

Horizon Europe Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

MSCA and Citizens

European Researchers' Night 2022-2023

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Main Features



Main objectives to be reached through the organisation of the European Researchers' Night:

- Bring research and researchers closer to the public.
- Show the role of the researcher for the society and economy.

 Raise the interest of young people in research careers.
- Address the general public, with a specific focus on families, pupils, students.
- The European Researchers' Night will include the Researchers at Schools initiative.



Expected impacts:

- Enhance engagement with citizens.
- Increase awareness among the general public of the importance and benefits of R&I.
- Diffusion and promotion of excellence research projects.
- Raise interest of young people in science and research careers.
- Better understanding of the European Union.
- Support school teachers in developing a scientific approach around priority topics.



Expected Outcome:

For researchers

- Enhanced opportunities to interact with citizens and local, regional and national authorities.
- Improved communication skills and competences to interact with a non-research audience.

For organisations

- Increased reputation and visibility of participating organisations.
- Researchers' work made more tangible.
- Improved outreach to all audiences, and notably those who do not have an easy access to science and research activities.
- Better communication of R&I results and activities to society.



Scope:

- The European Researchers' Night takes place every year, on the last Friday of September.
- Pre-events, and post-events can also be organised.
- It is a Europe-wide public and media event for the promotion of research careers.
- The European Researchers' Night will also bring researchers to schools to interact with pupils at any time during the project duration.



Types of Activities:

- Activities can combine education with entertainment.
- Where appropriate, engagement with educational institutions should be sought. That is particularly relevant for Researchers at Schools activities.
- Researchers will engage with teachers and pupils on challenges related to climate change, sustainable development, health and other priorities.
- The Researchers at Schools activities should be subject to a dedicated promotion, particularly towards schools.
- Applicants are encouraged to focus on, and include activities relating to, one or more <u>Missions</u> in their events.

Other Features:

- The European Researchers' Night should be highlighted as a European event.
- **Involvement of researchers** funded by Horizon Europe or previous Framework Programmes is encouraged.
- The European Researchers' Night promotes gender balance, diversity and inclusiveness in science.
- Partnerships and coordination at regional, national or crossborder levels are encouraged.
- High-quality applications not retained due to lack of funding may be granted the status of associated events.



Eligible participants:

- Applications my be submitted by one or more legal entities established in an EU Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country
- Activities carried-out in non-associated third countries are not eligible for funding



Project Duration:

- 24 months from the starting date
- Applicants are encouraged to submit proposals covering two successive editions (2022 and 2023)



Main differences compared to H2020:

- The European Researchers' Night will include the Researchers at Schools initiative which aims to strengthen the connection between research and education, by bringing researchers to schools to encourage interaction with pupils at all levels of primary and secondary education.
- Eligible costs will take the form of a lump sum.



Funding mechanism (1)

- Eligible costs will take the form of lump sum contributions
- The expected EU contribution per project is between EUR 50 000 and 150 000 per annual edition
- For example: The expected EU contribution requested for a proposal covering 2022 and 2023 would be between EUR 100 000 and 300 000
- Applicants propose a lump sum based on a detailed estimation of costs. Following evaluation of the proposal an individual lump sum is fixed in each grant agreement



Funding mechanism (2)

Proposals must contain a detailed budget per beneficiary:

Direct Costs:

Personnel costs; Subcontracting costs; Purchase costs; and Other cost categories

Indirect costs:

25% flat rate to the direct costs that qualify

The lump sum is calculated by applying the applicable reimbursement rate, 100% in this case

In addition, applicants must provide a split of the lump sum per beneficiary and per work package.

Payment - linked to the completion of work packages.



Proposal Evaluation



MSCA and Citizens - Evaluation

Overview of the process

Receipt of proposals

Individual evaluation

Consensus group

Panel review

Finalisation

Admissibility/eligibility check

Allocation of proposals to evaluators

Experts assess proposals **individually**.

Minimum of three experts per proposal (but often more than three).

All individual experts discuss together to agree on a **common position**, including comments and scores for each proposal.

The panel of experts reach an **agreement** on the scores and comments for all proposals within a call, checking **consistency** across the evaluations.

if necessary, resolve cases where evaluators were unable to agree.

