Horizon Europe -How to Participate from Japan-

EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation

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National Contact Point for Horizon Europe







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^{*} The European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT) is not part of the Specific Programme

Work Program for every program clusters (Main Work Programme 2025 available online!)





◆ List of Eligible Countries (Automatic Funding)

- EU Member States (27 countries)
- Associated Countries (Norway, Turkey etc. Recently U.K. New Zealand, Canada and S. Korea signed, Japan is under final negotiation)
- Third countries with low income (Indonesia, Nepal etc.)

* Affiliated companies in EU27/AC are considered as entities in EU/AC. (Toyota, NEC, NTT Data, etc.)

Entities established in Japan needs to;

- <u>Fellows in MSCA fellowships and ERC grants</u>: Japanese researchers can participate with funds via host institution in EU/AC (and for Synergy Grant with hosted in Japan).
- <u>Hosts in MSCA Fellowships/Staff exchange</u>: Japanese institution participate as a host as Associated Partner without fund. JSPS calls might support Japanese host institutions.
- Collaborative calls (Pillar 2)
 - Japanese organization participate as an Associated Partner, no fund from Horizon.
 - In some call topics, Japanese entity may apply exceptional funds to EU (call indicates that and must be justified within consortium and in evaluation)
 - Apply to funding program in Japan (if any)

Participation from Japan as an entity of a consortium (matches to staff exchanges)



- 1. In case of bilateral cooperation, apply for **Open Partnership Joint Research Projects/Seminars (Bilateral Programs)**
- 2. In the case of a multilateral consortium, apply for Core-to-Core Programs

Note:

1. Bilateral exchange programs (JSPS)

In case the consortium consists of a mixture of institutions in academic and non-academic sectors, the Japanese applicant needs to designate one of the European institutions as a counterpart of this bilateral cooperation. However, the designated organization must be in the academic sector.

2. Core to Core Programs (JSPS)

In case the Horizon Europe consortium consists of a mixture of institutions in academic and non-academic sectors, an applicants in Japanese partner is required to prepare a research exchange plan that does not include the non-academic sector when applying to the call to JSPS.

3. Other: Implementation Arrangement of ERC.

This is an arrangement with between already existing programs.

JSPS: https://www.jsps.go.jp/j-pd/pd user-haken.html

JST: https://www.jst.go.jp/world/erc/index.htm

Participation to MSCA Fellowships as fellows/hosts



Fellow: After Host is selected

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Find your host in your network or **EURAXESS Job Search**

Fellow candidates for DN/Co-funds can also take a look at successful projects from previous year to apply, if the host is still calling for researchers.

fellows.

- Fellows will be asked to submit CVs, research proposals etc.
- Host institutions can also search for researchers using EURAXESS Job Search

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	Eligibility	How to Participate	Deadlines	Where can I apply?
Starting Grant (StG)	Early-career researchers with strong track record (2–7 years after PhD)	Submit proposal as Principal Investigator (PI) with a Host Institution in an EU/Associated Country	15 October 2024	Funding and Tenders portal for both fellow and the host institution.
Consolidator Grant (CoG)	Mid-career researchers with strong track record (7–12 years after PhD)	Submit proposal as Principal Investigator (PI) with a Host Institution in an EU/Associated Country	14 January 2025	Funding and Tenders portal for both fellow and the host institution.
Advanced Grant (AdG)	Established researchers with significant track record over last 10 years.	Submit proposal as Principal Investigator (PI) with a Host Institution in an EU/Associated Country	29 August 2024	Funding and Tenders portal for both fellow and the host institution.
Synergy Grant (SyG)	Small groups of 2–4 PIs working together, ; at least one PI must be based in an EU/Associated Country	Joint submit with all Principal Investigator (PI) with a Host Institutions in an EU/Associated Country (one can be in third country)	06 November 2024	Funding and Tenders portal for both fellow and the host institution.
Proof of Concept (PoC)	Must already hold an ERC grant	Currently running project apply.	18 September 2025	Funding and Tenders portal by a project.

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Participation procedure



- 1. Find your call from Work Programme and Funding and Tenders Portal.
- 2. Make sure that the call eligibility suggest Japanese entities can participate or even better encouraged.
- 3. Understand the Scope and Types of Actions suggested by the call.
- 4. Form a consortium (coordinator must be EU/AC members)
- 5. Co-create a proposal
- 6. Submit the project proposal by a project coordinator.

