**Grant for networking to facilitate the participation of EaP countries in Brokerage Events and in Preparatory Meetings**

**Guidelines for Applicants**

**Objective**

One of the aims of the Eastern Partnership PLUS (EaP PLUS) project is to support the stronger interaction of EaP researchers with EU counterpart & their participation in H2020, . The development of Grants for networking financially supports the participation of local researchers from:

* Research entities e.g. research institutions/organizations, higher education institutions etc.,
* Industry,
* Municipalities and
* SMEs

from EaP countries in large-scale Brokerage Events and other similar activities related to Horizon2020 in EU/EaP countries as well as in Preparatory Meetings for the development of concrete project proposals for selected thematic calls within H2020. The aim of the task is to extend scientific networks between EU Member States/non-EaP Associated Countries and EaP countries as well to increasee the number of EaP participants in submitted H2020 project proposals.

**Eligibility criteria**

These criteria **have to be met** in order to be eligible for participation.

* Be a member or an employee of a research institution/organization and/or of a network of organizations and/or of a higher education institution and/or of an SME-enterprise working on research, municipalities and industry (e.g. industrial plants working with universities)
* Conduct research in one of the partner countries (AM, AZ, BY, GE, MD, UA)
* Submit a completely filled in application form along with all the required documentation
* Have a PhD degree and/or at least three years’ full time experience in research.
* Speaking fluent English.

**Further eligibility criteria - participation in preparatory meeting**

A preparatory meeting must comprise at least partners from two organisations with one partner necessarily from an EU member state and one from a country of the EaP. Scientists in EU MS/non-EaP AC will invite EaP researchers to jointly develop H2020 applications. EU MS/non-EaP AC researchers need to nominate the partner from the EaP countries with whom they intend to participate in a preparatory meeting or vice versa. One of the team members must be designated as “Coordinator” of the project. The EaP PLUS project will only support applications that imperatively include 1-2 preparatory meetings among representatives of the partner organizations in order to prepare the proposal, and work on the scientific/administrative details of the proposal. In addition, it is possible for the organisations to participate in preparatory meetings of already existent EU consortia in order to establish a cooperation for a common application to a H2020 Call. The application should include:

* Information on the preparatory meetings (place, time, number of participants, the actions for the preparation of the joint proposal etc.)
* Description of the member organisations, names and contact details of the researchers participating in the meeting, name of the Project Coordinator.
* Information on the selected call within HORIZON 2020, for which a new proposal is intended or being prepared.
* Brief information on the scientific basis for the proposal
* A brief description of experience in previous S&T projects
* A list of up to 5 publications
* An anticipated time schedule for the preparatory meetings
* Signed letter of intent between EU and EaP researchers

**Evaluation criteria**

* Scientific excellence/Research performance (publications, patents, project, etc.) (40% of the score)
* Previous international cooperation activities (projects and/or structured cooperation with other countries; trainings abroad; participation in international conferences, etc.) (20% of the score)
* Commitment to participate in a particular Horizon2020 Call, commitment to take full advantage of the participation in the event: expected outcome, concrete plans for cooperation, participation in Horizon2020 calls should be described in more detail (40% of the score)

**Additional evaluation criteria**

* Gender: Encouragement of female researchers to participate
* Encouragement of *young researchers*
* Encouragement of researchers from *SME*-enterprise working on research, *municipalities* and *industry* (e.g. industrial plants working with universities)
* Encouragement of researchers who attend *preparatory meeting*
* The aim is that the participation will have a multiplier effect in the country and/or region.
* Some international experience (already existing contacts in other countries, participation in previous international conferences and collaborations, etc.).
* Commitment to participate in a particular Horizon2020 call.
* Additional activities planned during the event (e.g. giving a presentation, taking part in a poster session, submitting a partner search profile, scheduling a bilateral meeting etc.)

**Final deadline for submission: 30th of June 2017 (applying for events between February and November 2017 is possible[[1]](#footnote-1))**

**Latest date of the selected event: 30th of November 2017**

**Selection Process**

**Formality and eligibility check**

The Local EaP PLUS Partner will be responsible for the formality and eligibility check. Applications which do not comply with the eligibility criteria will not be considered within the evaluation process.

**Evaluation**

The evaluation, based on a specified scoring matrix (see below) will be carried out by the Local Partners, the Task Leader and the Coordinator.

**Scoring Matrix**

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| **Evaluation Criteria** | **Scoring** |
| Have a postgraduate degree and/or at least three years’ full time experience in research | Yes or No |
| Be a member or an employee of a research institution and or of a higher education institution or of a research department of an SME-enterprise in one of the partner countries | Yes or No |
| Sufficient knowledge of English (language exam, or self-estimation) | Yes or No |
| Research performance/scientific excellence:* + - 5 most important publications, relevant to the event
		- total number of publications
		- total number of citations
		- patents, if any
		- participation in projects related to the topic of the Brokerage Event
 | max: 10 pointsmin: 7 points |
| International cooperation activities:* + - projects and/or structured cooperation with other countries;
		- trainings abroad;
		- participation in international conferences
 | max: 5 pointsmin: 3 points |
| Commitment to take full advantage of the participation in the event:* + - expected outcome, **concrete** plans for cooperation (become a member of a Horizon 2020 consortium, deepen already existing international contacts etc.)
		- other activities planned (poster, presentation etc.)
 | max: 10 pointsmin: 7 points |

**Funding Requirements**

The Grants will be paid by the Local Partner as a reimbursement for travel costs (travel, accommodation, event participation fee, visa costs and per diem or actual expenses) in accordance to Local Partner rules.

