
HORIZON EUROPE PROPOSAL APPLICATION FUND GUIDELINES

1) OBJECTIVE

The main objective of this grant scheme is to stimulate cooperation and joint project proposals in the frame of Horizon Europe programme between R&I actors from the European Union (EU) and Kosovo. This grant scheme covers parts of the costs of the Kosovan researchers in applying for a Horizon Europe project proposal only and will be disbursed on basis of clear criteria and a review procedure.

Within this grant scheme, HERAS Plus will award twenty grants¹ (each 1 500 EUR) to applicants. This will provide grants to researchers for covering technical and/or logistical support for the development of the project proposal for Horizon Europe, based on successful submission.

2) ELIGIBILITY

Eligible applicants for this call are: Universities; Research Institutes; Individual researchers, Companies, Small and medium Enterprises and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) from Kosovo.

The applicants must fulfill the following:

- The applicant must have submitted a project proposal as part of consortium under *Horizon Europe*;
- The project proposal submitted to *Horizon Europe* needs to be in line with Kosovo's priorities in the field of R&I;
- The collaborative project proposals submitted to *Horizon Europe* must have scientific basis (state of the art concerning the specific research topics, gaps to be filled in the current knowledge, relevance of proposed activities) and the expected impact of the research;
- The project proposal submitted to *Horizon Europe* must provide information on how the R&I activities are being promoted.

¹ Already awarded twelve grants by June 2023

3) IMPLEMENTATION

The grant holder will have to accept the obligation to provide HERAS Plus all the information requested about the outcome of their activities. The requested grant is 1 500 EUR and it is covered on reimbursement basis. For the remaining period until November 2023, HERAS Plus will award only 8 remaining grants to applicants.

The grant will be transferred to the grantee bank account (as indicated in the application form). The distribution of the grant budget will be administered by HERAS Plus.

Note: The projects can be retroactively reimbursed, only from January 1st 2023 onwards.

4) DURATION AND EVALUATION

The call will be open until 15 November 2023. The remaining grants will be evaluated based on national priorities of Kosovo and will prioritize projects in area of Research and Innovation Action (RIA).

The eligible applications will be evaluated by a selection committee composed of representatives of:

- Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation (MESTI);
- ZSI (Centre for Social Innovation); and
- HERAS Plus.

The final decision on granting the applications will be made solely by the selection committee.

5) SUBMISSION PROCEDURE:

The grant application should be submitted via e-mail to:

Ms. Donjeta Ibra, Office Manager

Email: donjeta.ibra@wus-austria.org

All documents required for submission have to be in English, and include the following:

- *Signed and Application Form of this grant scheme;*
- *Proof of application submission from the Horizon Europe portal;*
- *Short CV and copy of ID/Passport of the project coordinator.*