

EU Research Infrastructures — Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Updated February 2016

1. How many proposals are expected to be funded under each of the areas detailed under Infra IA?
2. Are there expected budgets for proposals under each Call topic?
3. What specific topics are included in the seven areas covered by Call 2 (IA)?
4. Which Calls are open to ESFRI projects only?
5. Can just one category under Call 2, Integrating Activities, be focused on within a proposal?
6. Can users access facilities if they are not a “member” of a funded RI?
7. Where can I download the proposal template?
8. What is covered under virtual access costs?
9. What is the policy on Russian partners?
10. In relation to *Advanced Communities*, does each partner need to have been funded under a previous Framework Programme? Should the funding have been awarded under the Research Infrastructure work programme?
11. Are there any "non-competing" clause re: participation to Integrating activities under INFRAIA-01, i.e., could an organisation submit/participate in two or more proposals under the same topic, e.g., "european smart grid RI"?
12. The Research Infrastructures for Starting Communities must show a limited degree of co-ordination/networking, how is this degree evaluated?
13. INFRAIA-02-2017: Are there any guidelines regarding the splitting of Networking, Transnational and Joint Research Activities?
14. In Integrating Activities, does a Starting Community need to provide access and describe other activities?

1. How many proposals are expected to be funded under each of the areas detailed under Infra IA?

Twenty seven topics have been outlined for the advanced community only. The expectation is that one proposal will be submitted for each. The indicative budget over 2016 and 2017 is €160M. The starting communities are not directed through specific topics but must fall within the seven listed themed areas provided in the workprogramme.

2. Are there expected budgets for proposals under each Call topic?

Yes. The details of all calls including the expected budget lines are available within the work programme.

3. What specific topics are included in the seven areas covered by Call 2 (IA)?

There are 7 topics under Call 2 for Advanced communities; the areas/activities covered under each of the seven areas are provided in the work programme:

http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/wp/2016_2017/main/h2020-wp1617-infrastructures_en.pdf

4. Which Calls are open to ESFRI projects only?

INFRADEV-02-2016; INFRADEV-03-2016 is restricted to projects within the ESFRI roadmap other world class research infrastructure in Europe with established legal structure and international governance

5. Can just one category under Call 2, Integrating Activities, be focused on within a proposal?

Three categories come in under Call 2: Networking activities; Trans-national Access/Virtual Access; and Joint Research activities. All three categories of activities are mandatory within proposals

(synergistic effects are expected from these different components). However, the focus among these categories may differ for Starting and Advanced Communities.

6. Can users access facilities if they are not a “member” of a funded RI?

Yes. Access to research facilities and infrastructure, also known as Transnational Access (TA), is currently funded under the FP7 Research Infrastructures Programme. As with FP7, networks funded under Horizon 2020 will receive funding to bring together their facilities and to open them up to those outside of their network. The grant will facilitate the access of researchers from all over the EU to the network's facilities and infrastructure. Access will be provided free of charge to users of the facilities. Access opportunities are currently located at: <http://www.euroris-net.eu/>

7. Where can I download the proposal template?

The proposal templates will be available on the participant portal located here: <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/home.html>

8. What is covered under virtual access costs?

The following is covered: the running costs of the installation; the costs for technological and scientific support to users' access (e.g. help desk). However it excludes all contributions to the capital investments of the infrastructure.

9. What is the policy on Russian partners?

Russian entities can participate across the whole of Horizon 2020, under the following conditions: when there is a bilateral agreement with the country in question; when it is deemed that the participation is essential for carrying out the project; when the funding is explicitly foreseen in the call.

10. In relation to *Advanced Communities*, does each partner need to have been funded under a previous Framework Programme? Should the funding have been awarded under the Research Infrastructure work programme?

Advanced Communities are those whose research infrastructures already show an advanced degree of coordination and networking through Integrating Activities awarded under previous Framework Programmes. Proposals should take into due account all relevant ESFRI RI to exploit synergies and to ensure coherency in the EU RI landscape.

11. Could an organisation submit/participate in two or more proposals under the same topic, e.g., "European smart grid RI"?

There is no clause limiting the participation of an organisation in IA in the same or in different areas. However, multiple proposals addressing the same area would be contrary to the aims of the programme.

12. The Research Infrastructures for Starting Communities must show a limited degree of co-ordination/networking, how is this degree evaluated?

The RIs for Starting Communities must include some Networking Activities which will “...*foster a culture of co-operation between research infrastructures, scientific communities, industries and other stakeholders as appropriate, and to help develop a more efficient and attractive European Research Area.*”

13. INFRAIA-02-2017: Are there any guidelines regarding the splitting of Networking, Transnational and Joint Research Activities?

Yes. General guidelines can be found in the call documents.

14. In Integrating Activities, does a Starting Community need to provide access and describe other activities?

Yes. In each proposal for an Integrating Activity all trans-national and/or virtual, Networking and Join research activities must be included