Rank the proposals with the same score

The Commission/Agency reviews the results of the experts' evaluation and puts together the **final** ranking list.



MSCA and Citizens - award criteria

Excellence

(The following aspects will be taken into account, to the extent that the proposed work corresponds to the description in the work programme)

- Clarity and pertinence of the project's objectives.
- Quality of the proposed coordination and/or support measures including soundness of methodology.



MSCA and Citizens - award criteria

Impact

- Credibility of the pathways to achieve the expected outcomes and impacts specified in the work programme, and the likely scale and significance of the contributions from the project.
- Suitability and quality of the measures to maximise expected outcomes and impacts, as set out in the dissemination and exploitation plan, including communication activities.



MSCA and Citizens - award criteria

Quality and efficiency of the implementation

- Quality and effectiveness of the work plan, assessment of risks, and appropriateness of the effort assigned to work packages, and the resources overall.
- Capacity and role of each participant, and the extent to which the consortium as a whole brings together the necessary expertise.



EVALUATION SCORES:

Evaluation scores will be awarded for the 3 criteria just mentioned, and not for the different sub-criteria in each criteria.

Each criterion will be scored out of 5. The **threshold for individual criteria** will be 3. The total score will be subject to an **overall threshold of 10**.

The scoring table is the following:

- 0 **The proposal fails** to address the criterion or cannot be assessed due to missing or incomplete information.
- 1 **Poor.** The criterion is inadequately addressed, or there are serious inherent weaknesses.
- 2 **Fair.** The proposal broadly addresses the criterion, but there are significant weaknesses.
- 3 Good. The proposal addresses the criterion well, but a number of shortcomings are present.
- 4 **Very good.** The proposal addresses the criterion very well, but a small number of shortcomings are present.
- 5 **Excellent.** The proposal successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion. Any shortcomings are minor.

Proposal submission



Proposal submission

Novelties compared to H2020







NEW FIELDS IN PART A

- Researchers table needed to follow up researchers careers (HE indicator)
- Role of participating organisation
- Self-declaration on gender equality plan

FIELDS MOVED FROM PART B TO PART A

- Ethics self-assessment
- Security questionnaire (NEW! in all HE proposals)
- Information on participants' previous activities related to the call

NEW IN PART B

- Consistency on the use of terminology is ensured in all project phases (from WP to proposal and reporting)
- Extensive explanations on what exactly should be included in each section.



Proposal submission Gender Equality Plans

Corporate eligibility criterion in Horizon Europe (not specific to MSCA)

Applicable to public bodies, research organisations and higher education establishments from EU Member States and Horizon Europe Associated Countries

Minimum process-related <u>requirements</u> for publication, dedicated resources, data collection & monitoring, and training

Transition/grace period before full enforcement for calls with deadlines in 2022

http://ec.europa.eu/info/research-and-innovation/strategy/strategy-2020-2024/democracy-and-citizens-rights/gender-equality-research-and-innovation_en



Proposal submission

Specificities of the administrative forms (Part A) proposal template:

Budget table

Coordinator and partners will have to encode just the **Requested Grant Amount** for each of them

Administrative forms

Proposal ID SEP-210760527

Acronym Test

3 - Budget

No	Name of Beneficiary	Country	Requested grant amount
1	Baird Consulting Scs	BE	100000,00
2	Test Camelia-valeria	BE	50000,00
	Total	150000,00	



Proposal submission

Specificities of Part B proposal template:

There will be a **single document** for part B

- Follows the award criteria
- Page-limit 30 pages
- Instructions included in the template

Budget tables in the part B:

Table 3.1g Budget for the proposal

Participant	Personnel	Subcontracting	Purchase costs/€	Other cost	Indirect	Requested grant	Total Cost
short name	costs/€	costs/€	(Travel and subsistence +	categories/€	costs/€	amount (same figures	(including Own
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TOTAL							

