Frequently asked questions (FAQ) based on the webinar 26.11.2025 for the first call of the Agriculture of Data.

Scope / Topics

About the scope of the domain: is forestry also included? E.g. a proposal that is about agriculture but also partly forestry or fishery.
Is forestry or fishery also within the scope?

Call Office: Forestry and Fishery are not named in the Call Announcement. Please contact your national funder contact point to clarify if your proposal is within the Scope of the call.

What are exactly the USES CASES, are they required to be included in the proposal?
What is USE CASE definition of the call?

Call Office: definition of a use case from the Call Announcement: "Use Cases describe how projects or data that are developed/analysed within the funded proposals are used for a specific outcome or output -a concrete real-world task to be solved using the available data - linked to AgData objectives and priorities, which are outlined in the SRIA. For further details please see also section 2 and Annex VI."

The idea I have is basically a use case itself, not actually a research idea. Does that qualify for the topic?

Call Office: the proposals need to include/be at least 1 Use Case. The topic has to be specified via the C-R&I-A selection.

Can the use case already exist and should be improved, or rather, a new use case should be proposed?

Call Office: funded projects will be use cases/ research projects that have not started before the funding. Of course they can be built on existing ideas/results/use cases.

Should the use case be employed in Europe or not necessarily?
If we develop a yield prediction platform, should the predictions be for European countries or could they be for other continents?

Call Office: the projects and use cases should be relevant for Europe, but do not need to be restricted to Europe.

Are platforms incorporating field sensors considered eligible under Topic 2, even if they do not utilise AI or ML methodologies?

Call Office: yes.

Is there a relationship between this call and the CEADS project?

Call Office: there is no direct connection to the CEADS project. However, you can reference CEADS in your proposal.

Can a person be involved in three proposals, each corresponding to a different topic? should one choose one topic from the three AgData topics, or can a project span more than 1 topic?

Call Office: The same person can be involved in several project proposals, but the same person can only coordinate one proposal. This is a general rule. Individual funding organisation might have further restrictions. Please check the "Funder Regulations".

You have to select only one main topic for a proposal, even if the proposal partly addresses a second topic.

Eligibility

who can be a coordinator?

Call Office: coordinator can be a person from an institution eligible to receive funding in this call. This is summarized in Annex I of the Call Announcement and in detail in the Funder Regulations.

Can Tunisian partners apply to this call?

Call Office: Tunisia is not among the funding countries, so Tunisian partners cannot apply for funding. Tunisian partners can only join as associated partners without funding.

How important to this call geographic representation among EU states, for evaluation?

Call Office: minimum requirement is to have a consortium of 3 partners requesting funding from 3 countries. There is no evaluation of geographical distribution among the EU.

Hi, a partner from Spain that is a small company, it can be collaborate?

Call Office: in Spain, companies are funded by CDTI. Details in the National regulation / Funder Regulations.

So as an EU coordinator, we can take partners from outside EU?

Call Office: Yes. Associated partners, e.g. outside EU, not requesting funding can be added to a consortium. However, they do not count towards the minimum number of three partners.

Is there any additional funding from EU to partners from Ukraine?

Call Office: No, there is no additional funding for or from Ukraine.

If we need a private partner (i.e., IT), must it be from a country were these private industries will be founded?

> *Call Office: Private partners / companies can join consortia either as partner (funding request) or as associated partner (no funding). Depending on the country funding is available or not- please see the summary in Annex I of the Call Announcement and the details in the Funder Regulations.*

What is the ideal consortium size and composition?
Is there any limit on the maximum number of partners?

> *Call Office: minimum is 3 partners (funding request) from 3 countries. Recommended (but not strict) maximum is 10 partners.*

Is there a recommendation as to how large the consortia should be in order to maximise the likelihood of funding?

> *Call Office: no, there is no recommendation. Minium required partners is 3, recommended max 10.*

Is there a maximum number of proposals per person / department / organization?

