Annex 1: Open Call Guide for Applications

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BDVA - Big Data Value Association

DCI - Distributed Computing Infrastructure

DIH - Digital Innovation Hub

EC - European Commission

EOSC - European Open Science Cloud

EU - European Union

HPC - High Performance Computing

HTC - High Throughput Computing

IPR - Intellectual Property Rights

KPI - Key Performance Indicators

PaaS - Platform as a Service

SaaS - Software as a Service

SME - Small and medium-sized enterprises

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1. Introduction

This document provides relevant information regarding the EOSC Digital Innovation Hub (DIH) Open Call for business pilots with the support of the EOSC-hub project, a large-scale initiative funded by the European Commission bringing together multiple service providers to create a single contact point for European researchers and innovators to discover, access, use and reuse a broad spectrum of resources and services for advanced data-driven research.

The aim of the EOSC DIH and this Open Call is to stimulate innovation activities within private companies and to take advantage of different services offered by the DIH and public sector. Pilots are dedicated use cases with a 3-6 month duration that are executed within the scope of pre-commercial testing, validating. running experiments or proof of concepts using the EOSC services.

The use cases shall clearly state their business impact and exploitation perspective for the involved companies based on their expected benefit from leveraging technical and human support powered by the EOSC DIH.

Background information on the EOSC DIH

The European Open Science Cloud (EOSC) is envisioned by the European Commission as a supporting landscape to foster open science and open innovation: a network of organisations and infrastructures from various countries and communities that support the open creation and dissemination of knowledge and scientific data.

Digital Innovation Hubs (DIHs) on the other hand, are one-stop-shops that help companies to become more competitive with regard to their business and production processes, products, or services using digital technologies. They are based upon technology infrastructure and provide access to the latest knowledge, expertise and technology to support their customers with piloting, testing and experimentation with digital innovations.

The **EOSC DIH** is an international and multi-partner cooperation that **supports private companies in easily accessing the digital technologies, services and human capital** offered by the EOSC. It combines four pillars to help companies become more competitive (Figure 1):

1. **Piloting and co-design**: where products or services are designed and/or tested.
2. **Technical access**: High-throughput, High-performance and cloud computing; machine learning; research data; data management services, as well as several tools and applications available for re-use.
3. **Training and support**: technical consultancy, business coaching and funding search.
4. **Visibility**: inclusion of company solutions in the EOSC Marketplace, print and online material and exploitation of the EOSC networking and ecosystem opportunities such as joining online communities, event attendance and potential future projects.

Figure 1: EOSC DIH services

Ultimately, the EOSC DIH adds value in supporting entrepreneurship by providing access to e-infrastructure and Research Infrastructure services, resources, and data to accelerate market uptake and exploitation of results; brokerage and innovation, connecting commercial innovators with scientific community and business experts in the e-Infrastructures domain; and improve industry products and services through development activities like piloting, prototyping, performance verification, and product testing.

There is a network of DIHs in place across Europe, already supporting sectors such as manufacturing, the internet of things, cybersecurity and cognitive computing. The EOSC DIH adds to the network by bringing private companies into the European Open Science Cloud through concrete business cases.

There are already several pilots involving various individual companies exploiting these services, through the EOSC DIH that are developing innovative solutions and bringing them to market in different domains such as sport and biomedicine, cybersecurity, and the environment. More information about current pilot and success stories can be found [here](#).

The EOSC DIH is now launching an Open Call as an opportunity to add to the list pilots, which can come from any sector. Five awarded applicants will participate in pilots that are expected to run between 3-6 months (e.g. June to October 2020) where they will be able to take advantage of different services provided by the EOSC DIH.

Applications open 2 April 2020 and close 3 May 2020 at 17:00 CEST (Brussels time).

The EOSC DIH Open Call is run by F6S, EGI Foundation, PSNC, UCL and CINECA under the [EOSC hub project](link) funded by the EU H2020 programme for Research and Innovation under Grant Agreement 777536.