Join to a Consortium Grp

- Pillar 1 Research Infrastructure
- Pillar 2 (Cluster 1- 6 calls)
- Pillar 3 EIC Pathfinders
- Widening European Research Area

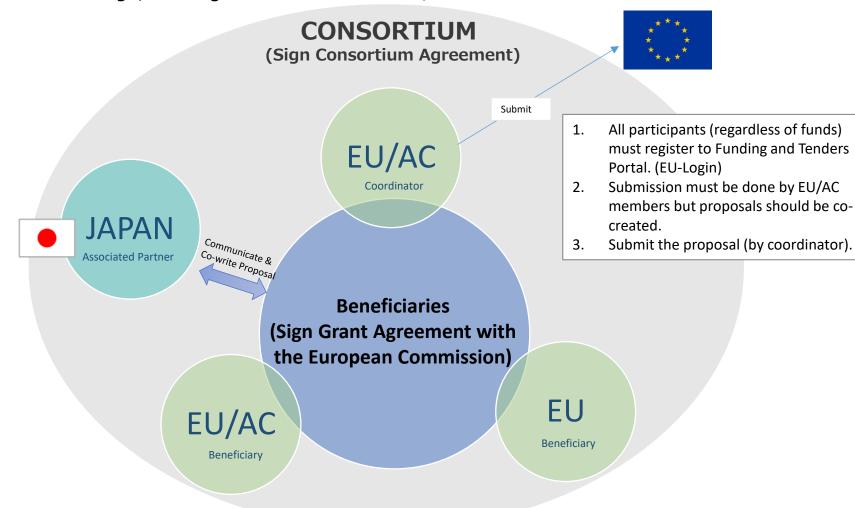
MSCA that requires consortium

- Pillar 1 Doctoral Networks (for hosts)
- Pillar 1 MSCA Staff Exchange
- Co-fund program can also include Japan as Associated partner.

Minimum rule for forming a consortium



- ✓ Minimum 3 entities from 3 different EU/AC countries for RIA/IA. One out of three must be from EU.
- ✓ Minimum 1 entity is enough for CSA type of action but must be from EU/AC.
- ✓ For Staff Exchange, two organization from two EU/AC is minimum.

