



Malta Council for Science and Technology

Participating in FP7

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Outline

- Who can participate?
- Conditions for participation
- Submission and Selection
- Role of MCST in FP7

Who can participate?

- Any company, university, research centre or other legal entity established in:
 - a Member State
 - Associated Country
 - Third Countrymay participate provided that the minimum conditions have been met

Conditions for participation

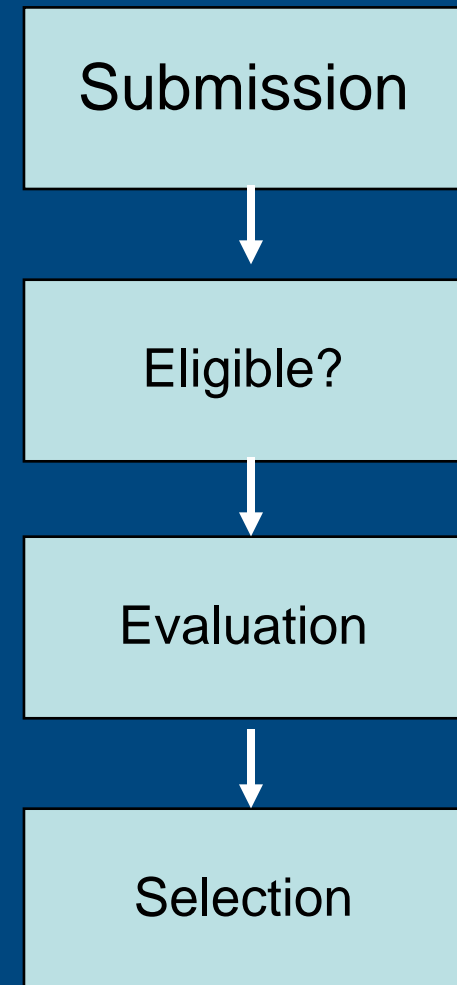
- **Minimum condition:** 3 independent legal entities from 3 different MS or AC
- **Additional conditions:** can be established by the SP or WP
- **Specific Conditions:** may also apply for:
 - Frontier Research Actions
 - CSA – Supporting Actions
 - Collaborative projects addressing the participation of International Cooperation Partner Countries (ICPC): at least 4 legal entities
 - 2 legal entities from different MS/AC
 - 2 legal entities from ICPC

(unless otherwise stated in the WP)

Submission and Selection

- turning your idea into an effective proposal

- Information for proposers
- Where to get support
- Preparing your proposal
- Submission of proposals
- Eligibility check
- Evaluation Process



Information for proposers

- Work-programme
- Guide for Applicants
- Rules for participation
- Guidelines for evaluators
- EPSS manual

<http://cordis.europa.eu>

Where to get support

- National Contact Points
 - The network of NCPs is the main structure to provide guidance and practical information
 - Personalised support during the project
- FP7 Enquiry Service
 - A service provided by the Europe Direct Contact Centre

Preparing your Proposal

Consortium Building

- Previously established contacts
- National Contact Points
- CORDIS Partners Service
 - Find partners
 - Submit your profile

<http://cordis.europa.eu/partners-service/>

Submission of proposals

- Fixed Deadline calls
- Electronic Submission ONLY
 - Improved validation checks before submission is accepted
 - Part A: Administrative part
 - Part B: Description of the project and the work to be carried out
 - PDF file which can be changed anytime before deadline

Eligibility check

- Received by the Commission before the deadline
- Involves the minimum number of participants given in the call
- Proposal is complete (both parts)
- Content of the proposal relates to the topic(s) and funding scheme (including any special conditions)

Evaluation Process

- Eligibility check
- On-site evaluation
- Independent Experts – independently assessed by 3 or more experts
- Evaluation criteria – established in Guide for Applicants
- Consensus meeting
- Panel review

Role of MCST in FP7

- MCST is the NCP organisation in Malta for FP7.
- MCST has appointed an NCP for every thematic and horizontal area in FP7.
- Every local NCP is part of a NCP network at the European level.

Role of MCST in FP7

- NCPs in Malta provide:
 - Dissemination of information on FP7
 - Assistance and dissemination of partner search
 - Organisation of workshops and events on FP7
 - Simplification of FP7 documents
 - One-to-one consultation
 - Identification of the area most suitable for your needs
 - Support in preparing the proposal
 - Support in negotiation and in project management
 - Sign posting to other agencies and programmes

National FP7 website (www.mcst.gov.mt/fp7)

- **Information on FP7**
 - **Calls**
 - **Events (Local & International)**
 - **FP7 Documents**
 - **Publications**
 - **List of NCPs and contact details**
- **Organisation Profiles**
- **Project Ideas**
- **Partner Search**
- **Success Stories**
- **Direct link with Cordis – www.cordis.europa.eu**
- **Direct link with other FP7 initiatives**

Tips towards a successful project

- Think Strategic – Do not see it as a money making machine
- Have a Cool, New and Innovative Idea
- Have a Strong Profile
- Be Realistic
- Be Selective – do not shoot anything that moves
- Be close to your business
- Set SMART Objectives
- Learn from Past Experiences especially others'
- Read ALL documents including guide for reviewers
- Find the right project and right partner

Thank You

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Other useful Sites:

FP7 Malta: <http://www.mcst.org.mt>

FP7 General: <http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/>