2. Who is this programme for?

The EOSC DIH invites the following types of entities to submit an application to this Open Call:

- Start-ups/spin-offs
- SMEs
- Large enterprises
- Digital Innovation Hubs
- Competence Centres
- Other innovation spaces

Applicants for this EOSC DIH Open Call must be a representative from the above list or **small consortia** consisting of no more than four multidisciplinary partners proposing experimental use cases from any sector to be executed in the scope of the EOSC DIH. The participation of SMEs[1] and startups[2] will be evaluated higher. The Applicants must be a technology provider, technology adopter, or user from any sector, and be able to develop solutions further described below.

Applicant eligibility criteria

Applicants must fulfil the following **criteria**:

- Run the following type of use case:
  - Pilots/proofs of concepts
  - Service/product design
  - PaaS/SaaS integration
  - Performance verification and-or testing
- Develop solutions using different services of the EOSC DIH, such as:
  - Technical Access
    - Compute (HTC, HPC, Cloud)
    - Storage (Online/Archive)
    - Data management
    - Research data
    - Tools & applications
  - Training & Support

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[1] An SME is considered as such if it complies with the European Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC and the SME user guide:
https://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2003:124:0036:0041:EN:PDF

[2] Applicants could be an individual or group of individuals legally established (belonging to EU or H2020 associated countries), preferably with a written commitment to set up a legal SME, although not mandatory.

■ Technical consultancy
■ Service management
■ Commercialization & business coaching

Note: Services listed under the 'Visibility' pillar are potential benefits to all awarded applicants.

● Not have received public funding for the same purpose from either European or national funding programmes.

3. What will you receive from the programme?

The EOSC DIH builds on the individual public e-Infrastructure business engagement programmes and outreach activities which have been in place for several years. The added value brought through a joint effort is by packaging a wider variety of services and expertise into a more coherent offering that would otherwise have to be accessed individually or compiled on their own.

For the five applicants selected in the Open Call programme, **access will be provided to the EOSC DIH services and technical and business support in the form of a voucher system valued at up to €10.000 per pilot (no cash payment)**. The following key services will be provided to support the selected pilots:

● Access to e-Infrastructure resources and additional technical services to support the use case
● Expertise and support on prototyping, scaling-up, design, performance verification, testing and demonstration.
● Facilitate partnerships with other SMEs and industry, innovation clusters, and accelerators.
● Provide business coaching and training for increased market uptake and exploitation.
● Support industry applicants to become service providers in the EOSC community.
● Increase visibility on a European and International level

4. Open Call structure

The Open Call is structured into four stages (see Figure 2 and Table 1). The programme begins with the launch of the Open Call on 2 April 2020 and will run until 3 May 2020, 17:00 CEST (Brussels time).

After the application period has concluded, all applications will be internally reviewed by members of the EOSC. Five awarded applicants will sign a service level agreement and proceed with the implementation of their pilot for a period of 3-6 months. After the end of the implementation, pilots will be required to provide a brief report on their activities, which will be used for EOSC-hub project reporting and for potential success story publications.
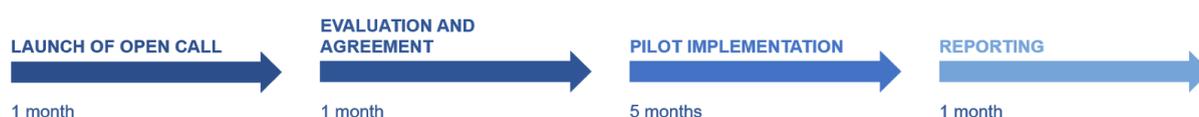
LAUNCH OF OPEN CALL	EVALUATION AND AGREEMENT	PILOT IMPLEMENTATION	REPORTING
1 month	1 month	5 months	1 month

