

### Management and knowledge of European research model and promotion of research results

### 4. Horizon 2020: Rules and procedures Participant Portal and Documentation

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### Rules for Participations



### Eligibility for funding

- \* Entities established in MS or Associated Countries (AC) or Third Countries (TC) identified in the WP
- \* Entities created under Union law (e.g. <u>ERIC</u>)
- \* International European interest organisation
- Other entities from TC not explicitly mentioned in the WP may receive funding if:
  - \* participation is essential or
  - \* such funding foreseen in bilateral arrangement between the Union and third country/international organisation

### Minimum Condition for Participation

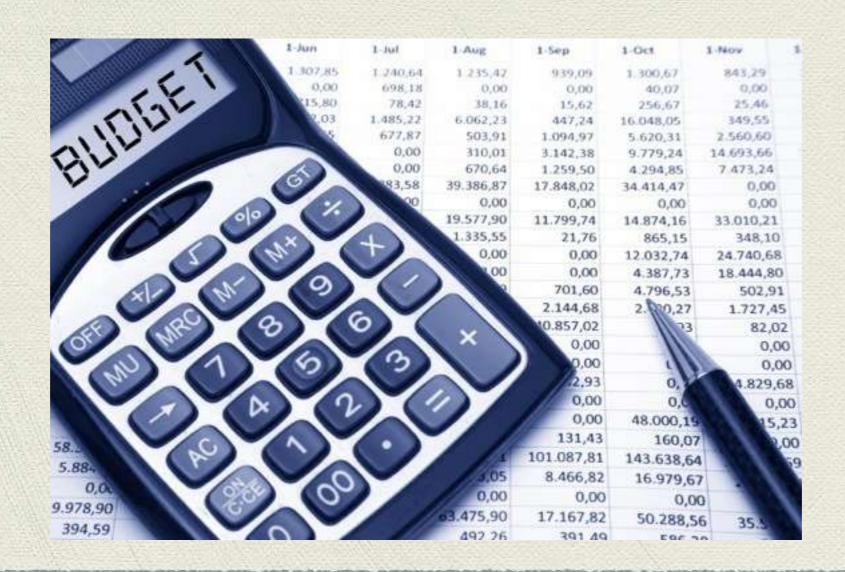
#### Minimum conditions

- \* For standard collaborative actions
  - \* at least 3 legal entities, each established in different MS/AC
- \* For ERC grants, MSCA Individual Fellowship and COFUND, CSA, SME Instruments
  - \* 1 legal entity established in MS/AC

#### Additional Conditions

\* to be set out in the Work Programme (i.e. number of participants, type on participants, etc.)

# Financial Rules and Budget in H2020



### Budget: eligibility criteria (MGA Art 6.1)

As a project participant, you can budget all your estimated project costs as long as they are eligible.

In order to be eligible the project costs must be:

- incurred by the beneficiary
- \* incurred in connection with the action
- \* incurred during the project duration
- identifiable & verifiable in the beneficiary's accounts compliant with national law
- \* reasonable, justified, in accordance with sound financial management (economy & efficiency)
- \* indicated in the budget

Double funding is forbidden!

# Type of costs: direct costs (MGA Art. 6.2)

**Direct costs** are specific costs directly linked to the work done in the project and which can therefore be directly booked to it.

Any cost declared by a beneficiary as a direct cost of a project must be justified by supporting evidence.

The following is a <u>non-exhaustive list</u> of direct eligible costs in EU projects:

- personnel costs assigned to the project (temporary or permanent, full-time or parttime)
- \* travel costs and related subsistence allowances
- \* consumable, materials and supplies provided they are identifiable and assigned to the project (including non-deductible VAT).
- \* durable equipment **bought for the project** in accordance to the depreciation system of each beneficiary
- dissemination costs
- \* subcontracting

# Type of costs: indirect costs (MGA Art. 6.2)

**Indirect costs** (also known as 'overhead') are costs that cannot be identified as specific costs directly linked to the work done in the project. Overhead comprise costs connected with the general operation of the organisation (and infrastructures).

In practice, they are costs whose attribution to the specific action cannot be or has not been measured directly, but only be distributed among the different activities by means of cost drivers or similar.

Examples of indirect costs are

- telephone charges & photocopies
- + rent
- heating, electricity etc.
- costs connected with administrative and financial management

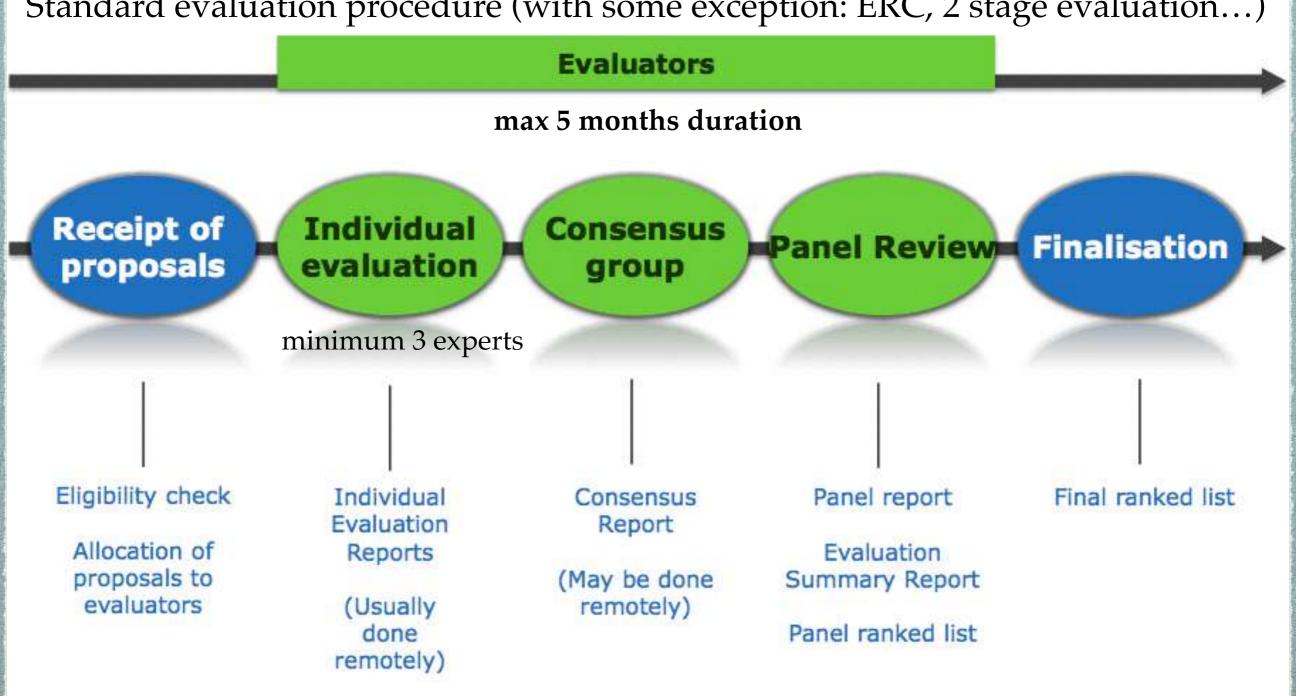


### The Evaluation Procedure



### Overview of the Evaluation Process

Standard evaluation procedure (with some exception: ERC, 2 stage evaluation...)



