

# JRC in Horizon Europe

JRC's participation in indirect actions

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# Basic principles

- **JRC does not take part in competitive bidding**
  - JRC does not take part in any applying consortium, and does not take part in the preparation of proposals by any applicant
- Where indicated in the work programme (WP), JRC may participate in actions
- JRC funds its activities in collaborative projects with consortia from its **own budget**

# Three scenarios for JRC's involvement in HE actions

- JRC as **beneficiary** **requesting zero funding** – *signing grant agreement*
- **JRC as associated partner** – *not signing grant agreement, (potentially) signing the consortium agreement*

- JRC as **non-beneficiary** – in situations when the JRC is not mentioned in the topic at all (e.g. via collaboration agreement, membership in the scientific advisory board, etc.)

# Example i

## Extract from the topic HORIZON-CL6-2022-FARM2FORK-01-02: Socio-economics of pesticide use in agriculture

Specific conditions	
Expected EU contribution per project	The Commission estimates that an EU contribution of around EUR 6.00 million would allow these outcomes to be addressed appropriately. Nonetheless, this does not preclude submission and selection of a proposal requesting different amounts.
Indicative budget	The total indicative budget for the topic is EUR 6.00 million.
Type of Action	Research and Innovation Actions
Eligibility conditions	<p>The conditions are described in General Annex B. The following exceptions apply:</p> <p><b>The Joint Research Centre (JRC) may participate as member of the consortium selected for funding.</b></p> <p>The following additional eligibility criteria apply: The proposals must use the multi-actor approach. See definition of the multi-actor approach in the introduction to this work programme part.</p>

Identifier for considering JRC as a beneficiary (requesting zero funding)

# Example ii

- Under the topic's eligibility conditions there is no standard reference on the JRC
- But the topic's scope mentions, e.g., the following:
  - ...Proposals are encouraged to cooperate with actors such as the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC). The JRC may provide expertise on how to strengthen the relationship between scientists and European policy makers and to promote research and collaboration on food systems science...

Identifiers  
for  
considering  
JRC as  
associated  
partner  
(only)

# List of Horizon Europe topics with envisaged JRC's participation

	Union – food safety		
60	<b>HORIZON-CL6-2024-FARM2FORK-01-2: New healthy and sustainable food products and processes</b>	Proposals could consider cooperation with of the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) research infrastructures (Nanobiotechnology laboratory) and its expertise at the interface between the research activities and regulatory aspects. In that respect, the JRC will consider collaborating with any successful proposal and this collaboration, when relevant, should be established after the proposal's approval.	<a href="https://joint-research-centre.ec.europa.eu/laboratories-and-facilities/jrc-nanobiotechnology-laboratory_en">https://joint-research-centre.ec.europa.eu/laboratories-and-facilities/jrc-nanobiotechnology-laboratory_en</a>
61	<b>HORIZON-CL6-2024-FARM2FORK-01-3: Thematic network tackling food fraud by translating research and innovation into practice</b>	Proposals are encouraged to cooperate with actors such as the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) Knowledge Centre for Food Fraud and Quality, which provides expertise in food science, authenticity and quality of food supplied in the EU. Proposals could also foresee the involvement of the European Network of GMO Laboratories (ENGL).	<a href="https://knowledge4policy.ec.europa.eu/food-fraud-quality_en">https://knowledge4policy.ec.europa.eu/food-fraud-quality_en</a>  <a href="https://joint-research-centre.ec.europa.eu/jrc-science-and-knowledge-activities/sustainable-food-systems_en">https://joint-research-centre.ec.europa.eu/jrc-science-and-knowledge-activities/sustainable-food-systems_en</a>
62	<b><i>HORIZON-CL6-2024-FARM2FORK-01-6: Citizens' science as an opportunity to foster the transition to sustainable food systems</i></b>	<i>Proposals are encouraged to cooperate with actors such as the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC). The JRC may provide expertise on how to strengthen the relationship between scientists and European policy makers and to promote research and collaboration on food systems science.</i>	<a href="https://knowsdgs.jrc.ec.europa.eu/cfc">https://knowsdgs.jrc.ec.europa.eu/cfc</a> <a href="https://eplca.jrc.ec.europa.eu/FoodSystem.html">https://eplca.jrc.ec.europa.eu/FoodSystem.html</a>  <a href="https://esdac.jrc.ec.europa.eu/">https://esdac.jrc.ec.europa.eu/</a>
63	<b>HORIZON-CL6-2024-FARM2FORK-01-8: Preventing and</b>	Proposals should also build on past or ongoing research projects and ensure synergy with relevant initiatives. In particular, they should build on the work done by the Commission's Joint Research Centre in support of the EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste200 and be	<a href="https://eplca.jrc.ec.europa.eu/FoodSystem.html">https://eplca.jrc.ec.europa.eu/FoodSystem.html</a>

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# Practically i – JRC as beneficiary/associated partner

- JRC may not participate in drafting the project proposal. But if the applicants are interested, they can envisage in their proposal the JRC's potential contribution based on the information provided in the scope of the topic text.
- If that information in the topic text is insufficient, the applicant may search for additional publically available information on the JRC's website ([EU Science Hub homepage \(europa.eu\)](https://ec.europa.eu/science-hub/)), on the NCP portal, or request specific information from the JRC ([JRC-NCP-Network@ec.europa.eu](mailto:JRC-NCP-Network@ec.europa.eu))
- JRC must assure that all the other applicants receive the same information on the JRC's possible contribution to the project (e.g. via the [FAQs](#) under the Funding and Tenders Portal).

# Practically ii - JRC as beneficiary/associated partner

- Once the proposal is selected for funding, only then the JRC and the winning consortia can enter into a deeper discussion on the specific terms of the JRC's participation in the project.
- If an agreement is found, the JRC may accede to the grant agreement as a beneficiary requesting zero funding or as an associated partner and become a member of the consortium.

# Practically – JRC as non-beneficiary

- In all those topics, in which the JRC is not mentioned at all the *JRC may collaborate* with the consortia selected for funding as a **non-beneficiary** (without participating in the grant agreement).
- One example of such collaboration is when the JRC would join the project's Scientific Advisory Board.

# EXCEPTION – Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)

- In MSCA actions in general, JRC is eligible to participate only as **associated partner**
- In MSCA Staff Exchange and Feedback to Policy actions, JRC can also participate as **beneficiary requesting zero funding**

# The most typical JRC's contribution to HE projects

- **JRC can act as an interface** between the research activities and regulatory aspects
- JRC can carry out **knowledge management** activities, or help ensure that relevant research results are used for policy making, contributing to an effective feedback to policy within Horizon Europe and other EU policies.
- JRC can carry out (but is not limited to) tasks such as: integrating research results and data in databases and maintaining these databases, validating and maintaining models, providing advice, data analytics, etc. The JRC can also provide access to its research infrastructures, information systems, databases and models.
- [Funding & tenders \(europea.eu\)](https://europea.eu)

QUESTIONS?

# Thank you



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# General Annexes of Horizon Europe

- *Where provided for in the specific call conditions, applicants may include in their proposals the possible contribution of the JRC but the JRC will not participate in the preparation and submission of the proposal.*
- *Applicants will indicate the contribution that the JRC could bring to the project based on the scope of the topic text.*
- *After the evaluation process, the JRC and the consortium selected for funding may come to an agreement on the specific terms of the participation of the JRC.*
- *If an agreement is found, the JRC may accede to the grant agreement as beneficiary requesting zero funding or participate **as an associated partner (new feature)**, and would accede to the consortium as a member.*