



# GENDER-NET Plus

Promoting gender equality in H2020 and the ERA

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

**Deadline for submission of Pre-proposals: Thursday, 1 March 2018, 17:00 (Central European Time – CET).**

Please note that this document will be up-dated regularly. If your question is not answered here, please contact the GENDER-NET Plus Call Secretariat [gendernet@research.ie](mailto:gendernet@research.ie). For questions about national eligibility issues, please contact the national contact persons listed in the [Funding Organisation Rules](#).

**Questions and answers that have been added to this document since the last version was published are in red font.**

### **Is this call open to participants beyond the 13 countries participating in the call?**

Partners from other countries are not eligible for funding, however, provided they already have their own funding, they can be an additional partner in a project.

Only applicants from the following countries can apply for funding by GENDER-NET Plus: Austria, Belgium (Wallonia-Brussels Federation), Canada, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Norway, Spain or Sweden. The Project Coordinator (main applicant) should also be from one of the 13 listed countries.

### **Can non-academic partners such as NGOs or private companies apply for funding in the call?**

The eligibility of researchers and institutions are subject to the national /regional regulations and legal frameworks applicable to each individual party. For information on partner eligibility, please see the Funding Organisation rules for your particular country or funding agency at the following link: <http://gender-net-plus.eu/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/GENDER-NET-Plus-Funding-Organisation-Rules-2.pdf>

### **I cannot find a Funding Organisation from my country in the call document. Does this mean that my team cannot apply?**

Only applicants from the following countries can apply for funding by GENDER-NET Plus: Austria, Belgium (Wallonia-Brussels Federation), Canada, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Ireland,



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Israel, Italy, Norway, Spain or Sweden. The Project Coordinator (main applicant) should also be from one of the 13 listed countries.

Partners from any other country can participate in proposed projects in-kind as associate partners - associate partnership is open to everyone.

## **Who is eligible as a Principal Investigator (IP) in this call? Can for example a person who has a temporary contract with a Research Centre apply as a PI?**

To confirm a specific person's eligibility, we advise you to contact your country's funding organisation's contact points, since the principles may differ between organisations. Please find the contacts in <http://gender-net-plus.eu/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/GENDER-NET-Plus-Funding-Organisation-Rules-1.pdf>

## **How come the eligible topics, budgets, applicants and other requirements differ from country to country to such a great extent?**

Each of the funding organisations under GENDERNET PLUS are mandated to fund different types of research across a variety of disciplines, institutions and applicants. They have also set specific budgets for the successful applicants under their remit. Applicants are asked to consult the Funding Organisation rules or to contact the relevant funding organisation for guidance.

## **How many partners can a consortium have? Is there a minimum and maximum?**

Only the minimum number of consortium partners is set, namely three eligible partners from at least three eligible countries (Austria, French-speaking Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Norway, Spain or Sweden).

There is no maximum number of partners prescribed. However, in practice limits will be put by the maximum budget that is allowed for the proposed project as a whole (1 million euro). Please see more on this in <http://gender-net-plus.eu/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/GENDER-NET-Plus-General-Eligibility-1.pdf>.

## **What is the minimum and maximum budget of a project**

The total budget requested from the GENDER-NET Plus must not exceed 1 Million EURO across all participating partners in the CRP. For information on specific budget limits and eligible costs applicable to your country, see <http://gender-net-plus.eu/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/GENDER-NET-Plus-General-Eligibility-1.pdf>

## **What is the minimum and maximum duration of a project?**



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CRPs can have up to 36 months in duration. CRPs must start by March 1st, 2019 and finish by December 31st, 2021 at the latest.

**The call conditions say that the proposed projects, if successful, must have started by March 1, 2019, and ended by December 31, 2021. This leaves only 34 months as a project duration. How come?**

Projects must start by 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019 at the latest and all CRPs must finish on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021. However, projects can start earlier than that (from January 2019) and these projects can be 36 months in duration.

**While most of the 13 countries/regions participating in the call have only one funding organisation per country, in Spain and Canada there are two. Do the Spanish and Canadian applicants have to indicate to which of the two institutions they are applying to?**

The Canadian applicants are asked to indicate to which of the two funding organisations they are applying to, while the Spanish applicants are not asked to do this. The two Spanish funding organisations will decide this themselves based on which topics the proposal addresses.

**Does each applicant need to apply to the funding organisation of his/he own country?**

Each partner should follow his/her own country's funding organisation rules.

The application process itself is centralised: the applying takes place via the Electronic Proposal Submission System (<https://proposals.etag.ee/gendernetplus/>) and should be initiated by the Project Coordinator (the main applicant) who should be from one of the 13 listed countries.

In addition to this, some funding organisations require that applicants should submit additional documents to the relevant Funding Organisation(s). Please see the *General Eligibility Requirements* and *Funding Organisation Rules* for detailed instructions.

**Can one and the same institution participate in several applications?**

Yes, there are no limits placed on the number of applications per institution.

**Is there likely to be a call for this again in the coming years with different specific topics under the SDGs?**

There are no such decisions made at the moment, but it is possible that one or several other calls will follow.

**Who can I consult with regarding researchers' questions about topic compatibility?**



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General information on call topics is available in the Announcement of Opportunity on the GENDERNET PLUS website: <http://gender-net-plus.eu/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/GENDER-NET-Plus-Announcement-of-Opportunity-Topics-4.pdf>. Applicants can also contact the appropriate Funding Organisation Contact Point for further information. However, it is ultimately the responsibility of the researcher to determine the most suitable topic(s) for their proposal and to convince the scientific evaluators that their research proposal falls under one or several of the call's topics.