### Evaluation criteria for RIA

Clarity and pertinence of the objectives

Soundness of the concept, including trans-disciplinary considerations, where relevant

Extent that proposed work is ambitious, has innovation potential, and is beyond the state of the art (e.g. ground-breaking objectives, novel concepts and approaches)

Credibility of the proposed approach

#### The expected impacts listed in the work programme under the relevant topic

Enhancing innovation capacity and integration of new knowledge

Strengthening the competitiveness and growth of companies by developing innovations meeting the needs of European and global markets; and, where relevant, by delivering such innovations to the markets

Any other environmental and socially important impacts (not already covered above)

Effectiveness of the proposed measures to exploit and disseminate the project results (including management of IPR), to communicate the project, and to manage research data where relevant

Coherence and effectiveness of the work plan, including appropriateness of the allocation of tasks and resources

Complementarity of the participants within the consortium (when relevant)

Appropriateness of the management structures and procedures, including risk and innovation management

### Operational Capacity

- \* As part of the Individual Evaluation, evaluators check on whether each applicant has the necessary **basic operational capacity** to carry out their proposed activity(ies) based on the information provided in the proposal
  - \* Curriculum Vitae or description of the profile of the applicant
  - \* Relevant publications or achievements
  - \* Relevant previous projects or activities
  - \* Description of any significant infrastructure or any major items of technical equipment
- \* At the consensus group, evaluator consider whether an applicant lacks basic operational capacity
  - \* if yes, comment and score will be done without taking into account this applicant and its associated activities
- Not for stage 1 of two-stage procedures

### Proposal scoring

- \* Evaluator give a **score of between 0 and 5 to each criterion** based on his/her comments
  - \* Half-marks can be used. Usually marks in step of 0.1
  - The whole range of scores should be used
  - Scores must pass thresholds if a proposal is to be considered for funding
- \* Thresholds can be applied to individual criteria...
  - \* The default threshold is 3 (unless specified otherwise in the WP)
- ...and to the total score
  - \* The default overall threshold is 10 (unless specified otherwise in the WP)
- For Innovation actions, the criterion Impact is given a weight of 1.5 to determine the ranking
- For first stage of two-stage procedure: Only evaluate the criteria Excellence and (part of) Impact, Default threshold for individual criteria is 4 and default overall threshold is 10 (unless specified otherwise in the WP).

### Interpretation of the scores

- 0
- The proposal **fails to address the criterion** or cannot be assessed due to missing or incomplete information.
- 1
- **Poor.** The criterion is inadequately addressed, or there are serious inherent weaknesses.
- 2
- **Fair.** The proposal broadly addresses the criterion, but there are significant weaknesses.
- 3
- **Good.** The proposal addresses the criterion well, but a number of shortcomings are present.
- 4
- **Very Good.** The proposal addresses the criterion very well, but a small number of shortcomings are present.
- 5
- **Excellent.** The proposal successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion. Any shortcomings are minor.

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### The Participant Portal

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The Participant Portal is the **single gateway** to funding-related interactions between applicants and the Commission/Agencies: hosts the **services for managing your proposals and projects** throughout their lifecycle.

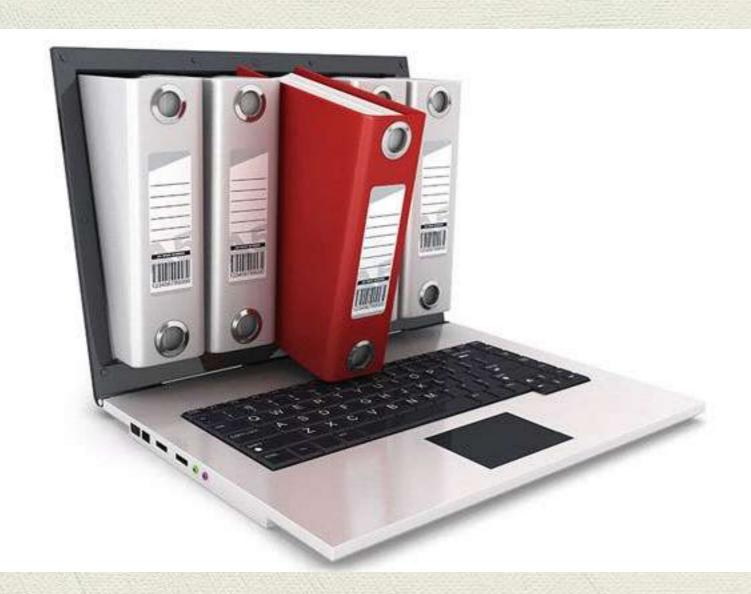
# ECAS Single sign-on (1 ECAS account = 1 e-mail address = 1 person) Personalised services on the Participant Portal

- Integrated Grant Management System (SyGMa) (not described in slides)
- Paperless exchanges
- Fully electronic signatures



### Electronic submission system

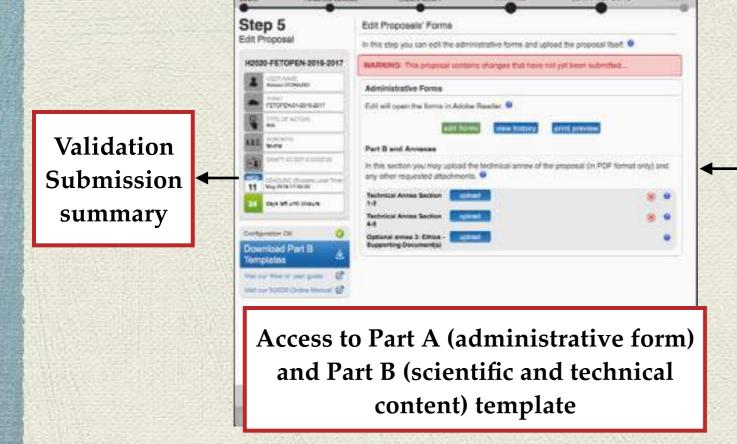
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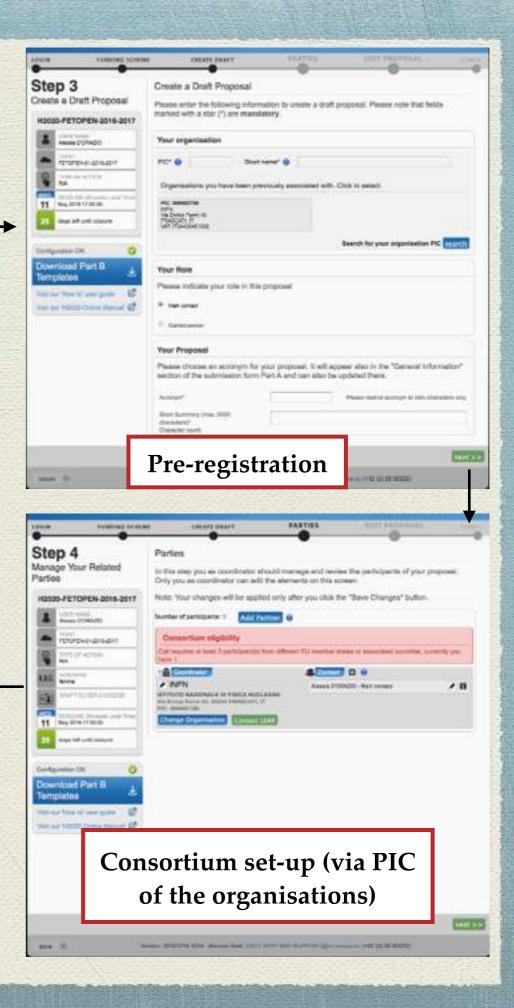


#### Topic and type of action selection

Type of Action	Research and Innovation action [RIA]	START		
Topic	FET-Open research and innovation actions - FETOPEN	4-01-2016-2017		