Figure 2: Stages of the Open Call

Table 1. Open Call structure overview

Stage	Overview
LAUNCH	The Open Call for pilot use cases will launch on 2 April 2020 and will run until 3 May 2020 (17:00 CEST, Brussels time). Interested applicants should read through the documentation and submit their application by the indicated deadline at https://www.f6s.com/eoscdih-opencall/apply. A webinar will be held to provide information about the Open Call including a Q&A session. Questions should be made exclusively through the referred link. *Stage duration: 1 month.*
EVALUATION AND AGREEMENT	All applications will be screened against the eligibility criteria. Applications that are considered eligible will be evaluated by members of the EOSC DIH team. The five applications with the highest score will be invited to sign a Service Level Agreement (SLA) before implementing their pilot. *Stage duration: 1 month.*
IMPLEMENTATION	Successful applications will implement their pilot as outlined in the SLA and in accordance with their submitted application. Pilots are expected to develop solutions using EOSC DIH services. Applications using multiple services will be evaluated higher. *Stage duration: 3-6 months.*
REPORTING	After the Implementation stage, pilots are expected to report to the EOSC DIH team on the pilot activities, the extent to which the services were used in their pilot, and the socio-economic impact of their pilot. An additional survey will be provided. Promotional activities will be explored and agreed with each pilot. *Stage duration: 1 month.*

5. Open Call submission and selection process

Figure 3 below provides an overview of the Open Call submission and selection process.
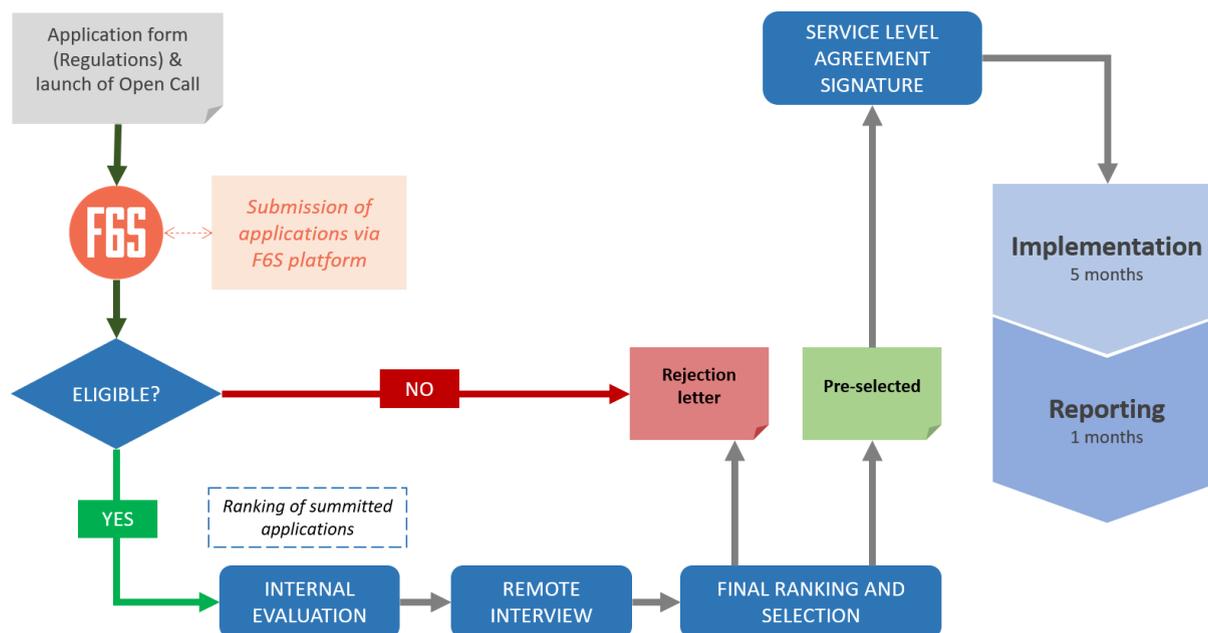
Figure 3. Open Call submission and selection process

5.1. Open Call Submission

The Open Call submission will follow the steps outlined in this section.