> *Call Office: The same person can only be the coordinator of one proposal. But the same person can be a partner in several proposals, no maximum number. This is a general rule. Individual funding organisation might have further restrictions. Please check the "Funder Regulations".*

Are breeding industries eligible for this call in Germany?

> *Call Office: private companies are eligible to receive funding in this call from BMFTR, please see details in the Funder Regulations.*

Could you please clarify which countries or regions are eligible as study areas for this call?

> *Call Office: Funding countries are: Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Portugal (to be confirmed), Latvia, Netherlands, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Türkiye. For details per funder please see the Funder Regulations.*

Greece does not appear among the program countries; however, considering that the beneficiaries of the project include other partners, would it be possible to include a university from Greece as a beneficiary through the funding mechanism of the other partners?

> *Call Office: No. Greece is not among the funders therefore Greek institutions/companies etc cannot receive funding under this call. You can, however, include Greek partners as associated partners without funding request.*

Is the Republic of Moldova eligible?

Call Office: No. Partners from Moldova can only join as associated partners without funding.

Is Mexico and elegible country?

Call Office: No. Partners from Mexico can only join as associated partners without funding.

Can Serbia be a partner with Italy?

Call Office: No. Partners from Serbia can only join as associated partners without funding.

Can portugal be a partner? any update?

Call Office: No update so far.

Is Slovenia cofunding?

Call Office: No. Partners from Slovenia can only join as associated partners without funding.

SMEs can be eligible as coordinators?

Call Office: Yes, please check the Funder Regulation for your country for specific rules and regulations.

If two different departments from an institute is partner in a consortium, would it be counted as two partners or one?

*Call Office: You can add them as two partners to the consortium. The minimum for a consortium is still 3 partners from 3 **countries** requesting funding.*

I have noticed that the different countries have different eligible expert. For example, in Italy, only Universities and Research centers are eligible. If we need a private partner (i.e., IT), must it be from a country were these private industries will be founded?
Same question here! We're a tech nonprofit with research in our mandate, but we'd like to engage private labs. Does it mean they would need to bring their funding or look for them in other countries where they are allowed?

Call Office: Please check the Annex I in the Call Announcement overview for funding possibilities per country and details in the Funders Regulation. If they are not eligible to receive funding they can join as associated partners with their own contribution or can be added by a partner as subcontractor.

How are the participants counted? each country is counted as one or according to the different participants?

Call Office: each participant is counted. E.g. P1 from Denmark, P2 from Germany, P3 from Latvia, P4 from Latvia- this consortium has 4 partners from 3 countries.

Project / Funding

When can the projects start at the earliest?

Call Office: earliest project start depends on the funder. Please contact your national funder contact point. Recommendation is beginning of 2027.

Also, some countries are expected to prepare 36 months projects, and some other 24. What happens if two partners have these different compulsory durations?
Is the ability for a partner to plan their efforts for 2 years (24 months) on the project due to the funding process requirements, or is it a flexible arrangement based on the project plan itself?

Call Office: Most countries fund projects up to 36 months. How much PM funding you request is depending on the project. If your part of the project is only 24 months and your funder also funds 24 months, there is no problem. Two partners in a consortium can have different funding (PM) lengths.

What are the funding rates for Start-Ups in Germany?

Call Office: Standard funding rates for SME are 50%. Please enter your budget accordingly- 50% in requested funding, 50% in own contribution.

Is there a requirement that the funding amounts must be distributed equally among the partners, or can there also be one "large" partner and several "smaller" partners?

Call Office: Funding should be distributed. 1 Partner should have a maximum of 60% of requested PMs.

Is it possible to submit a proposal in a consortium where two partners are from the same country but with a different national funder?

Call Office: Having different national funders within 1 project is highly country specific. Please contact your national funder contact point.

Does the solution must serve the European market or can serve emerging markets?

Call Office: The proposal outcome of the proposed project should have relevance to the EU / European market, but is not restricted to it.