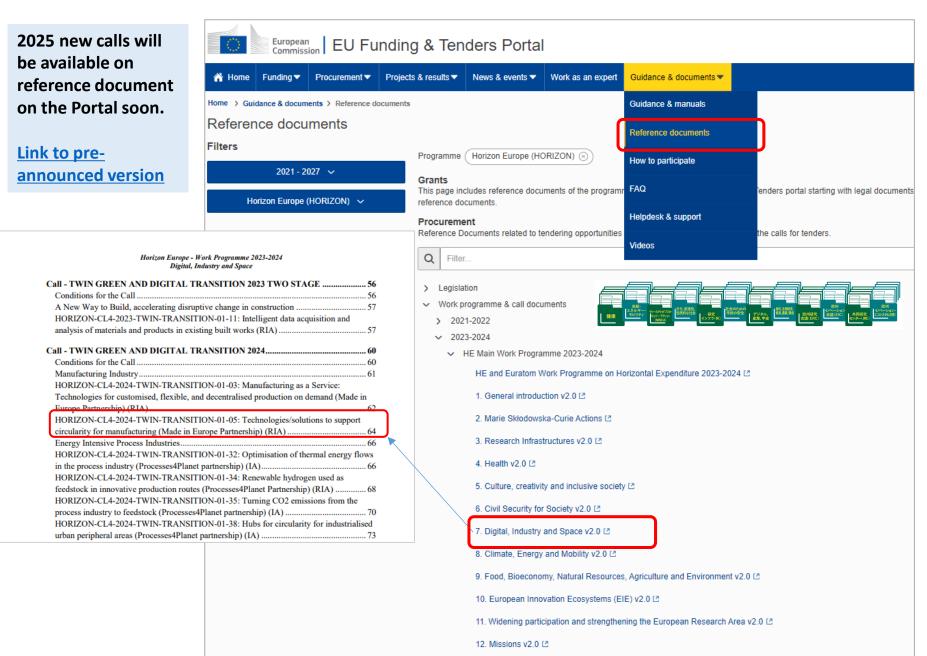


MS: EU Member States

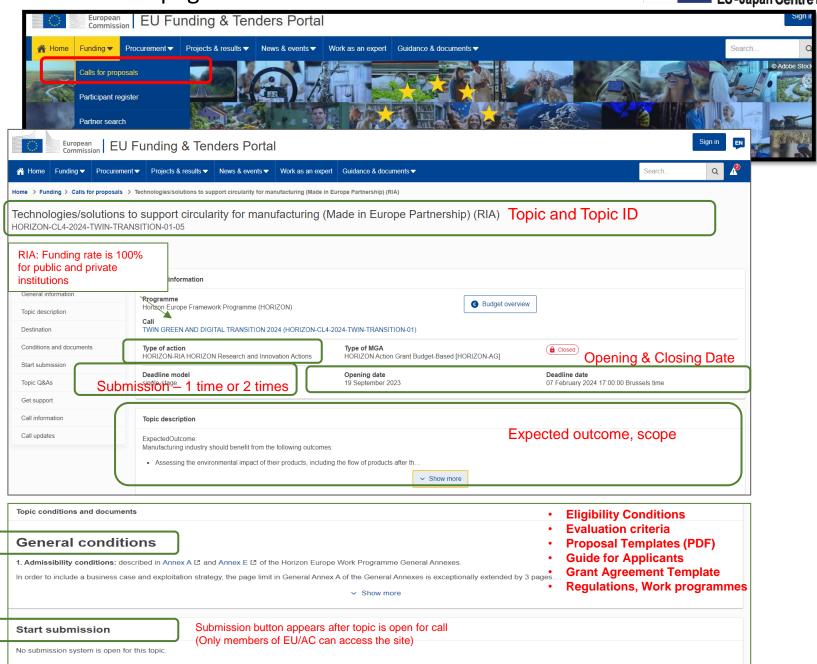
AC: Associated Countries to Horizon Europe Japan: None-EU Associated Countries

Beneficiary: Receive EU fund, Sign Grant Agreement (GA).
Associated Partner: No funds from EU, No signature to GA.
Carry out same amount of tasks as EU MS.

Find information about calls



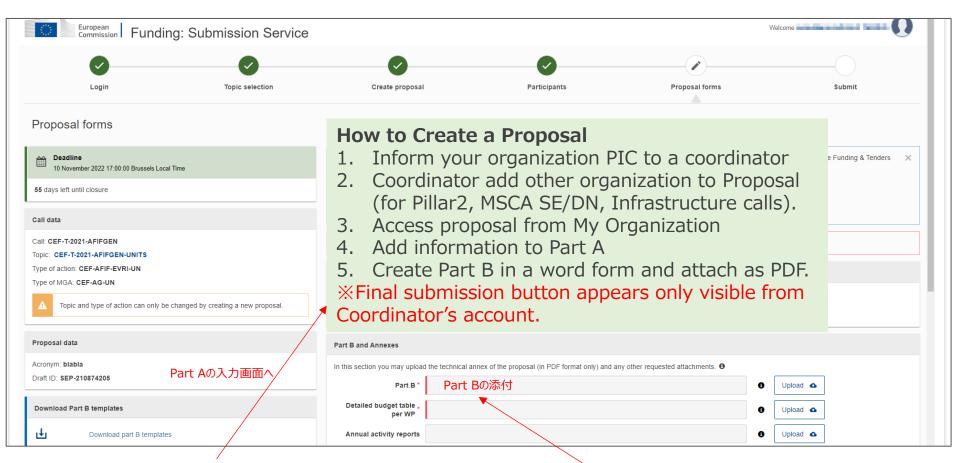
Find submission page



Co-create your proposal with consortium members



Part A form is direct input and Part B form will documentation.



Part A (Application form)
Project Name, objectives,
Budget, ethical questions

Part B (Technical part)
Participants, objectives,
Methodologies, workpackage,
milestones, deliverables, dissemination
and communications, IPR



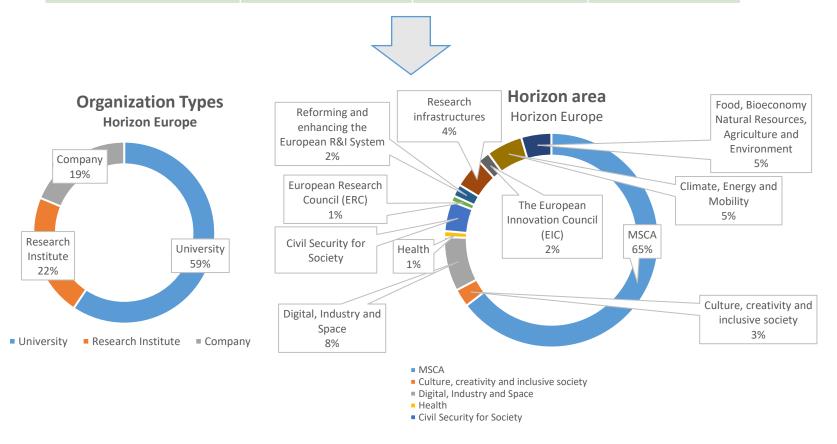
Participation from Japan till now

Horizon Europe (2021∼)

Projects (excl. JP researchers applying as a fellow to MSCA/ERC)

As of May 2025

	Projects	Participating entities	Participation
Horizon Europe	110	64	140



Inquiry to:

https://www.ncp-japan.jp/