

Frequently Asked Questions

With whom will the complete content of our application be shared? Only with the jury and the EC?

Yes, the whole content of your application will only be shared with members of the jury, under confidentiality rules.

We did not do a registration of interest by April 2nd 2019. Just to be sure, we can still submit an application before September 3rd?

As the deadline for registrations of interest was indicated as non compulsory, you can still submit an application by September 3rd at 17:00 CET.

When is it the deadline for submitting EIC Horizon Prize on BLOCKCHAINS FOR SOCIAL GOOD - in the rules of contest and timetable it says September 3rd, but in the infographic it is 25 June.

Indeed the deadline is Tuesday September 3rd, 17:00 CET, we are correcting the infographic.

If the UK were to leave the EU with no deal would our application be withdrawn?

Since this Prize is open to EU and non-EU applicants, Brexit has no impact on the eligibility of UK applicants.

May I ask you for a link to the application form?

You can find the link at the webpage indicated in the rules of contest
https://ec.europa.eu/research/eic/index.cfm?pg=prizes_blockchains

We would like to know if it is possible to add some letters of interest to our proposal as an Annex to Part B

Yes you can add letters – provided you don't exceed the maximum page limit.

The Rules of Contest document states in the Positive social impact award criteria that projects should be at least at TRL7. We would like to know if not meeting this expectation is reason for exclusion or if we could still get the minimum threshold for potential impact and accumulate high scores in other criteria.

Indeed the rules of Contest require a TRL of 7 (system prototype demonstration in operational environment) or higher, not as an eligibility criterion but as part of the first evaluation criterion. You can of course provide your views and interpretations of it. Its impact on the final evaluation will be assessed by the Jury. In any case, the prize is not intended to provide funding for project/solution development.

According to the application template (attached to the letter), there is Part B described and we can't find any information about Part A of the application. Your clarification would be very much appreciated :)

Actually “part A” is the administrative information which you fill in online on the submission portal.

Do we have to provide a whole project application just like SME Instruments and FTIs comprising not only a description of the technology, but also a project outline with e.g. scaling descriptions, pilot phases with other companies (sometimes even included as partners to the proposal)?

Please note that this is a “Prize”, i.e. a lump sum attributed to work already realised, not a call for proposals, for work still to be done. That’s why a project outline is normally not necessary. The prize is not intended to provide funding for project/solution development.

There is no template to fill in where is going out the budget, Can we get our own template to show what we will do with the money?

This is a Prize, not a development project. The Prize is not intended to fund the development of the application, but to reward the creator for its development. There’s no form on the budget because the amount of the prize is independent from the money you have spent in developing the application which you intend to submit to the contest.

Is possible to deliver this in Spanish or it must to be in English?

It is possible to deliver it in Spanish (although it might be more practical for the jury’s work if it was in English).

Eligibility criteria include “The participants are required to release their source codes under an Open Source Licence. “ Are all kinds of Open Source license allowed? Is it acceptable that a part of the code is not open at the time of submission but will be made open in perspective?

Indeed the rules of contest require a commitment from the applicants, if successful, to release their source code as open source. There are however many types of open source licenses – you may want to provide a detailed argumentation on the type of licenses and on the parts which will be opened up or not, for the appreciation of the jury.

The aspects related to the openness of the proposed solutions, also in relation to the requirements of applications in the public and social good domain (such as ensuring full transparency on the behaviour of the application and its algorithms, as well as allowing others to reuse your code, even if not necessarily for free) will be assessed by the jury as part of the evaluation criteria. We cannot offer more specific guidance on this aspect at this stage; all related considerations will be assessed by the jury for each proposal, as part of one of the 5 evaluation criteria.

We need you to share as much of the code as is needed to (not necessarily for free) for further developments of public utility.

I would like to have more information regarding: "be aware that participants that have already received an EU or Euratom prize cannot receive a second prize for the same activities". Could you elaborate on which other EU prizes are you talking about?

The wording “participants that have already received an EU or Euratom prize cannot receive a second prize for the same activities” was introduced in the RoC to avoid double funding, but only previous EU prizes are relevant; previous grant/procurement/financial instrument are not relevant. This is also indicated in the [Business Workflow for Prizes](#).

There are two cumulative conditions to respect this eligibility condition, not having received an EU/Euratom prize and not for the same activities:

- for EU prize it is to be understood a prize awarded by the EU. Therefore, if for EUPC it is intended the European Patent office, this is to be considered an EU prize.
- For the concept of the same activities, this is to be understood that the same “invention” cannot be “funded” twice. If the invention is a different one, although developed from a previous one, this could be accepted. We understand that these explanations would be part of the proposal evaluated by the Jury.

Having received a funding for some research and development (not a “Prize”) does not exclude from applying to this contest and possibly receiving its Prize.

Could you inform me about the members in this jury? Will this be published on the website? Will members be excluded from evaluating proposals when there’s an (in)direct connection with the participant?

The members of the Jury have not been appointed yet. They will be chosen avoiding conflict of interests, following the general evaluation guidelines we apply to proposals, which includes preventing them from evaluating proposals where they have any (direct or indirect) financial connection with the participants.

Participants are invited to declare their intention to participate by registering their interest – What's the purpose of this registration? Will participants receive feedback upon submitting the title and abstract of the application?

The purpose of the non mandatory registration is to allow us to properly plan the evaluation, in terms of number and competences of members of the jury.

Please, find attached the abstract of our proposal and let us know your comments.

It is not possible for us to provide feedbacks neither do preliminary assessment before the official evaluation. However, If you have any specific question we can certainly answer.