CO-CREATE NEB INFO SESSION FAQs

This document compiles questions from our live info session that took place on 30 July 2024 for the Co-create 2025 Call for Proposals, providing valuable insights for organizations interested in applying to the call. The live recording is available on the Call webpage.

CALL REQUIREMENTS

Q: What's the role and significance of mental health, personal development, living a mindful life in sync with oneself, others and the nature under the Bauhaus project?

A: *The three values of the New European Bauhaus are beautiful, sustainable and inclusive. The beautiful value relates to activating senses and emotions. Thus, physical health and mental well-being are improved. We encourage to go through the NEB Compass where you will get a more extensive definition of each value, where you will see clearly further connections with the notions you expressed in your comment.*

Q: Do I have to be a member of the EIT to form a consortium/call?

A: No, this is not a requirement to apply for Co-create NEB nor Connect NEB.

Q: Will projects addressing more than one challenge be valued differently than those addressing only one?

A: Projects should address at least one of the NEB challenges and 2 of the KPIs. Projects addressing more than one axe does not necessarily grant them priority.

Q: Can a proposal be focused on public spaces both within the city and outside its administrative boundaries?

A: In order to amplify the impact of the co-creation proposals of public space, it is a must to have a city/region or affiliated entity in the consortium. Thus, an organization in charge of that specific public space is part of the project. If the project includes other public spaces beyond the administrative boundaries of that particular city/region or affiliated entity, you may consider including a second relevant administrative body.

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Q: **Can you please clarify if we should upload the PIF for all partners? Or just for the lead partner? Should partner(s) also be registered in all platforms (have PIC number, PIF, access to NetSuite)? To submit an application.**

A: *Yes, they do. All project partners need to have a PIC and a PIF by registering on the NetSuite platform. More information is available on the Guidelines for Applicants document published on the Call webpage.*

ELIGIBILITY & CONSORTIA

Q: **Would a regional entity (local institution which is an extension of the Ministry of Culture) qualify as a legitimate local/formal partner?**

A: *Yes, a city, a region or an affiliated entity to a city or a region, located in an EU Member State or a Third Country associated to HE, all qualify as a partner. To verify the affiliation link, the affiliated entity to a city or a region needs to sign and submit the Declaration of Affiliation using the template available on the Call webpage.*

Q: **Are rural sites also eligible? I see urban examples here in the slides while rural areas are deteriorating rapidly.**

A: *Yes, rural sites are both eligible and encouraged! In the Call Manual there is often a reference to cities, per-urban and rural areas.*

Q: **Would the regional water operator (owned by the public municipalities of the region) be eligible as a project partner?**

A: Yes, *if they qualify as affiliated entity of the city or region established in EU or third associated countries. Affiliated entities to a city or region are those that have a legal or capital link with the city or region which is neither limited to the action nor established for the sole purpose of its implementation. In this case, the affiliated entity should sign and submit a Declaration of Affiliation using the template available on the Call webpage.*

Q: **Can partners in the project come from the same town, same country? Or should the partnership be international? Would it be valued higher in application evaluation, if the project has partners from different countries?**

A: *Yes, multiple beneficiaries from the same country are allowed. Cross-border collaboration is not a requirement for Co-create NEB, since we are looking for local solutions to local problems.*

Q: **Is that okay if the project is in Indonesia and the project consortium is Indonesian-based entity?**

A: *Indonesia is not an eligible country. The eligible countries are from EU or third associated countries. More information can be found in the Call Manual.*

Q: **In the manual it is written that at least 2 Legal entities shall be regarded as independent of each other: what if they receive fundings from the same public institution? Would they be considered as independent?**

A: *A legal entity is independent when it has no legal link or financial link with another legal entity.* Two participants (legal entities) are dependent on each other where there is a controlling relationship between them:
• A legal entity is under the same direct or indirect control as another legal entity; or
• A legal entity directly or indirectly controls another legal entity; or
• A legal entity is directly or indirectly controlled by another legal entity.
Control: Legal entity A controls legal entity B if:
• A, directly or indirectly, holds more than 50% of the nominal value of the issued share capital or a majority of the voting rights of the shareholders or associates of B, or
• A, directly or indirectly, holds in fact or in law the decision-making powers in B.
The following relationships between legal entities shall not in themselves be deemed to constitute controlling relationships:
a. the same public investment corporation, institutional investor or venture-capital company has a direct or indirect holding of more than 50 % of the nominal value of the issued share capital or a majority of voting rights of the shareholders or associates;
b. the legal entities concerned are owned or supervised by the same public body.