#### Submission proposal flow





### Structured Part A - online

general template http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/call\_ptef/pt/2016-2017/h2020-call-pt-ria-ia-2016-17\_en.pdf

#### Section 1 - General information

- \* Title, acronym, duration
- \* Fixed and free keywords
- \* 2000 character proposal abstract
- re-submission check
- \* Declarations

#### Section 2 (one form per partner)

- \* PIC\* compulsory!
- \* Department/Person in charge
- \* Dependences with other partners
- Contact(s) information



\*PIC is a 9-digit Participant Identification Code used to identify organisations

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#### Section 3 - Budget

\* Costs and requested grant details

#### Research and Innovation actions

No	Participant	Country	(A) Direct personnel costs/€	(B) Other direct costs/€	(C) Direct costs of sub- contracting/€	(D) Direct costs of providing financial support to third parties/€	not used on the	THE RESIDENCE OF THE PARTY OF T	(G) Special unit costs covering direct & indirect costs / €	(H) Total estimated eligible costs / € (=A+B+C+D+F +G)	(I) Reimburse- ment rate (%)	(J) Max.EU Contribution / € (=H*i)	(K) Requested EU Contribution/ €
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#### Section 4 - Ethics issue table

\* For 2-step evaluation: not required for stage 1

Guide: How to complete your ethics self-assessment

Calls/topics may include additional questions w.r.t. the ones shown in the general template

### Template Part B - "Technical Annex"

general template <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/call\_ptef/pt/2016-2017/h2020-call-pt-ria-ia-2016-17\_en.pdf">http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/call\_ptef/pt/2016-2017/h2020-call-pt-ria-ia-2016-17\_en.pdf</a>

#### General template is structured around evaluation criteria

- \* Excellence
  - \* Eg. Objectives, concept, progress beyond state-of-art...
- \* Impact
  - \* Eg. Potential impact (incl. with reference to WP); measures to maximise impact (dissemination, communication, exploitation)
- Implementation
  - Including work packages descriptions
  - \* Information on third parties and subcontractors

Editable template supplied by the submission system (.rtf)

### Electronic submission

- **◆** Submission failure rate = + 1%
- Only reason for failure: waiting until the last minute!
  - \* Technical problems on the applicant side (*very rare case*: for EU tech problem, deadline can be postponed)
  - \* Overload of the system is not considered a 'tech problem'!
  - \* Panic-induced errors (uploading the wrong proposal). Too late starting upload, run out of time.



### Back up slides



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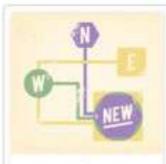
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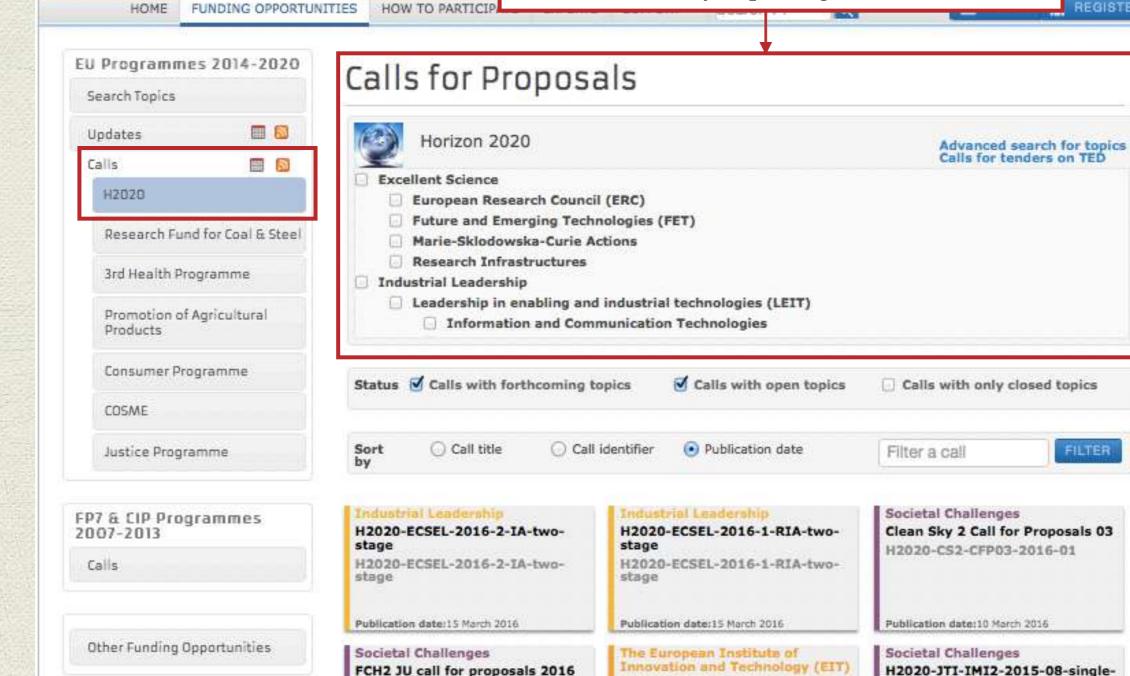
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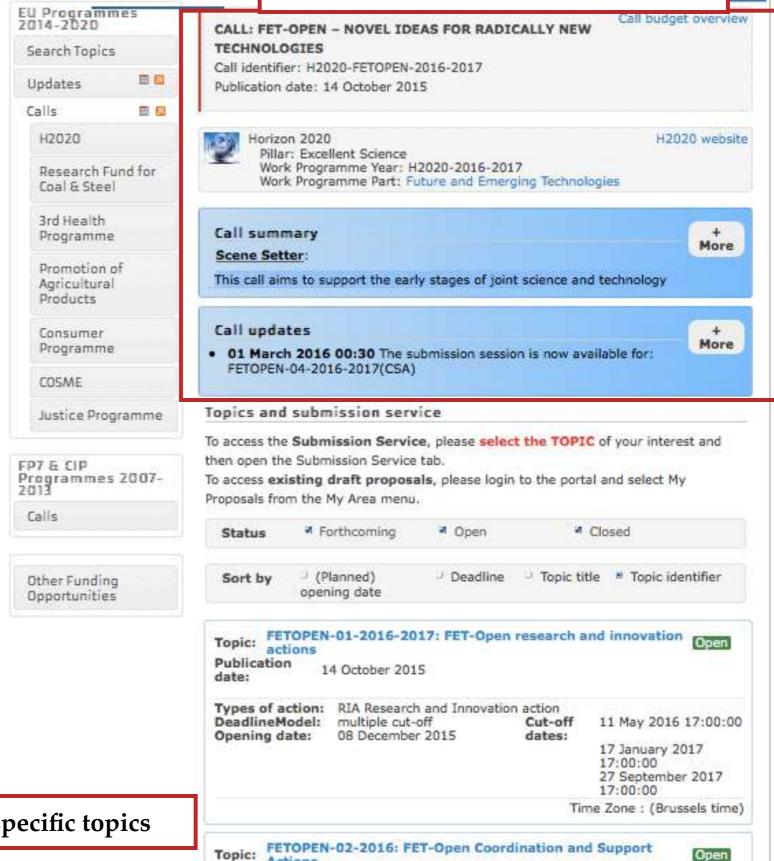
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#### access to the main information