5.1.1. Open Call publication

The following support material is provided as part of this Open Call:

- *Annex 1: Open Call Guide for Applications*: present document, which provides information regarding the Open Call for the EOSC DIH.
- *Annex 2: Service Level Agreement Template*: provides a template of the agreement that the successful applicants will be requested to sign.

The annexes can be founded at: http://eosc-dih.eu/open-call

5.1.2. Applicants registration

Those interested in submitting an application should register at the EOSC DIH F6S page (https://www.f6s.com/). This page will be the main interface for managing the proposal application process of the open call.

5.1.3. Proposal preparation

The following steps should be followed, when preparing an application:

1. All applicants should apply online and answer all mandatory questions at https://www.f6s.com/eoscdih-opencall/apply.
2. Applicants that do not accept the terms and conditions will not be eligible to submit their application.
3. Be specific and concise. Questions are limited by the number of characters specified. Please read carefully all the open call documents.
4. It is highly recommended that applications are submitted well in advance of the deadline. If the applicant identifies an error in their application and, in case the call deadline has not passed, the applicant may request to re-submit the application. In such a case, the applicant should contact the team at business@eosc-dih.eu. The EOSC DIH cannot guarantee that the application may be re-submitted in time if the request is not received at least 48 hours before the official call deadline.

The failure to submit an application before the deadline for any reason, including network issues, will not be considered as an extenuating circumstance. The time of receipt of the application as recorded by the submission system will be definitive.

5.1.4. Proposals reception

Submissions of applications will be done via the F6S platform on https://www.f6s.com/eoscdih-opencall/apply. A complete list of applicants will be prepared including their basic information for statistical purposes (which will be shared with the EC for transparency).

The deadline for submissions of applications will be 3 May 2020 at 17:00 CEST (Brussels time). No deadline extensions will be considered unless a significant problem arises with the F6S platform that blocks the submission system.

5.2. Procedures for potential applicants to enter the Open Call programme

Step 1. Eligibility

The process will begin with an eligibility check to discard non-eligible applications. The eligibility criteria will check against:

a. Is the applicant entity (or all partners of the consortia) one of the following: Start-up/spin-off, SME, large enterprise, Digital Innovation Hub, Competence Centre, Other innovation space?[3] [Y/N]
b. Is the participation rule as expressed in section "Proposal Eligibility" followed? [Y/N]
c. Is the proposal written in the English Language? [Y/N]

Applications marked as non-eligible will receive a rejection letter including the reasons (from item(s) *a to c*) for being considered as non-eligible. No additional feedback on the process will be provided.

Step 2. External remote evaluation

Remotely and within the F6S platform, applications will be evaluated by internal EOSC DIH members. Applications will be scored based on the following evaluation criteria:

- **Criterion 1: Concept of the pilot**. Design of the pilot, objectives, feasibility, and novelty of the pilot use case concept proposed.
- **Criterion 2: Services and support**. Selection and use of EOSC DIH services in the scope of the pilot.
- **Criterion 3: Impact**. Expected output should target clear economic and societal impact, market potential, European dimension, cross-sector/-border business scalability, and define a clear exploitation strategy/business plan and commercial milestones.
- **Criterion 4: Applicant/Consortium**. Capacity to perform the task, knowledge, technological and business expertise, and commitment.

Each criterion will be scored between 1 and 10. Half point scores will not be given.

Note: Applications that meet items of the advantage criteria (see Section 2) will be scored additional points, as follows:

i. Addressing sectors complementary to those already covered by the current EOSC DIH pilots and success stories. **One additional point for Criterion 1**.
ii. Requesting one or more services from the list of technical assets other than HPC/Cloud computing. **One additional point for Criterion 2**.
iii. Be registered as a company that complies with the European Commission Recommendation for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) 2003/361/EC[4]*, or a startup or spin-off in creation process; **One additional point for Criterion 4**.

