

FAQs - HORIZON-EIC-2022-GENDER-01

Are natural persons allowed to participate in the call?

No, natural persons are not eligible applicants for this call.

Are consultancies allowed to participate in the call?

Yes, consultancies are eligible applicants for this call. Consultancies, even if held by one person, are legal entities and as such do not fall in the category of 'natural persons'.

Can a single entity apply to this call, or just consortia?

Both single entities and consortia can apply to this call.

What are the rules of eligibility for consortia?

For this call, consortia can be made of two legal entities or more. The applicants ('beneficiaries') must be located in different EU Member States or Associated Country. At least one applicant must be located in a EU Member State.

Are there important existing initiatives to be considered in scoping out our proposal?

The Commission and the EIB/EIF are also working on gathering data and indicators to monitor diversity in the tech innovation world, in startups and among investors (see EIB's presentation and slides at https://eic.ec.europa.eu/events/european-innovation-gender-and-diversity-index-workshop-5-may-2022-2022-05-05_en . The successful applicants will be expected to work in collaboration with the EIB and are encouraged to scope out such collaboration in their proposals.

The call refers to gender and diversity, however gender is one aspect of diversity.

What exactly is expected?

Gender is indeed one aspect of diversity, and the index is expected to address other core elements of diversity as well. Gender has been singled out as one dimension where more data exist. The successful applicants will work together with the EIB, the European Commission and selected external experts to identify the diversity dimensions that make sense for the tech startup world, and where data can be made available or collected.

Additional questions?

If you have any further questions related to this call, please contact the European Innovation Council and SME's Executive Agency: EISMEA-COMMUNICATION@ec.europa.eu