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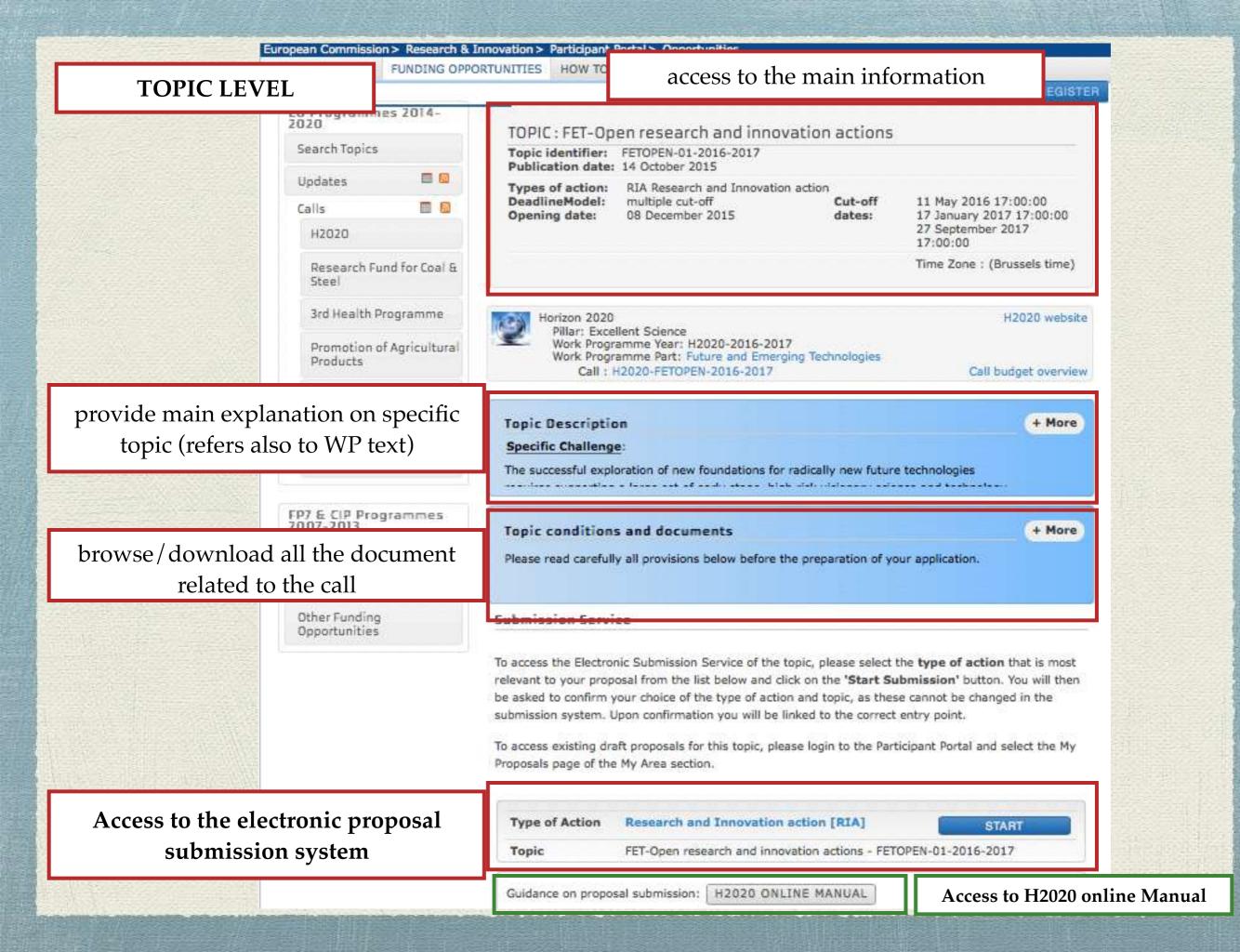
FETOPEN-02-2016: FET-Open Coordination and Support Topic:

Actions

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Types of action: CSA Coordination and support action