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[3] In the case of a small consortia, all partners must be one of these types of organisations.
[4] *Important notice: When there is not a constituted SME, the applicants could be an individual or a group legally established in a H2020 eligible country, with a written commitment to set up a legal SME if selected to the implementation.*

iv. Be a Member State of the EU or an associated country of the H2020 programme; **One additional point for Criterion 4**.

v. Being part of startups or spin-offs Programmes, or being located at Startup Ecosystems or Hubs. **One additional point for Criterion 4**.

No more than three extra points will be awarded for a single application, and no criterion will be scored more than 10 points, including additional points.

For each criterion, score values will indicate the following assessment:

- **1-2: Fail**. The proposal fails to address the criterion under examination or cannot be judged due to missing or incomplete information.
- **3-4: Very poor**. The criterion is addressed in an unsatisfactory manner.
- **5: Poor**. There are serious inherent weaknesses.
- **6-7: Good**. While the proposal broadly addresses the criterion, there are significant weaknesses that would need addressing.
- **8-9: Very Good**. The proposal addresses the criterion well, although improvements are possible.
- **10: Excellent**. The proposal successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion in question. Any shortcomings are minor.

The minimum qualifying threshold for each criterion is **six (6) points**. The overall score threshold is **twenty-five (25) points**. Therefore, any proposal awarded less than 6 points for a single criterion or less than 25 points overall will be automatically rejected.

Each evaluator will record their individual scores for each application on an Individual Evaluation Report (ISR). Evaluators will then discuss to prepare a single consensus Evaluation Summary Report (ESR) for each application.

Step 3. Ranking and remote interview

At the end of the remote evaluation phase, all applications will be ranked in a single list. The criteria for the ranking of the applications will be semi-automatic, following the rules below:

- **Rule 1**: Applications will be ranked based on their overall score (according to Criteria 1 to 4 in Step 4.2).
- **Rule 2**: After applying Rule 1, if applications are tied for position, preference will be given to the applications with the highest score for Criteria 3: Impact.
- **Rule 3**: After applying Rule 2, if applications are tied for position, preference will be given to applications with the highest score for Criteria 2: Technology and data.
- **Rule 4**: After applying Rule 3, if applications are tied for position, preference will be given to applications with the highest score for Criteria 1: Concept of the use case.

The top 10 ranking applications (or more in the event of proposals being tied after applying Rule 5) will be invited for a remote interview. The objective of the interview is to better understand the project concept, team skills and competences, and capacity and willingness to explore the EOSC DIH

services and data in their particular sector. The interviews will be carried out by evaluation board members and will consider the following criteria:

- **Criteria 1: Concept & Services** (30%) [1-10 points; min. 6]; confirmation of proposed concept, technology and data usage.
- **Criteria 2: Impact** (30%) [1-10 points; min. 6]; the impact and scalability of the proposed use case.
- **Criteria 3: Team** (40%) [1-10 points; min. 6]; reliability of the team and their capacity to deliver.

If during the interview, applicants do not commit to what was included in the application form, they will be excluded from consideration.

Step 4. Final ranking and selection

After the remote interview process, all proposals will be ranked following the same criteria described in Step 3. From the final ranking, up to five applications will be selected to implement their pilot and up to 5 additional applications will remain in the reserve list in case the selected applicants do meet the agreement requirements. All applications will receive an acceptance or rejection letter along with the evaluation report.

Step 5. Agreement preparation and signature

After finalising the selection procedure, the EOSC DIH team will initiate contacts with the awarded applicants (or consortium leaders) to finalise the Service Level Agreement. Agreement preparation will consider administrative checking (and potentially technical, ethical or security negotiations) based on evaluators' comments.