	Year 2022/€	Year 2023/€
Total cost per edition		

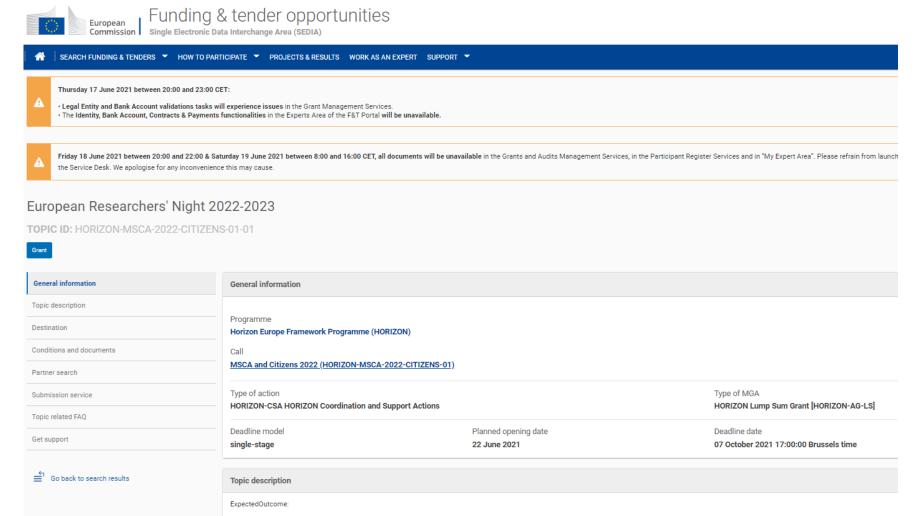
• If relevant, separate tables to detail the Subcontracting, Purchase costs and other categories have to be fulfilled

The IT System



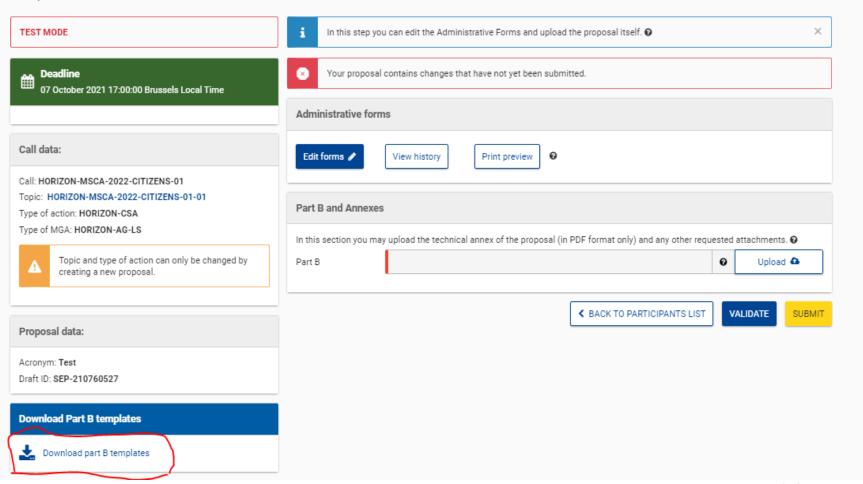
The Proposals for this call must be submitted electronically, using the electronic submission service of the European Commission, accessible from the Funding & Tender Opportunities website