There will be any platform for matchmaking for building consortium?

Call Office: there is the partnering tool on the submission website (right top side, "partnering") where offers are listed and you can add an offer yourself.

In a proposal submitted by three countries, should each country's work packages be designed to complement and fill each other's gaps, or is it acceptable for each partner to structure their contribution primarily according to their own national priorities?

> *Call Office: the proposal project should have a common goal, but each partner needs to be able to provide input based on their expertise. National priorities can be part of specific tasks/work packages, but a common European goal is important.*

Can associated partners get involved in the funding provided by the eligible partner as a beneficiary?

> *Call Office: No. Associated partners do not and cannot receive funding under this call. If you want to provide compensation/payment, please consider adding these partners not as associated partners but list them as subcontractors.*

Can we include in the seminars-meetings funded by the consortium leader or partner budget?

> *Call Office: the Coordinator of the consortium should include budget for project meetings with his/her project partners.*

1 coordination per person or per partner organisation?

> *Call Office: 1 Coordinator per person.*

Can a partner be coordinator of 2 projects, with 2 different people?

> *Call Office: 1 person can only be coordinator of 1 proposal. An institution can coordinate several projects (different persons).*

Is it possible to change the coordinator in short proposal if we find out that another person is more suitable as we develop the proposal?

> *Call Office: changes between short and full proposal require the approval of Call Office and the involved funder. It is only allowed in exceptional cases.*

Is the funding also covering the person-months contributed by the participating partners? I mean, is there a requirement for co-funding through partners' staff time, or are these person-months fully eligible and covered by the funding scheme?

> *Call Office: Funding rates are depending on the country and funder. Please check the Funder Regulation of your funder.*

Can a consortium organise case studies around national requirements: eg a case study A includes a private partner in a MS that allows this although other countries do not allow for this

> *Call Office: Your funder will only fund your part of the proposal. Therefore, your contribution needs to align to the funders regulations.*

Is it possible to include a Co-PI role? Or is it only possible to have one PI per partner?

Call Office: Each partner is represented by a PI. Additional members can be added in the team members section of each partner. No Co-PI role.

What are the expected TRL for the proposal? Should each project include some Use Cases?

Call Office: There is no requirement for specific TRL. Yes, at least one Use Case per proposal needs to be included.

Could we use the same national funding (projects) for this call that we have indicated in the UCs as in-kind funding?

Call Office: The AgData internal Use Cases are independent of this call. Double funding is not allowed.

Any limitations in relation to IP for the marketing of the solution before the project ends?

Call Office: this needs to be clarified within the consortium and the funding parties.

What is the maximum funding for the project? In the regulations we see the "indicated budget" and a lower amount for the "maximum funding" per each funder - can we use the funding only within one funding organization or can individual funder budgets be combined across all the funders?

what is the maximal total funding per project?

Call Office: funding is provided based on the nationality principle. Each country is only funding institutions of their country. Therefore, max funding only refers to a country and the maximum funding per project depends on the involved partners.

How can I know which the funding partner?

Call Office: Please check the Funder Regulations for funders of your country.

Submission

Is there an example format for letter of commitment for associated partners?

Call Office: Please check the "Template Letter of Financial Commitment" in the call documents to download from the submission website.

When you say "one CV" per partner, do you mean the CV of a single person or the organisation profile?

Call Office: CV of a single person (usually the PI). Please use the template CV available for download on the submission website.

What is meant by "Privacy Policy"? In my university we dont have a policy called "privacy policy"?

> *Call Office: Each partner has to check the privacy policy in the partner profile section of the submission website. This is a safety measure to insure that partners are actively participating.*

What do you mean by financial plan and comment?
What about the level of financial info for this short call?

> *Call Office: The Financial plan contains figures of requested funding, own contribution, overhead for each partner of the consortium. In the financial comment you can enter short explanations how these figures are calculated (e.g. 24 PM with rates 5k€ per month = 120k€).*

When you say that only the coordinator can add the information to the platform, do you mean the person that will coordinate (so a single account) or any person added in the co-ordinator/partner team?