Evaluation of proposals

Eligibility and evaluation

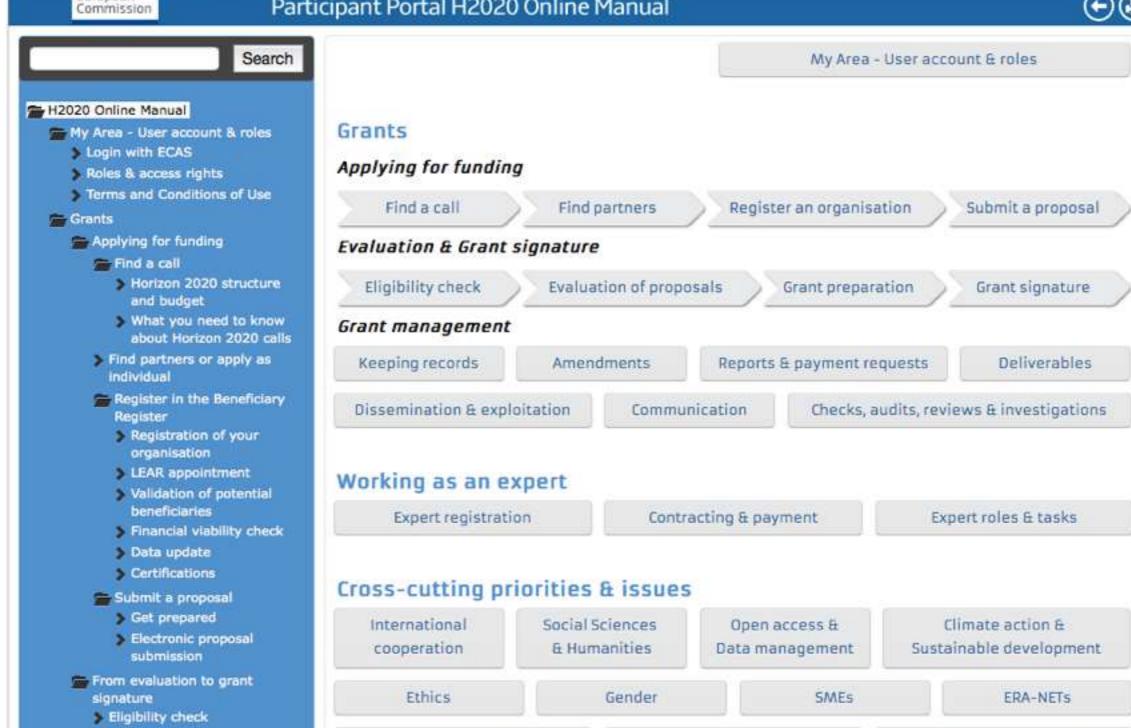
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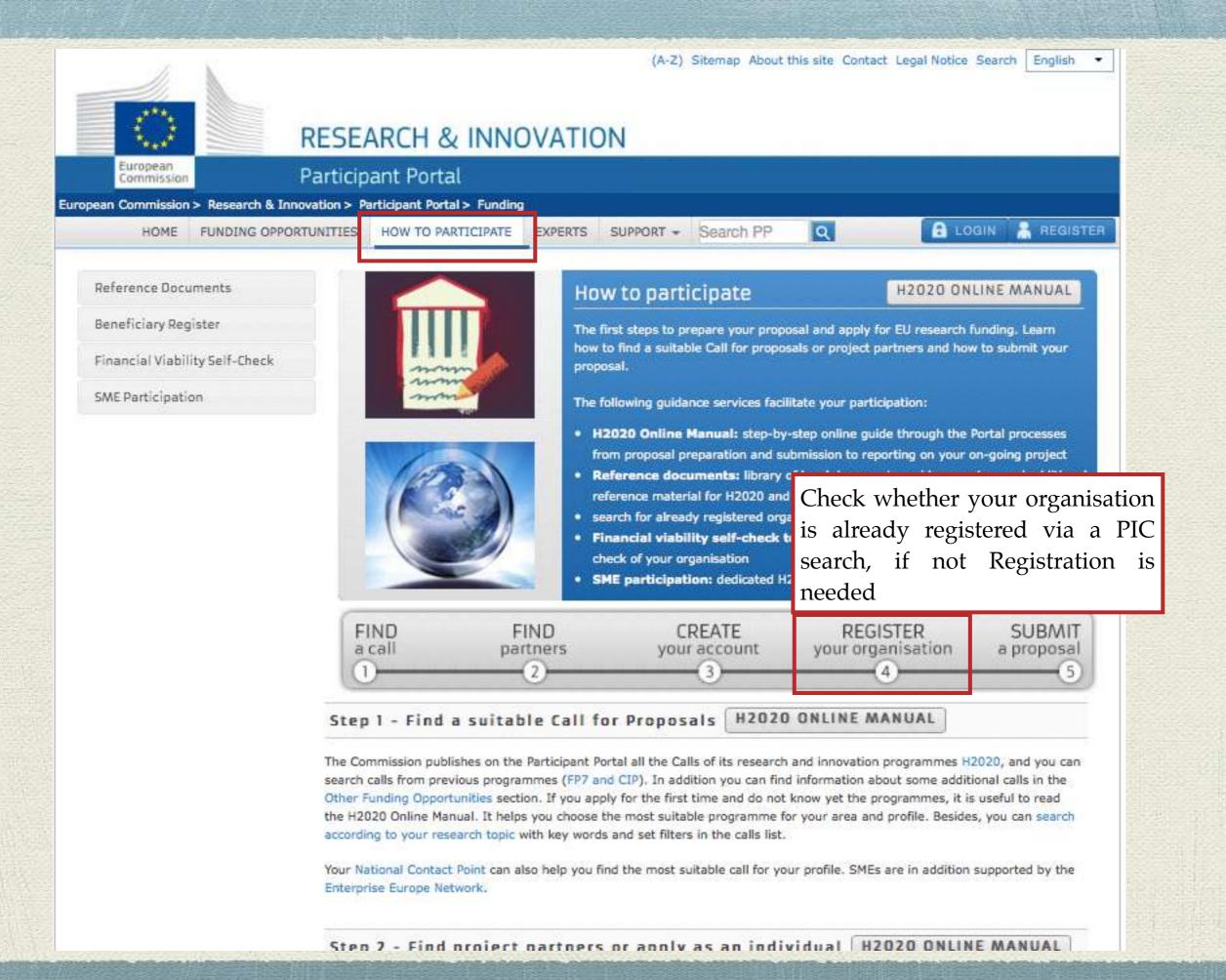
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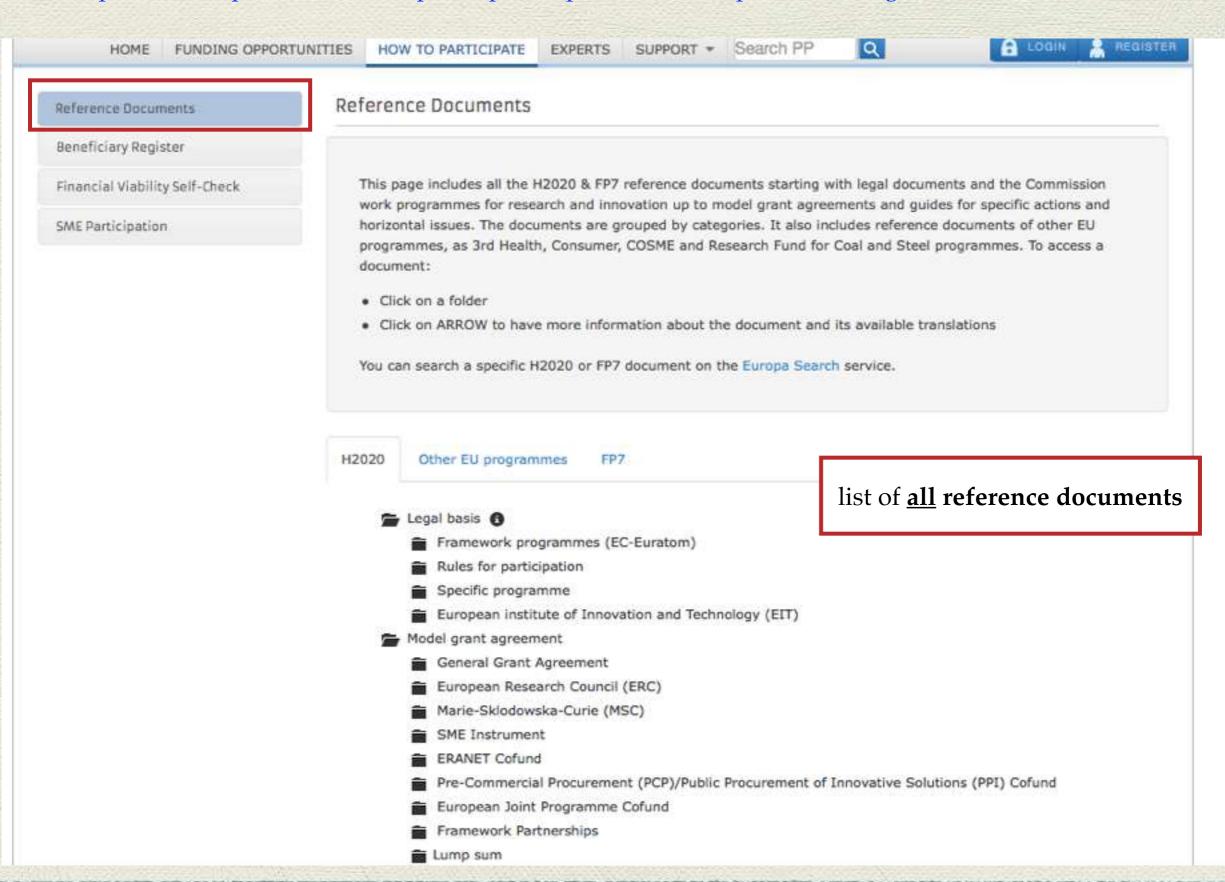
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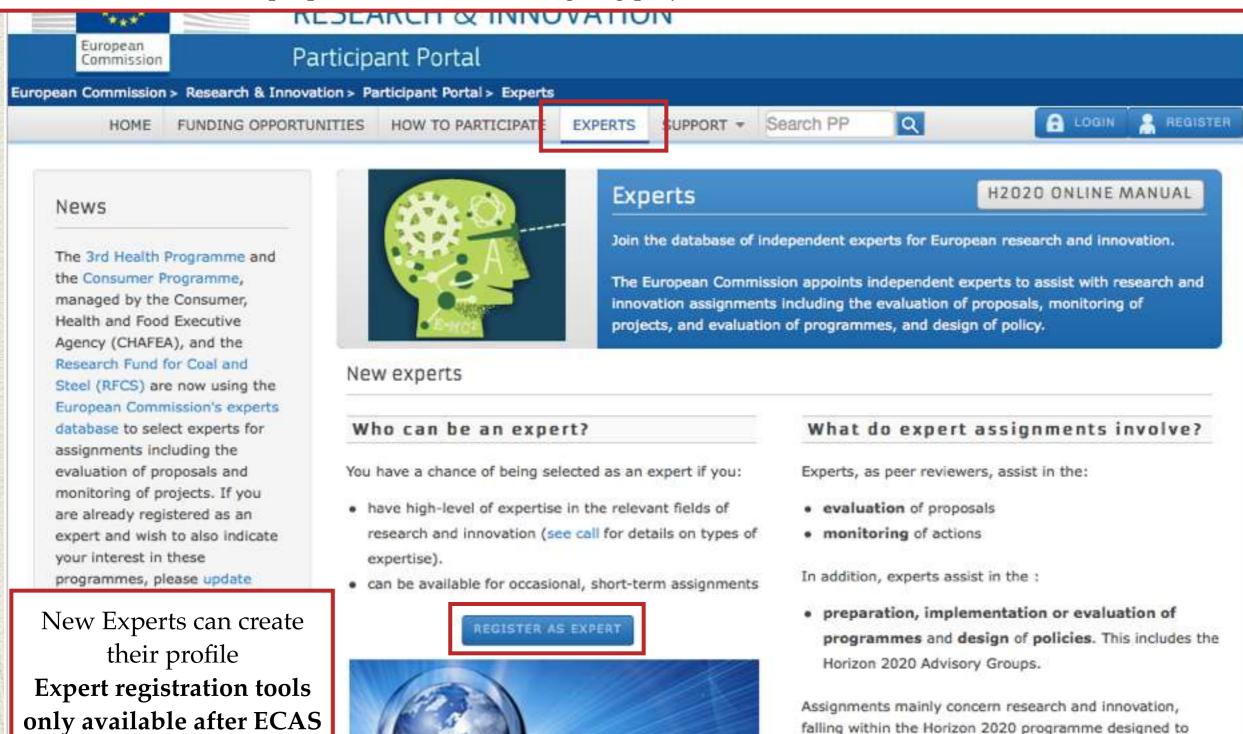
Links to regional policy



