

EIT Health COVID-19 “Rapid Response” in 2020 for on-going and new projects

Background

EIT Health opens the “Rapid Response” request for proposals to support immediate response of our partnership to the COVID-19 pandemic. EIT Health Partners in collaboration with other partners can send their proposals.

New projects or extensions of an existing project must be implemented rapidly, with full spending and completion taking place in 2020. Proposed activities must create short-term impact that can be scaled internationally and leverage our partnership network.

EIT Health does not have an obligation to grant any projects at this stage, as there is no clarity on the funding available for the “Rapid Response”. The amount of funding available for the “Rapid Response” projects depends on the funding that will be freed from the other delayed/terminated activities in the EIT Health portfolio in 2020.

“Rapid Response” Project Requirements

- Projects should address the COVID-19 outbreak exclusively and have an “innovative” element.
- Rapid implementation of the project is required. The project should be completed, and the funding spent by the end of 2020.
- The project should generate an immediate/short-term impact in fighting the COVID-19 pandemic that can be achieved and measured by the end of 2020.
- The project should generate an impact that can be scaled internationally (in Europe and globally).
- There should be a solid scientific/technological background that should ensure the safety of patients and healthcare providers.
- The project should include elements of Knowledge Triangle Integration (e.g. university-research-business cooperation element; research to market pathway etc).

Please note: Vaccine and drug discovery/development are outside of EIT Health’s scope and will not be supported through the “Rapid Response”.

Eligibility Requirements

Projects should:

- Include at least one EIT Health Core or Associate Partner.
- Have partners from at least one CLC/InnoStars. Note: In case of a large number of proposals, preference will be given to proposals that include partners from more than one CLC/InnoStars and have a higher impact on other regions.
- Observe the regular cost-eligibility rules of EIT-funded projects outlined in [H2020 AGA](#).
- Observe the regular co-funding rules for “for-profit” EIT Health partners (bring at least 30% co-funding).
- External Project Partners need to be registered in one of the EU Member States or countries associated with Horizon 2020 to be eligible for the EIT funding.
- Maximum funding per project is €600,000.

Please note:

- KCA contribution and additional co-funding will be appreciated.
- No financial contribution to EIT Health sustainability is required for the “Rapid Response” projects.

How to apply

- **On-going projects** that have the potential and interest to make adaptations to current work plans for rapid response are invited to first contact their respective CLC/InnoStars Directors for consultation and, if approved, submit their proposal through the [online submission platform](#).
- **Proposals for new ideas** can be submitted directly through the [online submission platform](#).

Please submit proposals through the submission platform by **8 April 2020, 16.00 CET**.

We expect granting decisions on first projects by 15 April 2020 (others may follow as more budget becomes available).