The objective of the agreement preparation is to fulfil the legal requirements between the EOSC DIH and the beneficiaries of the programme. Items to be covered in the agreement will be:

- Inclusion of evaluation comments (if any) to the applications in the agreement.
- Proof that the applicant or partners in the consortium are one of the following: a start-up or spin-off, SME, large enterprise, Digital Innovation Hub, Competence Centre, or other innovation space.

Note that additional information regarding the applicant or consortium, and the pilot activities may be requested upon selection. The request of any documentation during the agreement preparation phase will be done with deadlines. In general, the agreement preparation phase should be concluded within 2 weeks. An additional week may be provided in case of reasonable justification. In case the agreement has not been concluded within the defined period, the proposal is automatically rejected and the next application in the reserve list is invited to sign an agreement.

At the end of the agreement preparation phase, the agreement will be signed between the EOSC DIH team and the awarded applicants. The agreement will cover the full pilot implementation phase.

5.3. Redress process

Within three working days of receipt of a rejection letter (identifying the proposal as non-eligible or after the ESR), an applicant may submit a request for redress if s/he believes the results of the eligibility checks have not been correctly applied, or if s/he feels that there has been a shortcoming in the way their proposal has been evaluated that may affect the final decision on whether participate in the programme.

In such a case, the EOSC DIH review committee will review the applicant's request for redress. The committee's role is to ensure a consistent interpretation of such requests, and an equal treatment of applicants. Requests must be:

- Related to the evaluation process or eligibility checks.
- Descriptive of the complaint.
- Received within the time limit (three working days) from the reception of a rejection letter indicating the proposal as non-eligible or the ESR information letter delivered.
- Sent by the coordinating entity that submitted the application.

The committee will review the complaint and will recommend an appropriate course of action. If there is clear evidence of a shortcoming that could affect the overall decision, it is possible that all or part of the proposal will be re-evaluated.

It should be noted that:

- This procedure only concerns the evaluation and/or eligibility checking process.
- A re-evaluation will only be carried out if there is evidence of a shortcoming that affects the final decision of the application. This means, for example, that a problem relating to one evaluation criterion will not lead to a re-evaluation if an application has failed on another criteria.
- The evaluation score following any re-evaluation will be regarded as definitive. It may be lower than the original score.
- Only one request for redress per application will be considered by the committee. All requests for redress will be treated in confidence and must be sent via the F6S platform.

6. Implementation

6.1 Pilot phase implementation

After the final selection and the agreement process, five awarded applicants will begin to implement their use case pilot using the EOSC DIH services as defined in the agreement. This phase will run for approximately 3-6 months.

Before starting the implementation, KPIs will be agreed between the beneficiary(s) and EOSC DIH.

During the implementation phase, EOSC DIH will make available all the activities and services as identified in the application. All end use case pilots will also have the opportunity to present their work in events organized by the EOSC DIH or related projects, as well as, in publications and on social media.

6.2. Pilot reporting

At the end of the pilot, and within 30 working days, each of the beneficiaries will be expected to provide a report on: the key activities carried out; how the EOSC DIH services had an impact on the members of the beneficiary(s)]; EU economic and social impact; a review of the metrics and KPIs with reasoning; obstacles and how they were overcome; and any intended future work based on the outcome of the pilot.

7. General information and responsibilities

Means of submission

The submission of applications to this Open Call will be done exclusively through the F6S platform (https://www.f6s.com/eoscdih-opencall/apply). Submissions received by any other channel will be disregarded.

Additional documents that are required in subsequent phases of the programme must be submitted via a dedicated channel that will be made known to pilots during the implementation phase.

Language

English is the official language for the EOSC DIH Open Call. Submissions received in other languages will be automatically discarded. Furthermore, English will be the only official language during the whole pilot execution. Therefore, all deliverables and documentation requested must be submitted in English to be eligible.

Documentation formats

All deliverables and documentation requested in any phase of this Open Call must be submitted electronically in PDF format without restrictions for printing.

