



NID 2015 Bratislava

Direct Grants for Actions

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Call 2015: Actions co-financed with MS authorities – Joint Actions

- JA have a clear EU added value and are co-financed either by competent authorities that are responsible for health in the MS or in the third countries participating in the Programme, or by public sector bodies and non-governmental bodies mandated by those competent authorities.
- *Proposals should provide a genuine European dimension. Depending on the scope of the action, previous JA involved on average 25 partners.*
- A multibeneficiary grant agreement.

3rd HP: New procedure for JA

- Direct grant procedure = > all participants have to be nominated first (no open call!)
- If a European umbrella organisation/NGO wants to participate in a JA, it must be designated by a MS competent authority through a transparent procedure.
- For the "follow-up" JA (second phase of an existing JA): because an organisation is part of the running/finishing JA, this organisation is not automatically designated to participate in the new JA on the same topic!
- As in PHP2, international organisations (e.g. WHO, OECD, etc.) are not eligible to participate.
- Chafea will carry out spot checks concerning the transparency and legality of the designation process.

The Role of the MS

- MS to nominate participants prior to Chafea invitation to prepare the proposal



Participants

- **Competent authorities** (national or regional level) or other **bodies** (public sector body/NGO: nominated via a transparent procedure, according to relevant national legislation) to *participate in one or more of the listed JA*

Competent Authorities

If more than 1 CA exists in a given public health field at MS/regional level, several competent authorities can be nominated:

Nominations must be submitted separately for each CA

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"explanation why two or more competent authorities have been nominated"

Body other than a competent authority to participate

- The designation must be done through a **transparent procedure** and according to its relevant national legislation.

-Article 190(1)(d) of the Rules of Application of the Financial Regulation, the Member State/EEA is fully responsible to put in place the designation procedure and ensure that the requirements of transparency and legality are respected.

- **Third Health Programme (Articles 7 and 8)** public sector bodies, in particular **research and health institutions, universities and higher education establishments** as well as **non-governmental bodies** can be mandated to participate in the joint action on behalf of the Member State/EEA country.



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Letter to the Permanent Representatives

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HEALTH AND CONSUMERS DIRECTORATE-GENERAL

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NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATION IN THE EU

Your Excellency,

Subject: **Health Programme in 2014 – Implementation of actions co-financed with Member State health authorities (commonly referred to as ‘joint actions’)**

I am writing to you regarding the joint actions planned for 2014 under the third EU Health Programme 2014-2020. The adoption of the work plan is envisaged by end of May 2014. Pending adoption, it would foresee almost €18,6 million for the following actions co-financed with Member State authorities :

Web based tool registration

- The submission of the nominations of competent authorities and designated bodies other than competent authorities will be done through a web based tool
- <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/NominationsJointActions2015HealthProgramme>
- password: JA2015. All instructions are included directly on the web tool, as are the nomination forms that will need to be filled in and submitted.

Step 1: Instructions and completion of the nomination form

The editable .pdf template of the nomination form is found on the web based tool.

Please download it, fill it in, print it out and have it signed by the nominating authority.

Once this first step is completed, please go back to the online web tool to complete the second step of the process. The editable .pdf template has a limited number of visible characters; please double check that all filled fields are shown and readable before signature.



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***OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION
of participation as a partner in a Joint Action***

I, Ms/Mr
name (Title/Function)

duly authorised to sign this notification on behalf of the
*name of the ministry/
governmental organisation*

officially notify the Consumer, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency that the
*organisation official name
and (acronym)*

legally represented by:
name of legal representative

is an eligible

Competent Authority

Another body

to participate on behalf of
country/regional entity

and under its responsibility in the following joint action to be funded under the Health Programme 2015:

JA-01-2015: Health Technology Assessment cooperation

JA-02-2015: Prevention of Frailty

JA-03-2015: Market surveillance of medical devices

JA-04-2015: Rare cancer

I confirm that the designation procedure was executed and concluded in the respect of the national legislation in force in our country/region and that all the transparency requirements for the use of public EU and national funds in our country/region have been fully met. I confirm that the above mentioned ministry/governmental organisation is fully responsible for this designation and its legality.

Date and Place

Name and Signature

Step 2: Submission of the nomination form

In this step, please fill in a short online registration form, consistent with the completed pdf nomination sheet.

Upload the scanned signed version of the latter and submit the nomination.

Please note that the process will need to be repeated for each nomination in each joint action.

How much co-funding?

- *EU contribution is **60 %** of the total eligible cost;*
- *In cases of exceptional utility, it is **80 %**.*

Who can participate?

- *Country eligibility – EU28 and EEA (Norway and Iceland).*
- *Focus: MS authorities*
- *Public sector bodies and non-governmental bodies from the above countries can participate in JA, if they are mandated by competent authorities.*

Exceptional utility criteria

1. At least 30 % of the budget of the proposed action is allocated to MS whose gross national income (GNI) per inhabitant is less than 90 % of the Union average.

This criterion intends to promote the participation from MS with a low GNI.

2. Bodies from at least 14 participating countries participate in the action, out of which at least four are countries whose GNI per inhabitant is less than 90 % of the Union average.

This criterion promotes wide geographical coverage and the participation of MS authorities from countries with a low GNI.

New system = new terminology (1)

- The **Participant Portal (PP)** is the website hosting the information about funding for the third Health Programme (2014-2020) and Horizon 2020 programmes
<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/home.html>
- The **ECAS account** is the European Commission's Authentication Service. It is the system for logging on to a whole range of websites and online services run by the Commission.
- The **Beneficiary Register** is the European Commission's online register of the beneficiaries participating in EU Programmes, such as Horizon 2020 programmes, the Health and Consumers Programmes and others.

New system = new terminology (2)

- The **Participant Identification Code (PIC number)** is a 9-digit participant identification code, received upon completing the registration of the entity online
- The **LEAR (Legal Entity Appointed Representative)** is the appointed representative within the beneficiary organisation. He/she is responsible for the correctness of the information about the organization on the Participants Portal

Evaluation = Quality assurance

- Not subject to competition!
- Direct grant procedure!
- Subject to a negotiation process !



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Thank you for your attention!