition of the consortium otherwise meets the general requirements? Especially among Baltic Sea ports, there are several joint ventures across national borders (e.g. Finland-Sweden and Sweden-Denmark). Can ports belonging to the same port company in different member states apply for a joint project? I have asked this already at the call info in June and you promised to investigate the matter."

Having examined your question we would like to hear names of these joint ventures across national borders or other. Is it cross-ownership or ownership or alliances? Could you please mail tom.warras@businessfinland.fi and we shall put a question to the Commission. But thinking of a consortium in the 5.1 topic, you will have plenty of independent partners from 3 countries (industry, etc) so the question is: do the demo sites need to be independent also?

Number of ports: In the call text the new definition is: 1 *lighthouse port* leads and 3 (at most) *fellow ports* follow and commit to implementation. We wait for the publication of the text to see if this holds. Same for airports. Means 1+2 or 1+3? / Tom Warras

**Will there be a specific webinar related to calls 9 and 10 also? if so, any idea when this may take place?
Thank you!**

NCP's have decided to have a separate event (1.10.2020) "How to write an application: Focus on (ssh-researchers interested in) the H2020 Green Deal Call". Areas 9-10 will be touched in this webinar. Please follow our webpages for further information. / Kaisa Ainala

Could you give an example of the scope of the demonstration likely to be expected here (in 6.1)? Should the demonstrations involve the whole food chain or may they be showcasing parts of it that change? How much of the allotted project resources should be devoted to demonstration purposes (e.g. 15-40 % of the budget)?

No specification in call text about the percentage. / Heini Günther

In Farm to Fork, the subtopics are quite vaguely presented with only one sentence describing the boundaries of the scope of each subtopics. Is it likely that the final version will have more details or are left vague and open on purpose?

Most probably there will not be any big changes to the call texts anymore – this has been left quite open for different suggestions and ideas by proposers. The final call text will be soon available once the call opens officially / Heini Günther

Is the bd and ecosystem call really only to water related ecosystems (as mentioned in first bullet point). Not terrestrial ones??

The slides for the area 7 contained error - Terrestrial ecosystems were missing from the list of ecosystems. They are covered in the topic “LC-GD-7-1-2020 Restoring biodiversity and ecosystem services” as stated in the first paragraph in the Specific challenge. / Jaana Lehtimäki

Does the UK participate in forthcoming H2020 calls? I.e. is the UK a fully eligible partner?

UK scientists, researchers and businesses can continue to participate in and lead Horizon 2020 projects and apply for Horizon 2020 grant funding. / Kaisa Ainala

Contact our NCPs for more information on topic-specific questions.

AREA 9 TOPICS	BUDGETS (EUR million) (WP part)	NCPs & webpage if not mentioned above Call draft text
LC-GD.9.2.2020 (RIA)	25 (SC5)	Jaana Lehtimäki (AF) & Heini Günther (BF)
LC-GD.9.1.2020 (RIA)	28 (INRFA)	Suvi Broholm & Ulla Ellmén (AF) https://www.businessfinland.fi/suomalaisille-asiakkaille/palvelut/rahoitus/horisontti-2020/huipputasontiede/tutkimusinfrastruktuurit/
LC-GD.9.3.2020 (IA)	12 (SC2)	Heini Günther (BF) & Jaana Lehtimäki (AF) https://ec.europa.eu/info/research-and-innovation/strategy/european-green-deal/call/strengthening-knowledge_fi

AREA 10 TOPICS	BUDGETS (EUR million) (WP part)	NCPs and webpage if not mentioned before Call draft text
LC-GD.10.1.2020 (RIA)	10 (SC6)	Helena Vänskä (AF) https://www.businessfinland.fi/suomalaisille-asiakkaille/palvelut/rahoitus/horisontti-2020/yhteiskunnalliset-haasteet/eurooppamuuttuvassa-maailmassa/
LC-GD.10.2.2020 (RIA)	10 (SC6)	
C-GD.10.3.2020 (IA)	25 (SC5)	Jaana Lehtimäki (AF) & Heini Günther (BF) https://ec.europa.eu/info/research-and-innovation/strategy/european-green-deal/call/empowering-citizens-transition_fi

All NCPs are found here:

<https://www.businessfinland.fi/suomalaisille-asiakkaille/palvelut/rahoitus/horisontti-2020/horisontti-yhteyshenkilot/>