

## Open Call for the Mentoring & Coaching Network vouchers: UK-Ireland 2020

EIT Health UK-Ireland opens call for seven Mentoring and Coaching Network (MCN) vouchers worth €2000 for Start-Ups, apply ([here](#)).

### **Information on the Mentoring and Coaching Network:**

The MCN provides an interactive platform for Start-ups to be matched with suitable mentors with the areas of expertise to scale up their business. “Flash Mentoring Plus” provides four sessions between Start-ups and mentors to allow them to meet in person or online. Our network of MCN expert mentors help to tackle specific challenges such as creating your MVP, validating your product-market-fit, finding partners for research/studies, develop your plan to scale, or prepare for your next investment round - all are make-or-break inflection points.

**Flash Mentoring Plus:** Three mentoring session in the first three months and a fourth follow up session after six months. Durations of the mentoring sessions are discussed with mentors ahead of contracting but generally include at least four to five hours of mentoring and up to two to three hours of preparation ahead of each session. Overall each mentoring session should be accountable for eight hours.

### **Eligibility criteria:**

1. A company must be incorporated/registered in the UK or Ireland before the application deadline
2. A company must not have exceeded €48,000 in funding from EIT Health in 2020
3. Must be a Start-up or SME as defined by Horizon 2020
4. Applications must be completed in English on Optimy
5. Must be prepared to complete their Flash Mentorship Plus in November/December 2021
6. Projects must be within scope of [EIT Health main challenges](#)
7. Projects must not be based on drug-development

### **Application Process:**

Applications for this call are submitted via the Optimy platform. Deadline for applications is the **17 August 2020 at 23:59 GMT+1**. Once the eligible applications are evaluated, the results will be announced via email notification.

### **Selection criteria for MCN voucher call:**

1. Innovativeness of Product/Service
2. Potential Impact of Product/Service
3. Potential of the team
4. Well defined objectives for overall business development
5. Clearly defined need for Mentoring & Coaching
6. Overall Impression: Quality of application/product and idea, idea must be well structured and concisely written.

### **Important Dates:**

- Call Opens: **20 July 2020**
- Deadline to Submit Applications: **17 August 2020**
- Results of Online Evaluations: **Early September**

### **Support:**

For questions or support, please contact the Project Manager for the MCN in UK and Ireland Ala Alenazi ([ala.alenazi@eithealth.eu](mailto:ala.alenazi@eithealth.eu)) or the Business Creation Manager Rosemary Gallagher ([rosemary.gallagher@eithealth.eu](mailto:rosemary.gallagher@eithealth.eu)).