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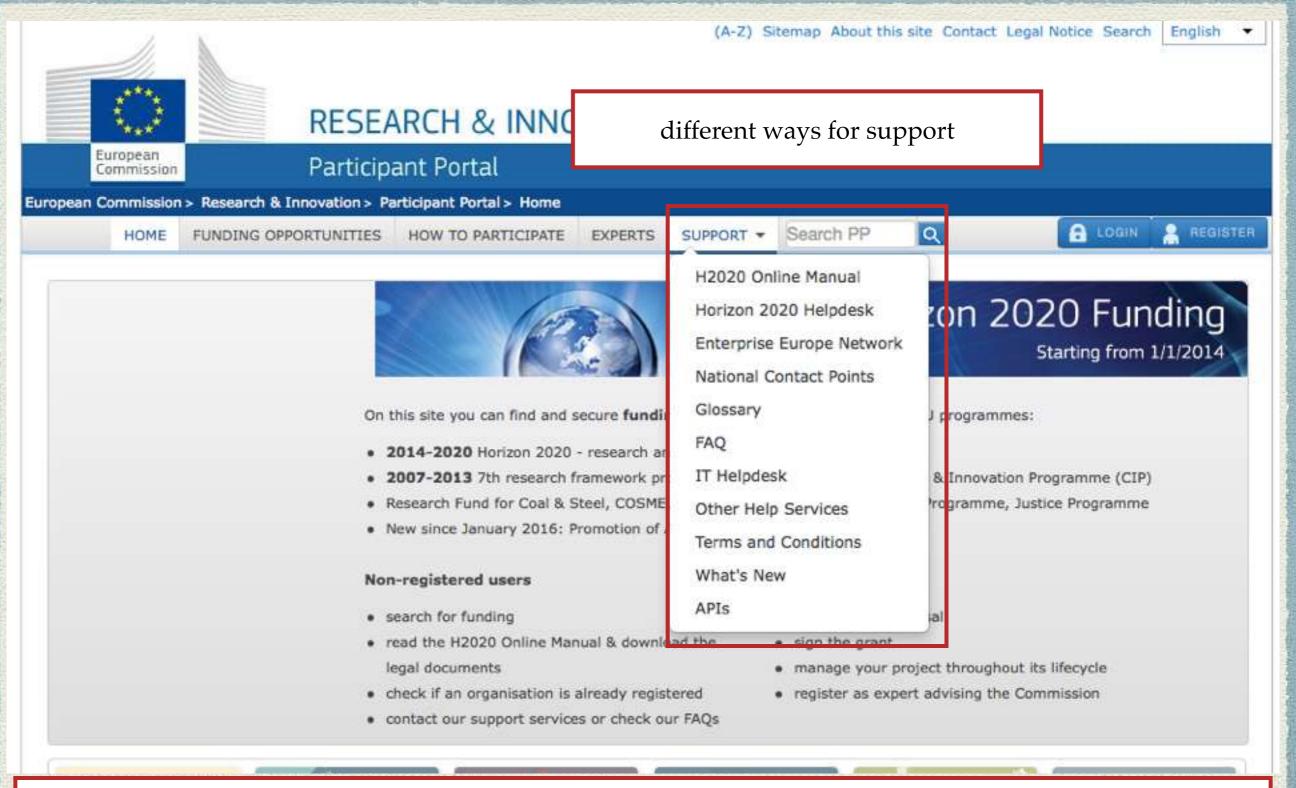
Experts section in the PP is a **web-based application for communication between experts** (evaluators of research proposals, reviewers of ongoing projects, etc.) and the EU Commission.



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National Contact Points (NCPs) are national structures established and financed by governments to provide guidance, practical information and assistance on all aspects of participation in Horizon 2020. For Italy APRE (Agency for the Promotion of European Research) hosts the NCPs: <a href="www.apre.it">www.apre.it</a>

Note: University, Research Organisations usually have also their own 'support office'



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- register as expert advising the Commission













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# PP private access: ECAS login What is ECAS?



ECAS means European Commission Authentication System.

It is the system for logging on to a whole range of web sites and online services run by the Commission.

This ensures a secure, "single sign-on" approach: 1 person = 1 e-mail address = 1 ECAS account.

The creation of an ECAS account is free and easy.

ECAS account needed for submission and management of project

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### ECAS authenticates your identity on European Commission websites

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Is the selected domain correct?