**Contact**

Please get in touch with the Local Partner in your country for any questions regarding the eligibility criteria and the application process:

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**Recommended Events**

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| Title | European Forum dedicated to regenerative medicine - REGMED EUROPE – Paris 2017 |
| Topic | Cell therapy; Gene therapy; Biomaterials; Tissue engineering |
| Start Date | 07 Jul 2017 |
| End Date | 07 Jul 2017 |
| Deadline | 04 Jul 2017 |
| City | Paris |
| Country | France |
| Cost | Free of charge |
| Link | <https://www.b2match.eu/regmedparis2017>  |

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| Title | Meet in Italy for Life Sciences 2017 - MIT4LS2017 |
| Topic | Life Sciences |
| Start Date | 11 Oct 2017 |
| End Date | 13 Oct 2017 |
| Deadline | 30 Sept 2017 |
| City | Turin |
| Country | Italy |
| Cost | Free of charge |
| Link | <https://www.b2match.eu/mit4ls2017>  |

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| Title | International Brokerage Event during A+A - Leading trade forum for safety, security and health at work |
| Topic | Safety, security and health at work |
| Start Date | 18 Oct 2017 |
| End Date | 19 Oct 2017 |
| Deadline | 13 Oct 2017 |
| City | Düsseldorf |
| Country | Germany |
| Cost | Free of charge |
| Link | <https://www.b2match.eu/aplusa2017>  |

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| Title | ICT Proposers' Day 2017 |
| Topic | Information & Communication Technologies |
| Start Date | 09 Nov 2017 |
| End Date | 10 Nov 2017 |
| Deadline | not yet available |
| City | Budapest |
| Country | Hungary |
| Cost | Free of charge |
| Link | <http://www.ideal-ist.eu/event/ict-proposers-day-2017>  |

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| Title | MEDICA 2017 - Healthcare Brokerage Event |
| Topic | Health |
| Start Date | 14 Nov 2017 |
| End Date | 16 Nov 2017 |
| Deadline | 02 Nov 2017 |
| City | Düsseldorf |
| Country | Germany |
| Cost | 100-200 € + MEDICA trade fair entrance ticket |
| Link | <https://www.b2match.eu/medica2017>  |

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| Title | BioHorizon Food Brokerage Event |
| Topic | Food, Food Security, Agriculture, Forestry, Blue Growth, Marine, Maritime, Aquaculture, Bioeconomy |
| Start Date | 15 Nov 2017 |
| End Date | 15 Nov 2017 |
| Deadline | 27 Oct 2017 |
| City | Brussels, |
| Country | Belgium |
| Cost | Free of charge |
| Link | <https://www.b2match.eu/foodbrokerage2017>  |

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| Title | The Brokerage Event on Nanotechnology and Advanced Materials |
| Topic | Nanotechnology and Advanced Materials |
| Start Date | 16 Nov 2017 |
| End Date | 16 Nov 2017 |
| Deadline | 15 Nov 2017 |
| City | Munich |
| Country | Germany |
| Cost | Free of charge |
| Link | <https://www.b2match.eu/nmp2017>  |

Further events:

* <http://een.ec.europa.eu/tools/services/EVE/Event/ListEvents>
* <https://events.b2match.com/?utf8=%E2%9C%93&q=brokerage>

Please note that **application for other events (out of the list above) is possible.**

**Useful Links: Horizon 2020**

Please find here some useful information, links on Horizon 2020 and Work Programme.

What is Horizon 2020? <http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/en/what-horizon-2020>

What is the Work Programme? <http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/en/what-work-programme>

H2020 program sections: <https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/en/h2020-sections>

All H2020 Work Programme (2016-2017):

[http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/funding/reference\_docs.html#h2020-work-programmes-2016-17](http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/funding/reference_docs.html)

H2020 proposal template 2016-2017: <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/call_ptef/pt/2016-2017/h2020-call-pt-ria-ia-2016-17_en.pdf>

Participant Portal: <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal//desktop/en/home.html>

Registration on Participant Portal: <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/cas/eim/external/register.cgi>

Horizon 2020 Online Manual: <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/docs/h2020-funding-guide/index_en.htm>

Horizon 2020 Reference documents (rules for participation, guides for applicants, proposal templates, evaluation forms, etc) : <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/funding/reference_docs.html>

NCP network: <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/support/national_contact_points.html>

Technology readiness levels (TRL):

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/other/wp/2016_2017/annexes/h2020-wp1617-annex-g-trl_en.pdf>

Full list of Third Countries: <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/other/wp/2016-2017/annexes/h2020-wp1617-annex-a-countries-rules_en.pdf>

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1. Candidates can apply for one event. The application form needs to be sent minimum one month before the selected event. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)