

FAQ for EuroHPC JU Call:

Specific Grant Agreement (SGA) for Developing large-scale European High-Performance Computing (HPC) technologies based on RISC-V

HORIZON-EUROHPC-JU-2024-DARE-SGA-04

Q1: [Call Conditions] What are the security restrictions and requirements of the action?

A1: Restrictions on participation or control — For actions related to EU strategic assets, interests, autonomy or security, the specific topic conditions may limit participation to legal entities established only in EU Member States or in EU Member States and specific associated or non-associated third countries. In addition, for duly justified and exceptional reasons, to guarantee protection of the strategic interests of the EU and its Member States, the specific call conditions may also exclude the participation of legal entities directly or indirectly controlled by non-eligible third countries or by legal entities of non-eligible third countries (or make their participation subject to specific conditions), in line with Article 22(5) of the Horizon Europe Regulation. In this case, the eligible countries will be identified in the specific call conditions.

The DARE Framework Partnership is subject to restrictions based on Article 22.5 of the Horizon Europe Regulation (EU) 2021/695, as set out in the EuroHPC Work Programme. Specifically, *"In order to achieve the expected outcomes, and safeguard the Union's strategic assets, interests, autonomy, or security, participation is limited to legal entities established in **Member States** and in the following Associated Countries to Horizon Europe: **Iceland, Norway**. Proposals including entities established in countries outside this scope specified in the topic/call/action will be ineligible."*

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[1]https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/guidance/programme-guide_horizon_en.pdf

[2]<http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/695/oj>

[3]<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32021R0695>

[4]https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/guidance-participation-in-dep-he-edf-cef-dig-restricted-calls_dep-he-edf-cef-dig_en.pdf

[5] Horizon Europe AMGA, https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/aga_en.pdf, p. 129 - 6.3 Ineligible costs and contributions

[6] Horizon Europe AMGA, https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/aga_en.pdf, p.76, - Article 6.2.B Subcontracting costs

"The beneficiaries must ensure that the subcontracted work is performed in the eligible countries or target countries set out in the call conditions"

Q2: [Call Conditions] Can people work outside of the participating states?

A2: No, work must be performed within the eligible countries identified in the Work Programme.

"Costs or contributions for activities that do not take place in the eligible countries or target countries set out in the call conditions"[5]

Q3: [Proposal preparation] Summary of Impact: Can the summary be longer than two pages?

A3: The proposal must be convincing to the evaluators. The summary should highlight the key impact, instead of providing a comprehensive list of envisaged results that can lead to a longer text

Q4: [Management] Can senior management be paid from this action?

A4: Senior management is not paid in this action. This is part of the 25% overhead costs.

Q5: [Subcontracting] Can a beneficiary be a consortium member and be subcontracted.

A5: This is generally not allowed according to the rules of subcontracting as described in the AMGA

Q6: [Subcontracting] Should we apply the general rule that if something can be done in Europe, it should be done in Europe? Is there a method we should use to check this?

A6: The provisions in the Work Programme require that all activities must be performed within the eligible countries - including subcontracted work if any. As part of the JU's risk-based control strategy, participants may be required to provide evidence on the compliance with these obligations. [6]

Q7: [Financing] What rules of co-funding apply in this call?

A7: The funding rate will be 50% of the total eligible costs.

Q8: [Financing] What rules of pre-financing apply in the SGA?

A8: The same rules apply regarding pre-financing as in other Horizon HORIZON RIA grants. It is calculated based on the number of reporting periods.

Q9: [Co-funding] Can the co-funding be split in two phases, between EuroHPC and a participating country?

A9: The split of a grant into two phases, each 100% funded by a Participating State or the JU, is not foreseen in the Annotated Model Grant Agreement for the Horizon Europe Programme (see https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/aga_en.pdf). The JU is obliged to use the Model Grant Agreement as it is and without modification. The Grant Agreement clearly states that "...EU grants are normally subject to a single funding rate for the entire action — which is expressed as a fixed percentage and announced in the call conditions." A separation of a grant in two phases with different funding rates is therefore not possible and, in the case of DARE, a funding rate of 50% applies to all eligible cost items as set out in the EuroHPC Work Programme.

Q10: [Deliverables and Reporting] What rules apply to the visibility of deliverables and dissemination level?

A10: A deliverable can be Public or Confidential (only for members of the consortium, Including the Commission Services)