Q: **What qualifies as a city for the purpose of the call? Are there limits of dimension of population or others?**

A: *There is no limit on population or dimension. A city, peri-urban or rural areas are encouraged to apply.*

Q: **Is it possible for private entities to partner with local government bodies?**

A: *Private-public partnerships are encouraged, as long as the are located in EU or associated countries - (list of such is in the Call Manual).*

Q: **Should the project leader be part of the city?**

A: *Cities/regions or affiliated entities must be in the consortium and can optionally be the lead partner. The lead partner, our main contact point, should be accessible and efficient in providing reports and deliverables. Ultimately, the project leader should be the best-suited partner for the role.*

Q: **Can projects that have been started already with the community engagement be eligible?**

A: *You can build upon existing projects, as long as there is a clear division of tasks in order to avoid any double funding for the same work.*

Q: **Can partners be from the UK and the project be delivered in the UK?**

A: *Yes. The UK is eligible to apply and receive EIT funding from January 2024.*

Q: **Can two universities that are already working together on another project apply as partners?**

A: *Yes.*

APPLYING TO MULTIPLE CALLS

Q: **Can an entity apply for fundings simultaneously from Co-create and Connect using a similar plan? To me, the difference between Co-create and Connect is that Co-create includes Connect content plus place-making.**

A: *Whilst Co-create NEB does focus more on the transformation of public spaces, Connect NEB focuses on early stages of ideation through citizen engagement. An entity can apply for both calls, but the same project will not be allowed to receive double funding from us.*

Q: **Can the same public authority participate in more than one project in the same city?**

A: *The number of applications an entity takes part of is not limited.*

REPORTING

Q: **In the KPI section, there are sentences "adjusted for the purposes of the given Call as MO1/MO2". What does it mean?** *As for the MOs, it is important to follow and align your project activities with the KPI description.*

A: "Adjusted for the purposes of the Call" is an internal reference within EIT KICs only. MO refers to a specific EIT Manufacturing KPI. Just follow the KPI description provided in the Call Manual while preparing the proposal.

CO-FUNDING & FINANCING

Q: **Can co-financing be covered by crowdfunding/community sponsorship/other private/public funds?**

A: *Yes, crowdfunding/community sponsorship can be considered as co-financing as long as it is well documented and correctly registered in the internal systems in case of an audit. Only costs are checked, and all costs have to meet the eligibility criteria (Actually incurred and not estimated. Incurred by the subgrantee during the duration of the project, used for the sole purpose of achieving the objectives of the project and its expected results. Recorded in the accounts of the subgrantee, In accordance with accounting standards applicable in the beneficiary's establishment country and with the beneficiary's usual cost accounting practices – more information are included in the Expenditure of Eligibility document uploaded on the Call webpage).*

Q: **Can co-funding be covered in kind, e.g. - with personnel costs (part of salaries) and office costs, etc.?** *Yes, it can be in kind. But as any other personnel cost, they have to meet the eligibility criteria (see above). For personnel cost, this means a pay slip, working contract, bank statement, timesheet).*

Q: **Does the 25% of co-funding mean 25% personal costs, 25% design costs, 25% construction costs and so on?** *25% of co-funding is on average.*

A: *No, the project needs to bring a total of 25%. There is no request in which cost category should the co-funding be.*

Q: **Do all the partners have to contribute to the budget as co-funding?**

A: *No, as long as the co-funding rate across the project remains a minimum of 25%.*

Q: **Does this funding fall under *deminimis*?**

A: *No. De minimis aid State aid and the [de minimis aid](#) criteria only apply to 'state resources' whereas resources centrally managed by EU institutions do not constitute state resources.*

Q: **Are funds transferred in the same way you explained in Connect webinar: 40% at the start and 60% after assessment of the final report?**

A: *Approximately yes. However, each KIC will take 2 projects to coordinate and they may have their own specificities and % share for payments (This is indicated in the EIT Community Handbook, available in our website).*

GENERAL QUESTIONS

Q: **How is "public space" defined? Is it necessary for the ownership of the place to be public?**

A: We define public space as an open space that is accessible to anyone to enter and freely use at any time.

Q: **Is it better rated if the WP leader changes across WPs instead of having a single organization as leader of all WP?**

A: *When forming a consortium, partners need to be relevant for the proposal. So, they would need to have a role in it, whether leading a WP or strongly supporting. There is no explicit need to alternate between WP Leads as in HE calls, given the relatively small scale of Co-create NEB.*