All selected use case pilots are indirectly beneficiaries of European Commission funding. As such, they must comply with obligations under H2020 specific requirements. The obligations that are applicable to the recipients include:

Conflict of Interest

Beneficiaries must take all measures to prevent any situation where the impartial and objective implementation of the pilot is compromised for reasons involving economic interest, political or national affinity, family or emotional ties, or any other shared interest ('conflict of interests').

In such cases, they must formally and immediately notify the EOSC DIH of any situation constituting or likely to lead to a conflict of interests and take all the necessary steps to rectify this situation. EOSC DIH will verify if the measures taken are appropriate and may require additional measures to be taken by a specified deadline.

If the beneficiary breaches any of its obligations, the agreement may be terminated.

Data Protection & Confidentiality

The EOSC DIH is required to collect Personal and Industrial data to process and evaluate applications. F6S, EGI Foundation, PSNC, UCL and CINECA will act as Data Controllers of the data applicants supplied throughout the EOSC-hub project.

Data submitted for the purposes of the Open Call will be managed through the F6S platform. The F6S platform's system design and operational procedures ensure that data is managed in compliance

with The General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR). Each applicant will accept the F6S terms to ensure coverage.

It should be noted that the EOSC DIH requires a minimum quantity of information to deliver the evaluation procedures. Annex 2 Service Level Agreement Template is provided for reference and will only be requested if the applicant is accepted to participate in the programme.

Applicants should refer to https://www.eosc-hub.eu/privacy-policy-full for full information about the EOSC-hub data protection policy and security measures.

During implementation of the pilot and for 5 years after its conclusion, the awarded applicants must keep confidential any data, documents or other material (in any form) that is identified as confidential at the time of signing the agreement ('confidential information').

If information has been identified as confidential during the implementation phase, it will only be considered confidential if it is accepted by the EOSC DIH coordinator and confirmed in writing. Unless otherwise agreed between the beneficiaries and the EOSC DIH, confidential information may only be used to carry out the pilot defined in the agreement.

8. Checklist

All applicants should confirm the following checklist items before submitting their application:

1. Does your planned work fit with the call for applications? Check that your proposed work does focus on the development of solutions using the services of the EOSC DIH.
2. Is your proposal eligible? The eligibility criteria are provided in Section 2 and Section 4.2. Confirm that you satisfy the minimum participation requirements.
3. Is your application complete? Have you completed all mandatory questions?
4. Does your application fulfill all questions, requests and comments? Applications should be precise and concise, and must respond to the requested questions, which are designed to correspond to the applied evaluation. Not providing requested information will almost certainly lead to lower scores and likely rejection of the application.
5. Have you submitted your application before the deadline? It is strongly recommended not to wait until the last minute to submit your application. Failure to submit the application on time, for any reason, including network communication delays, will not be accepted as an extenuating circumstance. The time of receipt of the message as recorded by the submission system will be definitive.
6. Do you need additional advice and support? You are strongly advised to communicate with the EOSC DIH team via the EOSC DIH profile on the FS6 platform (hhttps://www.f6s.com/eoscdih).

9. Who are we?

This EOSC DIH Open Call is run by the following partners:

EGI Foundation

The EGI Foundation (https://www.egi.eu/) is a not-for-profit foundation established under the Dutch law to coordinate the EGI federation (abbreviated as EGI), an international collaboration that federates the digital capabilities, resources and expertise of national and international research communities in Europe and worldwide.

The main goal is to empower researchers from all disciplines to collaborate and to carry out data- and compute-intensive science and innovation. EGI supports 'grids' of high-performance computing (HPC) and high-throughput computing (HTC) resources and is also ideally placed to integrate new Distributed Computing Infrastructures (DCIs) such as clouds, supercomputing networks and desktop grids.

The EGI Foundation coordinates areas such as overseeing infrastructure operations, user community support, contact with technology providers, strategy and policy development, flagship events and dissemination of news and achievements.

