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research and innovation  
opportunities

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**Cascade Funding**, also known as **Financial Support to Third Parties (FSTP)**, is a mechanism of the European Commission to distribute public funds in order to create new companies, increase their scalability, SMEs and / or mid-cap companies, in the adoption or development of digital innovation.

Under this scheme granted EU projects are requested to distribute to third parties' beneficiaries by issuing so called Open Calls.

This mechanism must follow specific rules that are established by the European Commission and that are set out in part K of the General Annexes of the Work Programme.

The main objective of this financing method is to simplify administrative procedures with SMEs, thus allowing some projects financed by the EU to issue, in turn, open calls to obtain more funding.

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Allocating financial support to third parties gives the opportunity to ongoing H2020 projects to distribute funding for specific kinds of activities, from studies, to experiments, pilots, developments, etc. enriching or extending it.

Applying to Open Calls allow:

- ✓ receive public funding from an ongoing H2020 project to execute **specific research and innovation activities** within the broader context offered by such project
- ✓ generate experience in EU funded projects
- ✓ establish or straight connections with leading players in your research field who are involved in the big ongoing H2020 project



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The main objective of this financing method is to simplify administrative procedures shown in the following:

- ✓ short applications 5-15 pages;
- ✓ quick reviews and financing decisions (2-3 months);
- ✓ usually, project budgets are from 60 000 up to 300,000 euros depending on the Call for proposals.
- ✓ the approved budget should be spent according to the rules H2020 or as a lump sum.
- ✓ small consortia (very often only one company from the country or abroad is enough in addition to scientific research institutes) is required;
- ✓ The project's duration is usually from 6 months to 1 year.

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This funding scheme covers a wide range of topics such as:

- ✓ Societal Issues
- ✓ Blockchains
- ✓ Textiles
- ✓ Aerospace
- ✓ Next Generation Internet
  - ✓ Energy
  - ✓ Raw Materials
  - ✓ Agriculture
  - ✓ Security
  - ✓ ICT, etc.

Why were not aware of this possibility:

- ✓ Usually, EC promotes it as the possibility for SME
- ✓ Calls for proposals are published on the "hidden" part of the Funding & tender opportunities portal.

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/competitive-calls>

# RMA NETWORK



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# Hop On Facility

An additional possibility for widening countries foreseen in Horizon Europe Programme - Widening participation and strengthening the European Research Area.

The Hop On Facility is limited to adding a single partner to consortia with no partners from widening countries.

The Hop On Facility integrates one additional participant from a Widening country into an ongoing project under **Pillar 2** or the **EIC pathfinder scheme**.

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/horizon/hop-on>



# Hop On Facility for Widening counters

## EU Member States

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Bulgaria  
Croatia  
Cyprus  
Czech Republic  
Estonia  
Greece  
Hungary  
Latvia  
Lithuania  
Malta  
Poland  
Portugal  
Romania  
Slovakia  
Slovenia



## List of Associated Countries\* eligible for hosting a Widening coordinator is:

Albania  
Armenia  
Bosnia and Herzegovina  
Faroe Islands  
Georgia  
Kosovo\*\*  
Moldova  
Montenegro  
Morocco  
North Macedonia  
Serbia  
Tunisia  
Turkey  
Ukraine



## Outermost regions

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Madeira  
Açores  
Saint-Martin  
Guadeloupe  
Martinique  
Guyane  
Mayotte  
La Réunion  
Canarias



\* Subject to valid association agreements of third countries with Horizon 2020  
\*\* Eligibility is without prejudice to positions on status, in particular with regard to the 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.



# Hop On Facility basic rules



The indicative requested EU contribution per project is the range of 0.2 to 0.5 million EUR.

Only ongoing Horizon Europe Research and Innovation Action (RIA) projects are eligible to apply to the Hop On Facility call.

The Commission has published on the Hop On Facility call page a [link to the list of eligible running projects already funded under Pillar 2 and the EIC Pathfinder](#) which is designed in a filtered way, so showing only those projects that are suitable matches for the Hop On Facility call.

Financial rules as in HE projects:

- ✓ Participants are entitled to claim direct eligible costs in full (reimbursement rate of 100%). This amount is topped up by an additional flat rate of 25% of direct costs to cover the indirect costs (overheads).
- ✓ All costs categories eligible under the ongoing RIA will become eligible for Hop on activities.

# Hop On Facility open Call

Hop On Facility (HORIZON-WIDERA-2022-ACCESS-07)

Deadline dates: 20 April 2022 17:00:00 Brussels time and 10 November 2022 17:00:00  
Brussels time

The overall budget for 2022 is 40 million



Call for Proposals  
**NOW OPEN!**



*How to get in touch with the in-charge person from the list of  
eligible running projects already funded under Pillar 2 and the EIC  
Pathfinder published by EC?*



Thank you for your  
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