

Find partners or apply as individual

Who Can Apply?

Any natural or legal persons (e.g. any company, big or small, research organisations, universities, non-governmental organisations, etc.) regardless of their place of establishment or residence. They must possess the operational and financial viability to carry out the research tasks that they propose.

WHAT IS IN IT FOR YOU?

To see exactly whether you are eligible for funding, check the specific **work programme** or **call for proposal/tender**.

MULTI-PARTICIPANT OR MONO-PARTICIPANT ACTIONS

Most of the H2020 themes support collaborative research projects where at least three organisations from different countries form a consortium. However, there are a number of opportunities also for mono-participant actions:

- **European Research Council (ERC) research grants** – support frontier research by individual researchers and teams.
- **Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions** – support researcher mobility. Besides research funding, scientists have the possibility to gain experience abroad and in the private sector, and to complete their training with competences useful for their careers.
- **SME instrument** – supports both individual SMEs and SME groups that have international ambitions, determined to turn strong, innovative business ideas into winners on the market.

Which Countries Are Eligible For Funding?

Legal entities established in the following countries are eligible to receive funding in Horizon 2020:

- **Member States** of the European Union, including their overseas departments and outermost regions. Check the situation of entities from [outermost regions, OCTs, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, Gibraltar and those areas of the Republic of Cyprus in which the Government of the Republic of Cyprus does not exercise effective control](#).
- **Associated Countries** - the following countries have stated their intention to become associated to Horizon 2020 by the time the first grant agreements are being signed. These are Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Faroe Islands, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Israel, Moldova, Montenegro, Norway, Serbia, Switzerland, Turkey and Ukraine. Check the [List of H2020 Associated Countries](#).

For the **Euratom programme**, the only Associated Country is Switzerland. Please check more information on the [status of Switzerland in Horizon 2020](#).

- **Third Countries** – see the '[Annex A - List of countries, and applicable rules for funding](#)' for the list of third countries that are eligible for funding. In Horizon 2020 there are [more opportunities for cooperation](#) with and participation by researchers from non-EU countries.
- **International European interest organisations** are also eligible to receive funding

Legal entities established in countries not listed above or international organisations will be eligible for funding when it is explicitly stated in the relevant work programme and call. In addition, they may be eligible for funding under a **bilateral scientific and technological agreement** or any other arrangement between the Union and an international organisation or a third country.

For third country participation see also the H2020 Online Manual section for [International Cooperation](#).

Find Partners

There are a number of partner search services provided by NCPs, CORDIS and other entities. Look for the services that also provide advice on creating your profile and apply quality controls to their database.

Several thematic NCP Networks provide partner search facilities with details on partner profiles and active partnership requests:

CORDIS Partner Service

One of the largest databases of partner profiles (self-registered profiles).

Idealist Partner Search

Developed by the ICT NCPs network, but the partner profiles are not limited only to ICT. The service includes advice on creating your profile by your local NCP and there is a quality control of all the published data.

Partner Search of Nanosciences and nanotechnologies, Materials and new Production technologies (NMP)

Fit for Health

Developed by the Fit for Health network in close cooperation with the Health-NCPs. The quality checked database contains expertise profiles of researchers and SMEs acting in the Health / Life sciences sector. The

service includes partner search activities advice on all aspects related to a research project, starting with help in first orientation and strategy development to proposal preparation, implementation, exploitation and promotion.

Partner search for H2020 'Smart, Green and Integrated Transport' calls for proposals

The partner search tool is dedicated to the project proposals to be submitted under the H2020 'Smart, Green and Integrated Transport' calls (Societal Challenge 4). The tool is developed by the [H2020 National Contact Points network for Transport - ETNA Plus](#).

The platform enables users to:

- Create new partner searches and manage the requests of partnership received,
- Identify suitable partner searches,
- Answer to the partner searches published by other proposers.

The quality of published partner searches is guaranteed through a two-steps verification process, directly run by the H2020 National Contact Points for Transport and by a team of experts ('Quality team') in the different transport modes (maritime, rail, air, urban/road).

C-Energy 2020 network - the European Energy NCP network under H2020

The C-Energy2020 Partner Search Tool has been created as part of the C-Energy2020 network and is linked from the [Network website](#). The purpose is to offer a comprehensive and easy to use web-based tool that supports the building of consortia for promising proposals that are targeted at the open calls under the Horizon2020 Energy Work Programme.

One of the main features of this tool is the validation of requests by a responsible National Contact Point - NCP. This ensures a high level of reliability and accuracy of data.

Another important feature is the distinction between:

- **Partner offer** - Researchers who offer their expertise in a specific topic of research and are looking for collaboration in possible project consortia

and

- **Partner search** - Researchers or consortia with a definite idea for a project looking for additional partners to complement their expertise.

The tool also includes a search facility.

NCPs CaRE: Partner search for Societal Challenge 5 “Climate action, environment, resource efficiency and raw materials”

Within the **NCPs CaRE** network project for NCPs in SC5, the partnering tool supports potential applicants for the Horizon 2020 Work programme of the Societal Challenge 5 “Climate action, environment, resource efficiency and raw materials” in finding partners and building a consortium for a project proposal. Features include:

- **Partner offer** - Researchers who offer their expertise in a specific topic of research and are looking for collaboration in possible project consortia
- **Partner search** - Researchers or consortia with a definite idea for a project looking for additional partners to complement their expertise.
- A search facility
- **One of the main features** of this tool is the validation of requests by a responsible National Contact Point - NCP.
- **Furthermore**, NCPs CaRE will organise two brokerage events during the project duration: for those two events, registered users have the opportunity to register for the participation in **B2Match brokerage events** (BE) by using your PSF-profile data.

Enterprise Europe Network Cooperation Opportunities Database

The Enterprise Europe Network (EEN) publishes an extensive number of innovation and technology profiles from international companies and research organisations to help identify suitable partners for bilateral business, innovation and technology cooperation.

The database has the following types of profiles:

- Research and technology offers to further develop an existing technology
- Research and technology requests to complement a product in the development stages
- R&D partner searches to participate in funded projects

The EEN database is updated with new profiles on a weekly basis. All profiles are published anonymously. Express your interest in collaboration by filling in and sending the Expression of Interest form to your local EEN office, who will establish the contact. The database is also a simple way of following the development of technologies and trends in your area.