

Q&A from the Chat of the
ERA4Health – Info seminar on the Joint Transnational Call
Increasing health equity through promoting
healthy diets and physical activity -
“HealthEquity”
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Q1: Are interventions targeting physical activity / sedentary behaviour expected to target the built environment specifically or are interventions increasing physical activity as such also in scope?

A1: Interventions increasing physical activity are also within the scope. But research approaches should be as multidimensional as possible

Q2: What is meant by "innovative strategies to reach the target group"?

A2: This means new ways to reach the target groups and involve them in the project efficiently

Q3: Is this call intended to perform research just in humans, or is it also focused to perform basic research in experimental animals?

A3: Basic research in animal models is not within the scope.

Q4: What is meant by "existing cohorts"?

A4: Existing cohorts are cohorts that are already running from which the project could receive important data and information.

Q5: Could you please explain how ERA4Health defines transnational research? Additionally, is it expected that an international consortium will apply one of the presented research approaches, or multiple in their research proposal? Obviously, what can be done might differ significantly per participating country.

A5: Proposals should comprise holistic and multi-disciplinary research, that must include several approaches tackling different aspects that have been shown on the slides. how this is divided up at work package level depends of course on the composition of the consortium

Q6: Regarding involvement of stakeholders, do you consider involvement of stakeholders only falling under mentioned categories? Such as collaborator or advisor? Or, for instance, it could be describe in data collection through interviews.. etc..

It is strongly recommended to integrate stakeholders as early as possible in the research process. The mentioned categories are examples, the exact stakeholder involvement depends on the type of the stakeholder and your research question. In your proposal you should describe the stakeholder involvement well since it is one of the evaluation criteria.

Q7: Can a research group from UK be included as non-funded partner or collaborator or stakeholder?

A7: Groups from UK can be included as collaborators or stakeholders without funding.

Q8: If we are 2-3 groups from the same university, how are these counted, as 3 partners or only one partner?

A8: This might depend on national rules. Please contact your national contact point with this question.

Q9: Can an SME be included as sub-contract? the subcontracts enter officially into the consortium (the biggest consortium of 7...etc.)?

A9: The possibility to include SME depends on the national rules. Please contact your national funding agency in this matter. But in general, sub-contracts would not count as a partner.

Q10: In case of testing new interventions – would the intervention study be expected to cover several of the participating countries?

A10: This depends on your aims and can't be answered in general.

Q11: Are also digital solutions/interventions allowed and how the project is related to digital approaches etc.?

A11: The projects should demonstrate the family, social, cultural, and local background, as well as digital influences. So digital approaches could be e.g. evaluated as one part of the project.

Q12: Are we eligible if we lead another project funded by the call's national agency?

A12: This depends on the National regulations and may vary between the participating funding organizations.

Q13: What level of detail is needed for justification in the budget table?

A13: The calculations should be understandable and comprehensible. However, they do not have to go into too much detail, e.g. when calculating personnel costs, PM and salary is sufficient. In case of doubt, please ask again during the application phase.

Q14: Projects can start in December 2023-May 2024, but for how long should/can the project last?

A14: The runtime of the projects is 3 years.

Q15: How will be the evaluation process? I understand that there will be an initial evaluation about the project being within the scope of the call, but what afterwards? Will funding entities from national countries be involved or the whole evaluation process will be carried out by a single central entity?

A15: An international evaluation committee will review the applications according to the criteria in the call text. Subsequently, the approval of the individual partners will be carried out on a national level.

Q16: How can we participate as a partner as a non EU country and without budget as applicant?

A16: Research groups from non EU countries can join the consortia as a collaborator. Two collaborators are allowed in each consortium. Collaborators must submit a letter of intent, in which they also confirm that they will pay their own costs.

Q17: Is it mandatory to fill in the column "in kind contribution" of the budget table?

A17: It is not mandatory to fill in an "in kind contribution". However, it depends on national regulations if some entities (e.g. companies) need to provide in kind contribution.

Q18: If anyone has the link for the EC partnership tool it would be great if you could add it to the chat.

A18: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/how-to-participate/partner-search>. Please see the other links for further information on how to upload your own profile/proposal:

<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/funding-tenders-opportunities/display/IT/Find+partners#Findpartners-Manageyourorganisationpartnersearchprofile>

https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/docs/h2020-funding-guide/grants/applying-for-funding/find-partners_en.htm

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