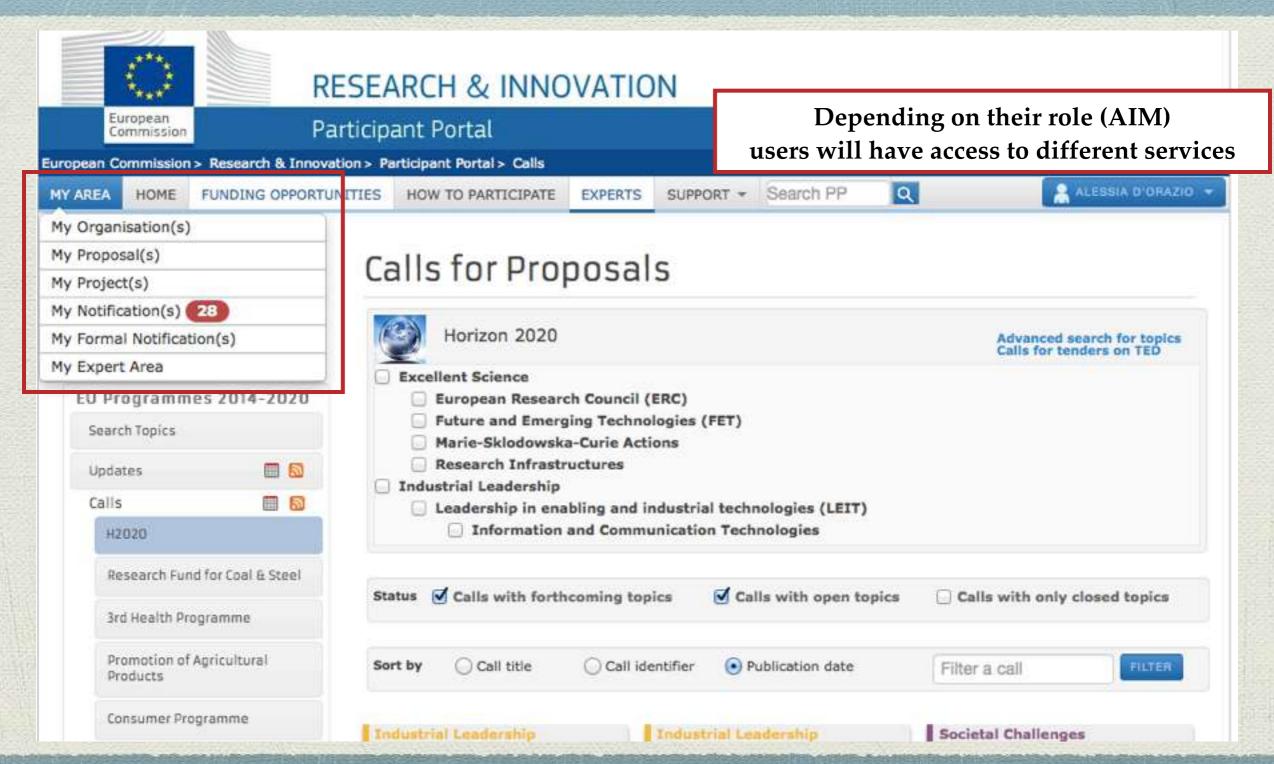
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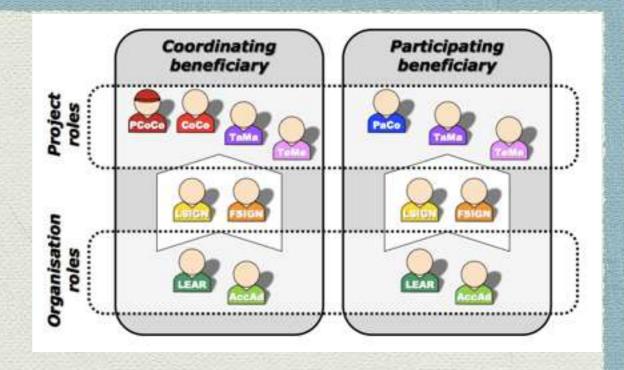
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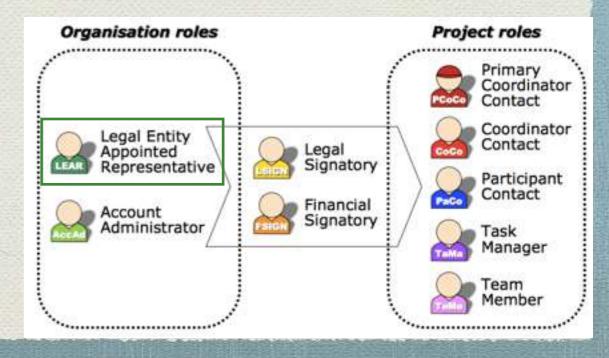


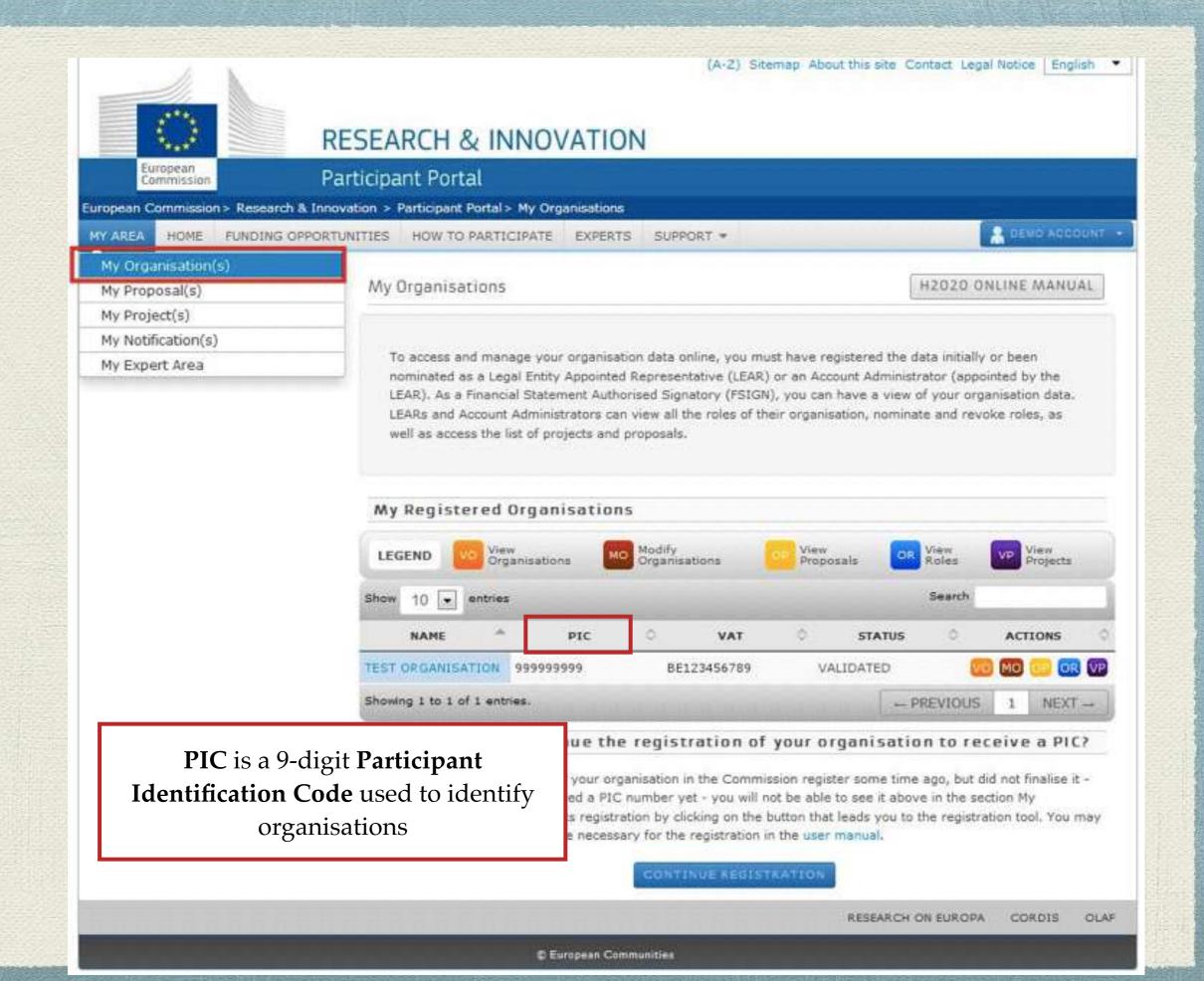
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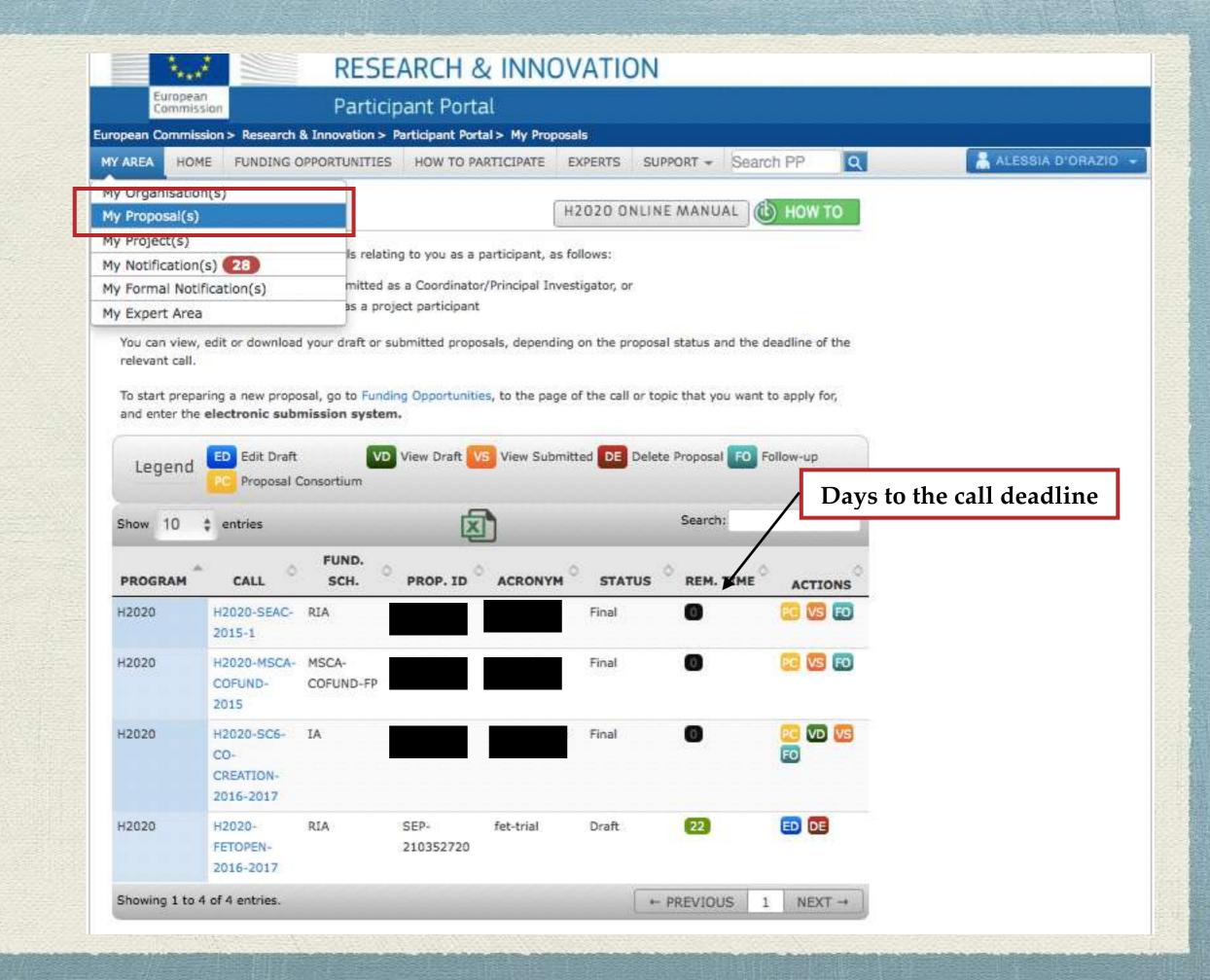
- The <u>I</u>dentity and <u>A</u>ccess <u>M</u>anagement allows us to define and/or manage changes of <u>access rights of users</u> of the PP.
- It gives a personalised and secure access to the different services of the PP.
- Minimum involvement by the Commission/Agency staff allowing for flexibility in the online management of the consortium
- Any change in the roles of the users is saved to allow a monitoring & tracking service.



