



FAQ for EuroHPC JU Call: HORIZON-EUROHPC-JU-2024-BENCHMARK

Q1: What is the overall budget for this action and what is the EU funding rate

A1: As this is a Research and Innovation action (RIA), standard co-funding rules apply, i.e. 50% of the funding for each project come from Horizon Europe and 50% from Participating State contributions. The budget envelope **per topic** is 2 MIO EUR total, i.e. 1 MIO EUR from Horizon Europe and 1 MIO EUR Participating State contribution.

Q2: The call has the standard RIA template attached to the submission process (45 page limit), but the call itself allows for 70 pages is the COFUND template supposed to be used here, or which template is the right one to use?

A1: For that call, the applicable admissibility condition in the Topic page (“Conditions and documents”) specifies a 70-page limit for the application. The fact that the Submission System shows the standard RIA template (often labelled with 45 pages) is a generic reference to the *template type/structure*, not the page limit for this specific topic. Each applicant should:

- Use the standard Horizon Europe RIA Part B template/structure for this topic (as it is an RIA).
- Respect the topic-specific page limit of 70 pages indicated in the topic conditions.
- Not use a COFUND template, since the action type is RIA.

Q3: What is the expected duration of the action and what is the envisioned starting date?

A3: The envisioned duration is 3 years and the starting date is very difficult to anticipate since this depends on various parameters. Please observe that the granting authority has up to 270 days after the evaluation of the proposals to conclude the grant agreement preparation phase. A fair and conservative estimate to start the action would be mid-2027.

Q4: Would a Canadian partner be eligible to participate in our proposal and get the 50% co-funding rate from EuroHPC?

A4:

Please note that there are two aspects regarding the eligibility under the following call: eligibility to participate and eligibility for funding.

Regarding the eligibility to participate, both topics under the call follow the General Annex B of the Horizon Europe Work Programme 2023-2025 (available: [wp-13-general-annexes_horizon-2023-2024_en.pdf](#)). Accordingly, any legal entity, regardless of its place of establishment, including legal entities from non-associated third countries or international organisations (including international European research organisations.) is eligible to participate proving that they fulfil special eligibility criteria (cf. special eligibility criteria for legal entities to participate under the topic A European HPC-centric Benchmark Framework). Thus, the partners from Canada are eligible to participate if the fulfil the general eligibility criteria.

Regarding the eligibility for funding, in both topics, the partners from countries associated to the Horizon Europe are eligible for funding providing that they fulfil other eligibility criteria



The most recent list of all Associated Countries to Horizon Europe (including their date of ascension, if applicable) can be found here [list-3rd-country-participation_horizon-euratom_en.pdf](#). Canada is associated to Pillar 2 and the entities from this country qualify for award procedures implementing the Union's budget for the year 2024 onwards. Therefore, the entities from Canada are eligible for funding with the funding ratio indicated in the call conditions as long as they fulfil the general criteria. The granting authority likes to stress that each participant implementing the budget (i.e., beneficiary or an affiliated entity) must have a substantiated and well-motivated role within the project.

Q5: Can entities established in Japan participate in this action and receive 50% co-financing through Horizon Europe?

A5:

Please refer to Q4 regarding the distinction between the eligibility to participate and eligibility for funding.

Regarding the eligibility to participate, the entities from Japan are eligible under the call conditions based on General Annex B cited in the previous answer.

Regarding the eligibility to be funded with Union budget under the current conditions, certain transitional arrangements apply for Japanese entities applying under Horizon Europe calls. The transitional measures are applicable for the entities from Japan for award procedures implementing Union budget for the year 2026 and onwards. Please observe that this call HORIZON-EUROHPC-JU-2024-BENCHMARK, was launched in 2025, with the legal basis stemming from the JU Work Programme 2025, which is a determining factor to apply transitional measures. Therefore, as the call was launched in 2025, the transitional measures for the Japanese entities are not applicable for this call, and as a consequence, such entities are not eligible for funding. Consequently, entities from Japan may participate in the project, if substantiated for the implementation, however, they are not eligible for funding (i.e., the consortia may consider adding such entities without the EU budget as associated partners).