



Health programme Call 2008

New ways for supporting your plans

Call offers financial support for part of the costs

- Your projects - 60% - total budget 28,5 M€
- Your operational expenses - 60% over 1 financial year - total budget 2,3 M€
- Conferences (lump sum less than 50% of eligible costs) – 0,5 M€
- Joint actions of Member States – 50% - total budget 2,3 M€

Means better adapted to different aims:

- Projects, joint actions are collaborative undertakings: multiple partners
- Conferences, Operating grants: only one beneficiary

JA &OG: Help in decision whether to invest into full fledged submission

- Sent pre-proposal by April 11th
- Get a reply within 5 working days
- Stop or go ahead

Why different forms:

- Project submission form
- Form for Operating grants
- Form for Conferences
- Equity in treatment with hundreds of submissions but simplification where less details is required

Financial and contractual information

Participating countries

Main and associated partners from :

- ◆ EU 27 Member States
- ◆ Croatia
- ◆ EFTA/EEA: Iceland – Lichtenstein – Norway

Note: Sub-contractors and collaborating partners may originate from further countries, when necessary for the good implementation of the project

Financial mechanisms

◆ GRANTS:

- ◆ ACTIONS
- ◆ OPERATING GRANTS
- ◆ CONFERENCES
- ◆ JOINT ACTIONS

◆ CALLS FOR TENDERS

Compared to the 2007 Call

- There is no obligation anymore for each individual partner to financially contribute for at least 40% of his part of the budget.
- The minimum requirement of 40% co-financing applies only at the project level.

Types of participants

- ◆ Main Partner/ Main beneficiary

(= co-ordinator)

- ◆ Associated partner / Associated beneficiary

(= co-beneficiary)

- ◆ Sub-contractor

- ◆ Collaborating partner

(Only one beneficiary for operating grants and conferences)

Summary

	Project coordination	Project core participation	Eligible costs to be borne by the project	Financial Contribution to the project	Contractual relationship with the EU
Main partner	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Associated partner	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Subcontractor	No	No	Yes, invoiced to the main and/or associated partner(s)	No	No
Collaborating partner	No	No	No	No	No

Eligible costs

The following conditions are cumulative:

- Be connected with the subject of the grant agreement (action, operating, joint and conferences)
- Be necessary for the performance of the action
- Be reasonable and justifiable
- Be generated during the lifetime of the action
- Be actually incurred (& recorded in the accounts)
- Be identifiable and verifiable
- Be exclusive of any non-eligible costs

Non eligible costs

- Return on capital
- Debt and debt service charge
- Provisions for losses and future liabilities
- Interest owed
- Doubtful debts
- Exchange losses
- VAT, unless the beneficiary can demonstrate its inability to recover it
- Costs declared by a beneficiary and covered by another action
- « Excessive or reckless » expenditure
- Contributions in kind
- Etc...

Direct eligible costs

- 1) Staff
- 2) Travel and subsistence
- 3) Equipment
- 4) Consumables
- 5) Sub-contracting
- 6) Other costs

Indirect eligible costs

For action grants and conferences:

- Each beneficiary is entitled up to a maximum of 7% flat rate allowance
- No costs evidence required

For operating grants:

- No flat rate / overheads reimbursed on the basis of cost evidence

Incomes

- ◆ The net contribution of the beneficiary is minimum 40% of the eligible costs for action and operating grants and of 50 % for conferences
- ◆ The EC shall contribute to reimburse a maximum 60% of the eligible costs for action and operating grants and 50 % for conferences (up to 100.000 €)
- ◆ The beneficiary initially bears for 100% of the costs

BUDGET

- ◆ The budget annexed to the grant agreement is an estimate.
- ◆ The initial application's budget may be reduced to optimise the cost or the beneficiary may be requested to increase its contribution
- ◆ The final cost claim shows the actual costs incurred and recorded in the accounts

Payments

The payment of the EC contribution may be :

- ◆ Action and Joint Action Grant in several instalments (for example)
 - ✓ 30% First pre-financing payment
 - ✓ 40% Further pre-financing payment
 - ✓ 30% Final payment (balance resulting from the cost statement accepted costs)
(offsetting of pre-financings with declared actual costs)

- ◆ Operating and Conference Grant
 - ✓ Up to 70% First pre-financing payment
 - ✓ 30% Final payment (balance resulting from the cost statement accepted costs)
(offsetting of pre-financings with declared actual costs)

Alternative payment schemes may be considered upon substantial /
accepted requests

Financial guarantee

- ✓ May be requested for pre-financing.
- ✓ May be replaced by a joint guarantee by a third party.
- ✓ If no bank guarantee could be provided, no pre-financing is possible

Budget Transfers

Maximum 20% change in cost category budget (art 1.4.4) requiring no agreement amendment

- ✓ 20% of the receiving category
- ✓ No change to the total budget
- ✓ Co-ordinator informs the Commission

Above 20%, a written request for an amendment to the agreement is required.

Audit certificates

- In support of grants application
 - For actions worth more than 500 000 €
 - For operating grants worth more than 100 000 €
- In support of requests for payment
 - For actions: over 750 000 €
 - For operating grants : over 100 000 €