

C. Standard eligibility conditions

1. All proposals must comply with the eligibility conditions set out in the Rules for Participation Regulation No 1290/2013. Furthermore, for actions under this Work Programme proposals/prize applications must comply with the **eligibility conditions** set out in this Annex, unless they are supplemented or modified in the call conditions.

A proposal/application will only be considered **eligible** if:

- (a) its content corresponds, wholly or in part, to the topic/contest description for which it is submitted
- (b) it complies with the eligibility conditions for participation set out in the table below, depending on the type of action:

	Eligibility conditions for participation ^{1,2,3}
Research & innovation actions (RIA)	At least three legal entities. Each of the three must be established in a different EU Member State or Horizon 2020 associated country. All three legal entities must be independent of each other.
Innovation actions (IA)	At least three legal entities. Each of the three must be established in a different EU Member State or Horizon 2020 associated country. All three legal entities must be independent of each other.
Coordination & support actions (CSA)	At least one legal entity established in an EU Member State or Horizon 2020 associated country.

¹ The eligibility criteria formulated in Commission notice Nr. 2013/C 205/05 ([OJEU C 205 of 19.07.2013, pp.9-11](#)) apply for all actions under this Work Programme, including for third parties that receive financial support under the action (in accordance with Article 137 of the Financial Regulation No 966/2012), notably programme cofund actions.

² Natural or legal persons, groups or non-State entities covered by the Council sanctions in force are not eligible to participate in Union programmes. Please see the consolidated list of persons, groups and entities subject to EU financial sanctions, available at http://eeas.europa.eu/cfsp/sanctions/consolidated_list_en.htm.

³ Given that the EU does not recognise the illegal annexation of Crimea and Sevastopol, legal persons established in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea or the city of Sevastopol are not eligible to participate in any capacity. This criterion also applies in cases where the action involves financial support given by grant beneficiaries to third parties established in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea or the city of Sevastopol (in accordance with Article 137 of the Financial Regulation No 966/2012). Should the illegal annexation of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the City of Sevastopol end, this Work Programme will be revised.

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ERA-NET Cofund actions	At least three legal entities. Each of the three must be established in a different EU Member State or Horizon 2020 associated country. All three legal entities must be independent of each other. Participants in ERA-NET Cofund actions must be legal entities owning or managing public research and innovation programmes. ⁴
Pre-commercial procurement (PCP) & Public procurement of Innovative solutions (PPI) actions	At least three legal entities. Each of the three must be established in a different EU Member State or Horizon 2020 associated country. All three legal entities must be independent of each other. Furthermore, there must be a minimum of two legal entities which are ‘public procurers’ ⁵ from two different EU Member States or Horizon 2020 associated countries. Both legal entities must be independent of each other.
European Joint Programme (EJP) Cofund actions	At least five legal entities. Each of the five must be established in a different EU Member State or Horizon 2020 associated country. All five legal entities must be independent of each other. ⁶ Participants in EJP Cofund actions must be legal entities owning or managing national research and innovation programmes. ⁷
Framework Partnership Agreement (FPA)	At least one legal entity established in an EU Member State or Horizon 2020 associated country.
Prizes	See conditions for participation in the Rules of Contest.

⁴ ERA-NET Cofund actions support coordination and collaboration between Member States and their research and innovation programmes. Consequently participation in these actions is limited to entities that can fully participate in joint calls and other actions between national and regional programmes. In this regard programme owners are typically national/regional ministries/authorities responsible for defining, financing or managing research programmes carried out at national or regional level. ‘Programme managers’ are typically research councils or funding agencies or other national or regional organisations that implement research programmes under the supervision of the programme owners.

⁵ Public procurers are organisations that are contracting authority or contracting entity as defined in EU public procurement directives 2004/18/EC, 2004/17/EC, and 2009/81/EC and in EU legislation replacing those in particular Directive 2014/24/EU and Directive 2014/25/EU.

⁶ EJP Cofund actions support coordinated national research and innovation programmes. In line with the objective of transnational integration through a critical mass of resources, the required minimum number of participants is higher than the one provided in the Rules for Participation Regulation No 1290/2013.

⁷ It is appropriate that core participation in EJP cofund actions is limited to entities that can fully participate through their contribution of national and regional programmes: programme owners, typically national ministries/regional authorities responsible for defining, financing or managing programmes carried out at national or regional level or ‘programme managers’ (such as research councils, funding agencies or governmental research performing organisations) or other entities that implement national or regional research and innovation programmes under the mandate of the programme owners. Beyond the minimum participants, other legal entities may participate if justified by the nature of the action, in particular entities created to coordinate or integrate transnational research efforts, grouping funding from public and private sources.

Note:

1. 'Sole participants' formed by several legal entities (e.g. European Research Infrastructure Consortia, European Groupings of Territorial Cooperation, central purchasing bodies) are eligible if the above-mentioned minimum conditions are satisfied by the legal entities forming together the sole participant.
2. The eligibility conditions applying to Marie Skłodowska–Curie (MSC) actions are set out under the MSC part and the eligibility conditions applying to the SME instrument under the part 'Towards the next EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation: European Innovation Council (EIC) pilot' of this Work Programme.
3. The eligibility conditions of European Research Council (ERC) actions are part of a separate work programme (see the ERC Work Programme on the Participant Portal).