

THE COUNTRIES' APPROACH TOWARDS PARTICIPATING IN THE CALL HORIZON-INFRA-2027-01-EOSC-01



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“Expanding and deepening the EOSC Federation (EOSC Partnership)” [as described in the [HORIZON-INFRA 2026-2027 Work Programme](#)]

Key aspects:

- possibility to build and maintain EOSC Federation
- support for potential and actual Federation providers in our countries
- significant volume : up to 40 M€ (EC) + 40 M€ (MS/AC) investment
- informal group to prepare a proposal including EOSC Steering Board members (i.e. ministries' representatives) and national funding agencies from 18 countries



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Project to discuss elements of a potential project to be proposed for HORIZON-INFRA-2027-01-EOSC-01

Co-fund action: Clarifications

- The partners of the consortium proposing the project should be national funding agencies. Research performing organisations and providers to the EOSC Federation can then benefit as third-party beneficiaries.
- Organisations cannot be at the same time consortium members and recipients of third party grants
- The maximum amount to be granted to each third party is 2 M€ for all activities under the co-fund call — this limit applies to the third parties (i.e. your organisation) that are financed through the project, not to the funding agencies involved in the project.
- Associated countries under the current Horizon Europe framework programme (FP9) are eligible, even if they are not going to be AC under FP10. The same applies for the third parties (you!). Being associated or not to FP10 has no impact on this call, even if the financing will be well into the years after 2027.
- Calls under the $\geq 20\%$ budget without geographical restriction will be open to any eligible third party from Horizon Europe countries (as of FP9!), independent on whether the hosting country of the third party is in the project consortium or not.

What type of activities will be funded

The proposal has not yet been written! Your feedback to your funders & decision makers can influence the overall call portfolio and the balance between the activities that are going to be supported.

Activity types that are likely to be supported :

1. **Existing EOSC Node Operators** receive operational cost coverage for **computing, storage and service provision** ensuring sustainability of current providers. Special attention towards onboarding of data and services of less advanced partners
2. **Mature partners** create **new EOSC Nodes** with full federating capabilities, expanding the Federation's capacity
3. **Less advanced partners** onboard **services and data** into existing EOSC Nodes, accelerating inclusion without requiring full node infrastructure. This can include also preparatory work (FAIRisation of data repositories, getting existing services fit-for-purpose for the EOSC Federation, etc.)

Co-fund action: Time line

Preparation:

- Get support from communities for countries to engage in the call
- Potential users consultation
- Building the consortium

Proposal writing

- Gather commitments by consortium members
- What third party calls?
- Which country participates in which third-party call?

If proposal is successful

- Grant agreement negotiation with EC
- Binding financial commitment by proposal consortium members

Now.

09/03/27

15/06/27

Q4-2027

Project starts:

- set up framework for the third party grants

First third-party calls

- **research performers and providers can submit their proposals to get support for their engagement in the EOSC Federation**

Second third-party calls

- **research performers and providers can submit their proposals to get support for their engagement in the EOSC Federation**

Project ends

- all third-party projects have to end before the end of the co-fund project

Q1_2028

Q2-Q3 2028

2029-2030

2032-2033

Co-fund action: budget flow

Countries + funding agencies decide their participation in the call (up to 40 M€ total).

Q4 2027: the Commission contributes the same amount as the countries (commitment during the grant agreement) to the consortium. Details of the budget flow etc. are going to be described in the consortium agreement.

Total budget : up to 80 M€

- consortium activities (e.g. training, monitoring, creating platform for third party grants, work shop organisation, legal studies, ...)
- administrative overhead for grant handling (tbd)
- **by far the largest part of the budget goes to third party grants** (that's for you!)
- **At least 20%** of the total financial support to third parties must **not have any additional geographic restrictions**.
- **This means: up to 80% of the potential budget for RPOs, service providers (...) can have geographic restrictions**
- Therefore **it is vital that your country (i.e. a national funder from your country) participates in the proposal consortium** to maximise the funding options your organisation can apply for

How to finance transnational activities?

Partners outside the consortium countries: Apply for the support ($\geq 20\%$) without geographic restrictions

- potentially all third-party calls have a part that's not geographically restricted, or some third-party calls have this option, or some calls have the whole budget without geographic restriction
- also partners from consortium countries can apply for the support without geographic restrictions.

Transnational activities:

- calls are launched by several (all?) participating funding agencies at the same time with the same description, likely coordinated by one single funding agency (e.g. one proposal platform, proposal handling, evaluation committees organisation, ...)
- transnational activities are encouraged: apply with several partners in several countries with the same aim (i.e. one single proposal, with budget requests per partner >>> similar to RIA or CSA proposals)
- difficulty: ERICs and other infrastructures are a legal entity in one country (which might not participate or only with a very limited budget). Potential solution: partners (e.g. RPOs) of the entity in the participating countries apply together with the RI as a consortium.

Co-fund action: next steps

- Meeting with **all members** of the co-fund working group (EOSC-SB members and representatives of funding agencies) before the summer (**July 2nd, 14h**) and after the summer (**August 28, 15h**)
- Consortium building and discussion of proposal elements continues — time for you to make your voice heard.
- March 9, 2027: [the call](#) opens for proposals
- June 15, 2027 : deadline for proposals
- during 2028 : third party calls open for you to apply