This is the link to the Call European Researchers' Night 2022-2023

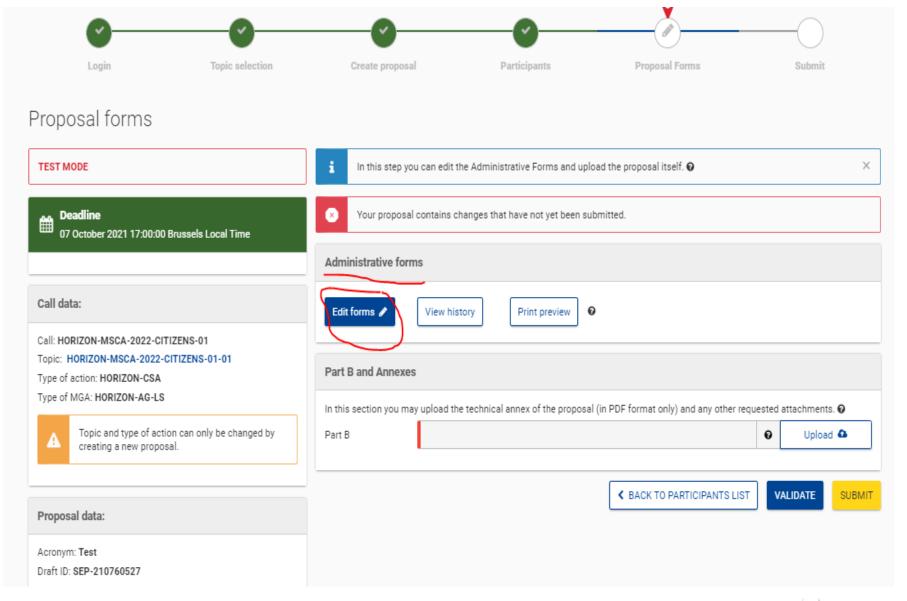




Proposal forms



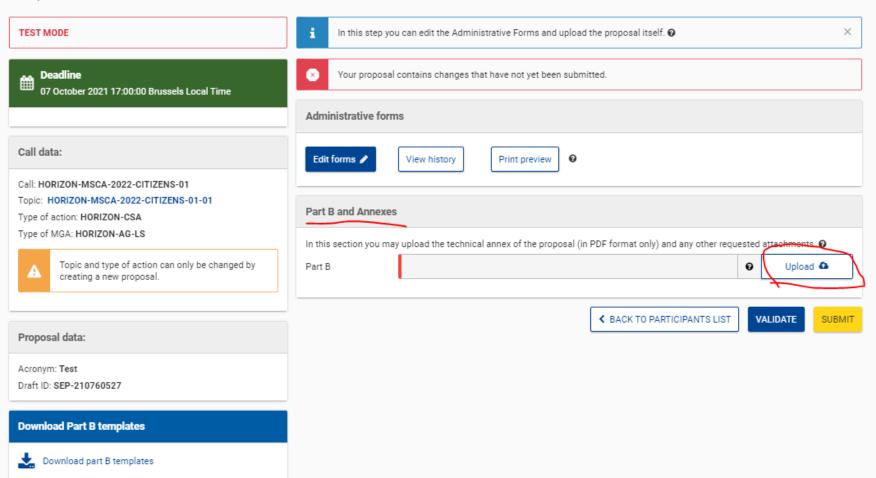




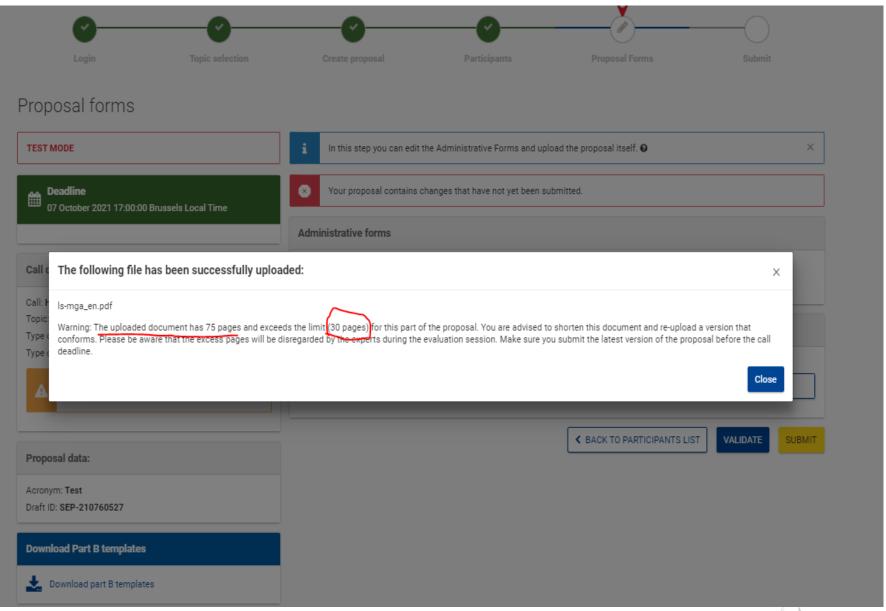




Proposal forms









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