### more infos on H2020 online manual







### Audits

- \* Mainly concern financial implementation of the action
- \* Can include technical and other aspects
- \*By Commission itself or external auditors
- \* Usually includes on-the-spot visit and desk review
- \* Audit report and 30 days "contradictory audit procedure"
- \* Up to 2 years after payment of the balance

## Obligation of beneficiaries

- \*Obligation to **keep records and other supporting documentation** for 5 years (3 years for low value grants ≤ EUR 60.000) Article 18 MGA
- \*Obligation to make available all records and documents during checks, reviews, audits or investigations and to keep them until the end of these procedures
- + Original documents or authorised digital copies
- \*All evidence must be verifiable, auditable and available (no objection of data protection or confidentiality)

## Consequences of findings

- \* Rejection of ineligible costs
- \* Reduction of the grant
- \* Recovery of undue amounts
- \* Administrative and financial penalties
- Suspension of payments
- \* Suspension of the action implementation
- \* Termination of the agreement or participation
- "Extension of findings to other grants"
- \* OLAF findings may lead to criminal prosecution

### Level of controls and audit

- \*Ex-ante controls: Certificate on the Methodology, Large Research Infrastructure (LRI)
- \* Mid-term/Ex-post controls:
  - **★First level audit**: Certificate on the Financial Statements (CFS)→auditor to be selected by beneficiary
    - \* Audit certificate only for payments when total EU contribution claimed on the basis of actual costs +average personnel costs ≥ 325,000 €
  - **★Second level audit**: Financial audits, investigations → by European Commission (Common Audit Service), ECA, OLAF

# If a proposal...

- \* Is only marginally relevant in terms of its scientific, technological or innovation content relating to the call or topic addressed, you must reflect this in a lower score for the Excellence criterion
  - No matter how excellent the science!
- \* Does not significantly contribute to the expected impacts as specified in the WP for that call or topic, you must reflect this in a lower score for the Impact criterion
- \* Would require substantial modifications in terms of implementation (i.e. change of partners, additional work packages, significant budget or resources cut...), you must reflect this in a lower score for the "Quality and efficiency of the implementation" criterion
- If cross-cutting issues are explicitly mentioned in the scope of the call or topic, and not properly addressed (or their non-relevance justified), you must reflect this in a lower score for the relevant criterion
  - \* A successful proposal is expected to address them, or convincingly explain why not relevant in a particular case
  - \* Proposals addressing cross-cutting issues which are not explicitly mentioned in the scope of the call or topic can also be evaluated positively

### Third Parties

**Definition**: Entities with participate in the action but do not sign the GA

In practice somebody is working on the project that does not have a direct employment contract with the beneficiary

Beneficiary

Linked Third Parties

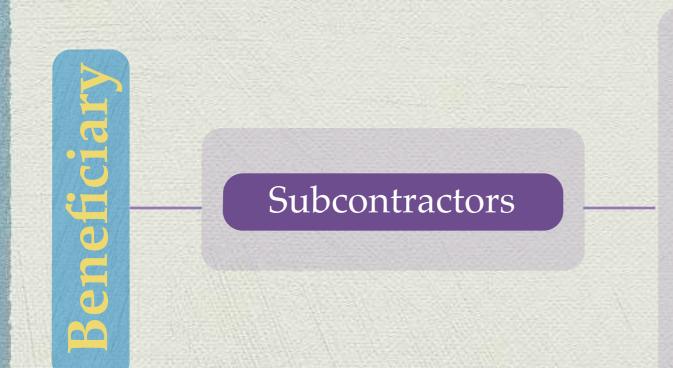
Affiliated entities

Third parties with a legal link

- Must be identified in the GA
- Same cost eligibility criteria as beneficiaries
- EC or Agency may request them to accept joint and several liability for their EU contribution

### Subcontractors

**Definition**: type of third party. It appears in the project because one of the beneficiaries appeals to its services to carry out part of the work, usually for specialised jobs that it can not carry out itself or because it is more efficient to use the services of a specialised company.



- Cover limited part of the project
- Ensure best value for money and avoid any conflict of interest
- Not possible to subcontract among the beneficiaries
- Estimated costs and tasks must be identified in the budget and Annex 1\*

\*GA Annex 1 Description of Action (DoA)