

Climate and Cultural Heritage call 2023 – FAQ

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1. Which countries are participating in this call?

The confirmed list of Funding Organizations participating in this call is listed on the CRA's [dedicated webpage](#) on the Belmont Forum's website.

2. How many countries should be involved in each consortium?

Proposals must be submitted by a consortium of minimum three research partners (Principal Investigators, including one Lead Principal Investigator) from three different countries, seeking funding from three different funding organizations. Each consortium must also involve at least one Societal Partner.

3. Is it possible to include partners from countries that are not on the country list?

Yes, but they cannot participate as Lead Principal Investigator or Principal Investigator as they are not eligible to receive funding under this call. They can participate as Associate Principal Investigator (API) or as Societal Partner, depending on their background and input for the project (see Call for Proposals, sections 4.2.3 and 4.2.4).

4. Can a consortium have more than one PI per country?


No, each PI must be from a different country. However, there can be several researchers within one PI's team, providing that it is allowed by the Funding Organization which the applicant seeks funding from. Please check the National Annex.

5. Is there a maximum number of PIs in any given consortium?

There is no maximum number of PIs. There can be as many PIs as the consortium requires. The minimal number of PIs is three.

6. Can the Societal Partner receive funding if located in a country with funding agency?

Societal partners are typically not eligible for funding and must therefore participate in an in-kind or self-funded capacity. However, if a Funding Organization's National Annex explicitly states that it can fund non-academic organizations, a Societal Partner can request funding from that organization. Also, if allowed by the Funding



Organization, part of a Principal Investigator's budget can be used to cover costs associated with the Societal Partner's participation (e.g. travel and meeting costs). Please contact the Funding Organization which you hope can support some or all of the costs associated with the Societal Partner's participation in the project to ensure that they can indeed cover these expenses (see Call for Proposals section 4.2.4).

7. Can a Societal Partner be located in any country, including countries not listed as Funders in this Call?

Societal Partners can be located in any country. However, some Funding Organizations participating in this Call have adopted policies that may not allow funding for individuals if there is a person, public or private institution, company, or association from Russia or Belarus involved in the Consortium in any capacity (LPI, PI, API, SP). Consortia may be deemed ineligible for this reason.

If allowed by the Funding Organization, part of a Principal Investigator's budget can be used to cover costs associated with the Societal Partner's participation (e.g. travel and meeting costs). Check your National Annex and contact your Funding Organization to make sure.

8. Where can I connect with possible consortium partners?

The Thematic Program Office has set up an online Matchmaking Platform, aiming to support consortium building and to foster networking, particularly for Early Career Researchers. This Matchmaking Platform is invitation only. If you would like to join it, please sign up using [this form](#) and we will send you an invitation to join as soon as possible.


9. Is the size of a consortium an (informal) criterion for selection: for instance, will you prioritize large consortia (with the associated design and implementation challenges) or smaller, more manageable consortia?

The size of a consortium is not an evaluation criterion in this call, informal or otherwise. The Panel of Experts is asked to evaluate research proposals against the evaluation criteria as defined in the Call for Proposals (see section 6.2).

10. Are researchers from Universities of Applied Science or from technical/computational disciplines eligible to apply for this call? Can Foundations/Associations in the field of Cultural Heritage be PI and directly receive funding?

The eligibility for funding depends on the eligibility rules of the Funding Organization, which the applicant wishes to seek funding from. Please read the National Annexes listed on the table of Funding Organizations on the CRA webpage.

11. Are post-docs eligible to submit proposals as Principal Investigators? Can postdocs be funded?



The eligibility for funding depends on the eligibility rules of the Funding Organization, which the applicant wishes to seek funding from. Please read the National Annexes listed on the table of Funding Organizations on the CRA webpage.

12. What definition of cultural heritage is used for this call for proposals? Is this call also for audio-visual and/or digital heritage (as opposed to material, non-moveable objects)?

The definition of cultural heritage used for this call is the definition set out in the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA) of the JPI Cultural Heritage. This definition reflects the holistic approach to heritage that is used by the JPI Cultural Heritage and includes all forms of cultural heritage. Please find the full definition at this link (p. 24): <https://www.heritageresearch-hub.eu/strategic-research-and-innovation-agenda-2020-sria/>

13. Would it be possible to have an exact definition of the research fields mentioned in the call? What disciplines does the Technology field include? What does Social Sciences include? In what field do Architecture and Engineering fall?

The eligibility for funding depends on the eligibility rules of the Funding Organization, which the applicant wishes to seek funding from. Please read the National Annexes listed on the table of Funding Organizations on the CRA webpage, as some funding organizations may only fund researchers coming from specific research fields according to their own definitions. When in doubt, contact your national contact person (see National Annex)

14. Can you explain the participation of Future Earth and the Adaptation Research Alliance to this call?


Future Earth and the Adaptation Research Alliance do not provide funding in this Call for Proposals. Please contact the TPO directly if you have any specific questions about their participation.

15. What is the expected budgets for the projects? Is there a maximum amount of money per funding agency?

The (maximum) budget available per Consortium Member depends on the available budget and rules of the Funding Organization, which the funding is sought from. Please read the National Annexes listed on the table of Funding Organizations on the CRA webpage.

16. In theory, could the project be fully funded by the requested grant without any contributions from the partners?

There is no requirement for co-funding. However, some Funding Organizations can only fund a portion of the total project costs. Please read the National Annexes of Funding Organizations your Consortium wishes to seek funding from. In addition, the



participation of at least one Societal Partner is required, and they are typically not eligible for funding and would therefore often participate in an in-kind or self-funded capacity.

17. How are projects selected for funding?

The selection procedure is detailed in section 6 of the call for proposals.

18. Why is the call timeline so tightly calculated?

The Funding Organizations have collectively agreed upon this timeline, allowing sufficient time for a robust evaluation process and meeting the funding availabilities of the Funding Organizations involved.

19. Where are the evaluation criteria described?

Please refer to section 6.2 of the Call for Proposals for the evaluation criteria.