PSNC

PSNC (Poznań Supercomputing and Networking Center) is affiliated to the Institute of Bioorganic Chemistry of the Polish Academy of Sciences. PSNC serves as an academic HPC centre and a broad-band network services provider as well as application and services developer and provider.

PSNC is a Data Center, network operator and Network Security Center as well as R&D Center of Future Internet, e-Infrastructure, and Digital Content. It has an active computer science research group working e.g. on: middleware, tools and methods for HPC and HTC (clouds) computing, resource management, scheduling, large scale applications, user management and accounting, infrastructure security mechanisms and policies, grid and cloud management tools, HPC and distributed storage architectures, mobile applications, Internet of Things.

UCL

University College London (UCL) is among the top universities in the UK and was ranked in 5th place worldwide in the QS World University Rankings 2014/15. It was also the first UK university to welcome female students on equal terms with men. Academic excellence and conducting research that addresses real-world problems informs its ethos to this day. UCL academics are working at the forefront of their disciplines, collaborating with world-renowned organisations such as Intel, BHP Billiton and NASA, and contributing to influential reports for the UN, EU and UK government. UCL's academic structure consists of 10 faculties, each home to world-class research, teaching and learning in a variety of fields. UCL has 920 professors, more than 5,000 academic and research staff, and a nearly 29,000-strong student community. They are a core partner representing the EUDAT Collaborative Data Infrastructure (EUDAT CDI) project.

F6S

F6S Network Limited (www.f6s.com) is a European SME that is the largest social network for startups in the world. With over 3,000,000 profiles for the startup community and more than 1,100,000 tech-startups, it currently supports the majority of the startup ecosystem through deal flow/applications, jobs listings, free services, communication forms, technology transfer infrastructure and other areas. As a leading platform for application management for commercial, corporate, government, university and other accelerator programs, F6S helps more than 17,000 such initiatives worldwide. Every year F6S processes more than 700,000 applications and delivers around EUR 2 billion to startups/SMEs.

CINECA

CINECA is a non-profit consortium consisting of 70 Italian Universities, the National Institute of Oceanography and Experimental Geophysics (OGS), the National Research Council (CNR), and the Ministry of Education, University and Research (MIUR). CINECA is the national facility for supercomputing applications, one of the largest in Europe.

The mission of the Supercomputing Application and Innovation Department (SCAI) is to support scientific activity and innovation by providing high performance computing and data services for the Italian and European research communities. For the mandate of the national Ministry of Education, University and Research (MIUR), CINECA represents Italy in PRACE, the pan-European ESFRI e-infrastructure for HPC. It is one of the founding members of the ETP for High Performance computing, an industry led forum to define research priorities and action plans on a number of technological areas. Moreover, SCAI is the Italian representative in the pan-European EUDAT Collaborative Data e-Infrastructure, core partner of the Human Brain Project, member of the BDVA initiative, a CUDA Research Center, an Intel® Parallel Computing Center, a candidate LENOVO Artificial Intelligence Lab.

10. Support and contacts

The application form and further details for applicants, are available on the EOSC DIH website at https://eosc-dih.eu/open-call/. The EOSC DIH team will organise one webinar for potential applicants, to detail the Open Call and answer questions.

It is recommended that interested applicants follow the EOSC DIH page and social media accounts[5] for the latest information on this programme.

The EOSC DIH team will provide all relevant information for applicants exclusively via https://www.f6s.com/eoscdih to ensure all information is accessible to all potential applicants. No binding information will be provided by any other means (e.g. telephone or e-mail).

More information is available at: https://eosc-dih.eu/open-call/

Apply via: https://www.f6s.com/eoscdih-opencall/apply

FAQ: https://eosc-dih.eu/open-call/

Support team: business@eosc-dih.eu

Personal Data Protection Policy available at: https://www.eosc-hub.eu/privacy-policy-full

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[5] https://twitter.com/EOSC_DIH