



H2020 – types of Actions – additional info

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Types of Actions

Main types of actions

*Research and Innovation
Actions*

Innovation Actions

*Coordination and
Support Actions*

Other targeted types of actions

SME Instrument

ERANET Co-fund

*Pre-commercial
Procurement Co-fund*

Public Procurement of Innovative Solutions Co-fund

Types of Actions

Type of Action ¹	Code	Minimum Conditions ²	Funding Rate	Typical Duration	Average EC Contribution	Aim
Research & Innovation Action	RIA	≥ 3 legal entities from 3 MS/AC	100%	36-48 months	€ 2.0 – 5.0M	collaborative research projects
Innovation Action	IA	≥ 3 legal entities from 3 MS/AC	70% ³	30-36 months	€ 2.0 – 5.0M	produce plans & arrangements or designs for new, altered or improved products, processes or services
Coordination & Support Action	CSA	1 legal entity	100%	12-30 months	€ 0.5 – 2.0M	accompanying measures (standardisation, dissemination, policy dialogues etc.) no research
MSCA ⁴ (except Cofund)	MSCA	see separate factsheet				facilitate mobility of researchers for training & career development
ERC Grants	ERC	1 legal entity in MS/AC	100%	60 months	Starting: ≤ € 2.0M Consolidator: ≤ € 2.75M Advanced: ≤ € 3.5M	support excellent investigators and their research teams to pursue ground-breaking, high-gain/ high-risk research
Prizes	PRI	1 legal entity	n/a	n/a	variable; see respective topic	- recognise past achievements - induce future activities
SME Instrument	SME	1 SME in MS/AC	3 phases: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 1: lump sum of € 50K / project Phase 2: € 1 – 2.5M / project (1-2 years) (70% of eligible costs reimbursed) Phase 3 : no funding 			combination of demonstration activities (testing, prototyping, ...), market replication
Fast Track to Innovation	FTI	≤ 5 legal entities from 5 MS/AC	70% ³	tbd	≤ € 3.0M	produce plans & arrangements or designs for new, altered or improved products, processes or services

¹ Defined in the Work Programme.

² Additional conditions may be listed in the respective Work Programmes.

³ 100% for non-profit organisation (= any legal entity except companies)

⁴ MSCA = Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions

Research and Innovation Actions - RIA

- Activities aiming to establish new knowledge and/or to explore the feasibility of a new or improved technology, product, process, service or solution.
- Both basic and applied research, technology development and integration, testing, validation on a small-scale prototype in a laboratory or simulated environment.
- **Limited demonstration or pilot activities** aiming to show technical feasibility in a near to operational environment.
- Minimum: three independent legal entities, established in different Member States or Associated Countries -> Possible additional conditions in Work Programmes!
- Funding: 100%

Innovation Actions - IA

- Innovation actions - IA

- activities directly aiming ***at producing plans and arrangements or designs for new, altered or improved products, processes or services***. For this purpose they may include **prototyping, testing, demonstrating, piloting, large-scale product validation and market replication**.
- Minimum: three independent legal entities, established in different Member States or Associated Countries -> **Possible additional conditions in Work Programmes!**
- **Funding:** 70% funding for profit and 100% for non-profit participants

Coordination and Support Actions - CSA

- **Accompanying measures** such as **standardisation, dissemination, awareness-raising and communication, networking, coordination or support services, policy dialogues and mutual learning exercises and studies, including design studies** for new infrastructure and may also include complementary activities of networking and coordination between programmes in different countries.
- Minimum one legal entity established a Member State or associated country -> **Possible additional conditions in Work Programmes!**

Funding: 100%

Other targeted Actions

- **SME Instrument (Phase 1 and Phase 2)**

- Only applications from SMEs established in EU Member States or countries associated to Horizon 2020
- Phase 1: Feasibility study verifying the technological/practical as well as economic viability of an innovation idea with considerable novelty to the industry sector;
- Phase 2: innovation projects that demonstrate high potential in terms of company competitiveness and growth underpinned by a strategic business plan.
- Minimum one for-profit SME
- 70% funding for Phase 2, lump sums for Phase 1

- **ERANET Cofund**

- The only eligible participants in ERA-NET Cofund actions are research funders: legal entities owning or managing public research and innovation programmes

- **Procurement**

- Pre-commercial procurement (PCP) Cofund
 - enable the public sector as a technologically demanding buyer to encourage research, development and validation of breakthrough solutions
- Public procurement of innovative solutions (PPI) Cofund
 - to reinforce early deployment of innovative solutions that address challenges of public interest; to enable trans-national buyer groups of procurers to share the risks of acting as early adopters of innovative solutions

- **Prizes**

- Rewards for past achievements or inducement prizes to be awarded for the achievement of a pre-specified target

- **Training and mobility grant – for Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions**

- For single beneficiaries, funding bodies or transnational consortia for training, mobility and career development of researchers

- **Debt finance and equity investment**

- Access to risk finance