> *Call Office: Per partner only 1 account is possible.*

Before the submission can coordinator be replaced with the current registered project in the proposal?

> *Call Office: Before the short proposal submission any changes are possible.*
> *Changes of persons within the partner can be done via the Call Office or if the login details are shared by the person her/himself.*

Is it mandatory for all applicant entities to have a PI?

> *Call Office: Each partner is added by the coordinator. This is implemented via an email address. The default identification of the person added to a partner is PI. The PI is the responsible person who is the principle contact for that partner.*

You said references. Does it mean publications or also developed tools?

> *Call Office: References as relevant to your field and project.*

You mentioned that we have to submit one CV per partner. If we are two persons from one institute, who want to work jointly in the project, do we have to register the other person as well and provide a CV for the second person?

> *Call Office: Each partner can only upload a single CV (1 page). Additional team members can be added in the team members section. Team members cannot upload a CV.*

Should the pre-proposal also be submitted separately to national funding agencies, or is a single submission in this system sufficient?

Call Office: Some funders may require an independent submission within a national / funder-specific system. Please check in the Funder Regulations for your country and funder.

Evaluation

Is there a preference for how the consortia are balanced in terms of the number of partners from academia and industry?

Call Office: Projects with academic and industrial partners are welcome. There is no preference.

How critical is the personal profile of the coordinator in decision to fund the project. Is it important to have a senior most or experienced person as coordinator?

Call Office: Short proposals are evaluated for Excellence and Impact. For the first point also the CVs and expertise of the applying persons are important. However, the space is very limited (1 page CV) and excellence also refers to the project idea (objectives, soundness of methodology).

Is the excellence in research the focus or technical development (R&D)?

Call Office: Short proposals are evaluated for Excellence and Impact. Please also see the section 6.2 Evaluation criteria of the Call Announcement.

Are the evaluators the same for short and full proposals?

Call Office: There will be overlaps in evaluators between both stages, but not all evaluators will be the same.

Is there any gender balance policy? Is having a female coordinator an advantage?

Call Office: Gender balance is not evaluated separately, but strong disbalances might be noted by evaluators.

Selection

For each national institute participating in this Horizon program, and responsible for allocating funding, how many projects are selected?

Call Office: How many projects can be funded depends on the available funding and the requested funding. Some funders can only fund 1 project, others 4-6.

What happens if there are partners from the of 3 countries (A, B, C) but the funders of A and B select the project, not C? Is the project rejected?

Call Office: A project can only be funded if all involved partners receive funding. The selection list is purely based on the evaluation results and will be followed.

Among two "same" applications e.g. A (2 yrs) and B (3yrs), which one is more likely to get accepted?

Call Office: The selection list is following the evaluation ranking results. Projects will be funded following the ranking as long as funding is available.

Is there a restriction on the number of consortia selected

Call Office: The available funding restricts the number of funded consortia.

Large consortiums could lead to projects being rejection? e.g. One country could support only 2 to 3 projects, and selected projects from that respective country are more than 2 or 3.

Call Office: It depends on the available funding. Funding selection will follow the evaluation ranking- the best evaluated projects will receive funding.

What about the there are 4 partners from 4 different countries. Even one of them is rejected project still can continue? (still there are minimum partner)

Call Office: A project can only be funded if all involved partners receive funding.

Miscellaneous

Will the webinar be recorded?

Call Office: The slide presentations were recorded and are available to view from the submission website.

Where can we access the slides?

Call Office: The slides are available to download from the submission website.

Could we have a summary document or any written notes from this meeting?

Call Office: The FAQ with questions asked during the webinar are summarized in this document, available for download from the submission website.

Restriction on data sharing with partner outside the European union may apply. It is something to be double checked, no?

Call Office: Yes.