

# 4th EU-LAC Joint Call in STI 2022

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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## **Eligibility**

**Q1:** *Who can apply?*

**A1:** Applicants can represent public and private scientific, research, technological and innovation institutions on national, federal or EU-LAC regional level, research active industry and NGOs and other institutions involved in research and or innovation activities, as long as they are eligible for funding according to the respective national and/or institutional rules. Prospective applicants are requested to discuss eligibility with their national/regional funding organisations. The funding organisations participating in the call and their national/regional regulations that apply to the Call are available at <https://www.eucelac-platform.eu/joint-call/4th-eu-lac-joint-call-sti-2022>.

Only applicants from the participating listed countries/regions and topics are eligible for funding. Additional researchers or enterprises are free to participate in all topics if they are able to clearly demonstrate an added value to the consortium and secure their own funding. Self-funded partners cannot coordinate a proposal.

**Q2:** *What is the definition of a Research Infrastructure?*

**A2:** Following the definition of the European Commission, a Research Infrastructures (RI) are **facilities that provide resources and services for research communities to conduct research and foster innovation**. In case of doubt, please contact the Call Secretariat, who will check if a given facility matches the concept of RI.

**Q3:** *The consortium of proposals submitted to topics related with RIs should include one European or LAC RI, or one in each region?*

**A3:** Since the goal of the RI topics is to enhance the mutual openness and cooperation, the participation of at least one RI in each region is the best possible situation. Nevertheless, with the participation of **at least one RI, either in Europe or LAC countries**, the proposal is eligible.

A list of possible LAC RI is provided in the Call Text. This list is informative. It does not imply that proposals must include at least one of these RI.

**Q4:** *What is the minimum size of the consortium?*

**A4:** Project consortia must consist of at least four eligible partners (all requesting funding from a funding organisation listed in the Call text) from four different countries with at least two countries from each region.

**Q5:** *Can partners from other countries/regions than those participating in the 4th EU-LAC Joint Call in STI 2022 join the consortium?*

**A5:** Yes, but only if they are self-financed, prove an additional value to the project and the minimum eligible partners conditions are met in the proposal (see Q4).

**Q6:** *Can applicants be involved in more than one project as coordinators?*

**A6:** No. Coordinators cannot submit more than one proposal. Nevertheless, one research institution – as a legal entity – is allowed to participate as a coordinator or partner in several project proposals.

**Q7:** *Can an applicant be involved in more than one proposal, as PI, not as coordinator?*

**A7:** Yes, under the international eligibility rules, but national/regional rules may specify restrictions. Please check the national/regional rules that apply at: <https://www.eucelac-platform.eu/joint-call/4th-eu-lac-joint-call-sti-2022>.

**Q8:** *If a partner is considered non-eligible, is the whole proposal non-eligible?*

**A8:** If the Project Coordinator does not meet the international or national eligibility requirements, the proposal will not be admitted to the evaluation procedure.

In case (a) Co-applicant(s) is (are) not eligible, the proposal may still be eligible if the eligibility criteria are met without this (these) partner(s) and the activities and goals of the project can be met.

**Q9:** *Do different entities of the same company, in different countries, count as different partners?*

**A9:** Yes, if the different (branch) offices have their physical headquarters in the respective countries. Purely virtual entities do not count.

**Q10:** *Can a Government Institution apply?*

**A10:** It depends on the national/regional rules applicable to the interested Governmental institution. In such cases, it is advisable to ask the Call Contact Point of the country.

## **Application Process**

**Q11:** *Where do I find my national/regional funding organization regulation?*

**A11:** National and/or regional regulations can be found at the following link: <https://www.eucelac-platform.eu/joint-call/4th-eu-lac-joint-call-sti-2022>

**Q12:** *How can I find potential partners?*

**A12:** The H2020 funded project ENRICH LAC has collaborated in the organization of the Call and has provided a platform for partner search, the [ENRICH in LAC Matchmaking platform](#).

**Q13:** *How do I submit a proposal? Where can I find all the necessary forms for submitting a proposal?*

**A13:** **All proposals must be submitted online through the [Call Management System PT Outline](#).** Proposals must follow the **proposal form** and must be **written in English, respecting the proposal form**. Call Management System PT Outline.

**Q14:** *Does every applicant have to submit a proposal?*

**A14:** No, **only the project coordinator must submit the proposal** on the Call Management System, on behalf of the whole consortium.

## **Evaluation**

**Q15:** *Is there a rebuttal phase after evaluation?*

**A15:** No. Evaluation results are definitive.

## **Funding**

**Q16:** *Who is funding this call?*

**A16:** Projects are funded by the participating national/regional funding organisations. Each funding agency will fund their national/regional partners. **All applicants are requested to contact their respective national/regional funding organisations** (see : <https://www.eucelac-platform.eu/joint-call/4th-eu-lac-joint-call-sti-2022> ) **in order to clarify additional national/regional funding rules.**

**Q17:** *If the funding agency from my country/region does not participate in a specific topic, can I participate in a proposal in that topic?*

**A17:** If your funding agency does not participate in a topic, you are not eligible for funding in that topic. You may participate, but as a self-funded participant. Please see Q5.

**Q18:** *What types of costs will be funded?*

**A18:** The level of funding and the costs covered depend on the rules of the relevant national/regional programmes. Proposers must discuss financial details with the respective funding organisations.

**Q19:** *Does the EU-LAC Call allow to participate in other research and innovation calls or funded projects?*

**A19:** National/regional rules may include restrictions in relation to diverse sources of funding or regarding allowable time allocation to different projects. It is advisable to check the rules and request information to the Call Contact Person of your country or region, if needed. Nevertheless, The EU-LAC Call does not allow to present a proposal already funded, and if additional funding is foreseen, it must be declared in the proposal.

### ***Project Implementation***

**Q20:** *How long does it take before projects recommended for funding actually start?*

**A20:** It is expected that final funding decisions will be made by mid October 2022. Projects are expected to start from December, 2022 to February, 2023.

**Q21:** *Can a project start before the final decision by the national/regional funding organisation is made?*

**A21:** It is recommended that the project should only start after the funding decisions have been made. Earlier starts are at the risk of the proposers.

**Q22:** *Can project partners have different project starting dates?*

**A22:** Only in exceptional cases. It is highly recommended that the project starting and finishing dates are the same for all project parties.

**Q23:** *What is the maximum project duration. Can it be extended?*

**A23:** **The maximum project duration is 36 months.** Only in exceptional cases the project duration can be extended, providing that all involved project partners, funding organisations and the 4<sup>th</sup> EU-LAC call secretariat agree and confirm the extension.