

ELG – FSTP – Pilot Projects Open Call 1

Frequently Asked Questions

Document history

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1. Who can apply for pilot project?

SMEs and research organisations. Only beneficiaries legally established in any of the Horizon2020 eligible countries will be eligible to apply for the Pilot Projects. Please [check if your country is eligible](#).

2. How can I get access to ELG Grid Platform?

ELG Grid Platform (Release 1 alpha) is not accessible for general public yet. However, it is possible for applicants to get access to ELG Grid Platform (Release 1 alpha).

After you create your account at ELG Open Calls Platform, you are entitled to get access to ELG Grid Platform (Release 1 alpha). Within 2 working days after you register at ELG Open Calls Platform, you will receive an e-mail describing how to access ELG Grid Platform (Release 1 alpha).

In case you have any questions related to ELG Grid Platform (Release 1 alpha), please send them to contact@european-language-grid.eu.

3. What is the maximum budget?

Maximum amount per project is €200,000.

4. How much money is allocated for pilot projects?

Approx. €1,950,000 to be distributed in total in two open calls.

5. How many calls will you open?

There will be two open calls. First was opened in March 2020, second will be open in September 2020.

6. Can I receive internal feedback on my project proposal?

All project proposals are going to be evaluated by three independent evaluators and the Pilot Board using the evaluation criteria specified in the Call Documentation. Please note that we cannot help you with the content of your project as we need to maintain equal access to information for all applicants (i.e., no individual consultations are possible).

We would like to point your attention to Call documentation, FAQ and other documents we have published on our website: <https://www.european-language-grid.eu/open-calls/call-for-pilot-projects/>

7. How many pilot projects do you expect to select?

We expect that 6-15 projects will be selected in Call 1 and 4-15 projects in Call 2, up to the maximum funding available. A minimum budget of 30 % of the available funding will be left for Call 2 (approx. €600,000).

8. Can we submit more than one proposal?

Yes. Up to two proposals per applicant will be accepted for evaluation, one for objective A and one for objective B (see [Call Documentation](#)). Others will be discarded. If the project proposal is not accepted in the first call, resubmission to the second call is allowed.

9. Can I submit a project proposal and register as an evaluator at the same time?

Yes, you can. It is specified on [our website](#) who can apply to become the evaluator of project proposals. Please follow the instructions in [Guide for Applicants](#) how to register to the ELG Open Calls Platform for both roles at once.

10. Can we collaborate with partners in our project?

No. You are allowed to apply as an individual project only, i.e. one organisation per project only.

11. Can we use the “linked third parties” model?

No. We do not have a “linked third party” clause/rule in the framework specifications of our open call. In other words, the “linked third party” concept doesn’t exist in our Open Call specifications.

12. For a type A project, how are we supposed to share our services?

You will share your services via ELG (see examples in the grid). For type A projects (extending the ELG capabilities), the resource, tool or service has to be integrated into ELG. A license will be signed between ELG and the Pilot Project to specify the terms of use. It must be available at least as a demo and/or for research purposes for free. Any commercial use will either be specified in the license agreement, or it will be postponed until the ELG will have an established model for full commercial exploitation.

Regarding the IP rights – please see the Third Party Agreement Model (https://www.european-language-grid.eu/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/ELG_Annex-2_THIRD-PARTY-agreement-model-1.pdf), section 6.

13. For a type B project, how are we supposed to set up the business model?

For type B projects (developing an application using the existing ELG resources, tools or services), the resulting application must be described in the ELG catalogue, pointing to a place where it is available (e.g., a company website), and which acknowledges the ELG Open Call funding. The integration of the resulting service is also possible. A service level agreement negotiated during the execution of the project will be signed between the Third Party and ELG.

Please see the Third Party Agreement Model (https://www.european-language-grid.eu/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/ELG_Annex-2_THIRD-PARTY-agreement-model-1.pdf)

14. Is my project type A or type B?

Sometimes there is no sharp line between the two. We recommend to describe and explain your project idea well in your proposal. The categorization of your project might be changed during the evaluation process. This does not have any impact on the chance of acceptance. Please see the Call Documentation for more information.

15. What is meant by “results of your project must be integrated into the ELG”?

Your resulting services, tools and resources will be shared via the ELG platform. The ELG Technical Team will guide you through the integration process.

16. Are there any priority topics in the open call?

There are no priorities. We want to select the best projects based on the evaluation of three independent experts and the Pilot Board. It is yet to be decided if there are any priorities for the Second Call that will be published in September 2020.

17. Does Brexit have any implications on eligibility?

No. The Withdrawal Agreement as agreed between the European Union and the United Kingdom entered into force on 1 February 2020. In overall terms, on the basis of the Withdrawal Agreement, the UK-based legal entities will continue to be fully eligible to participate and receive funding in the current 2014-2020 EU programmes, including Horizon 2020, as if the UK were a member state until the closure of these programmes, unless security considerations apply. This means that UK beneficiaries can continue – without interruption – to receive grants awarded under the current and previous MFFs until their end dates, even if these are after 2020.

Source: [European Commission](#)

18. Where can we send our questions?

You can contact us at pilot-projects@european-language-grid.eu.