



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)





EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: EXPERTS, RAPPOORTEURS AND OBSERVERS

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QUESTION 1 – WHO CAN PARTICIPATE AS AN INDEPENDENT EXPERT, A RAPPOORTEUR OR AN OBSERVER? HOW DO WE AVOID CONFLICT OF INTEREST?

All professionals can apply to become an expert, rapporteur or observer as long as the following conditions are met:

- S/he does not belong to an organisation that is receiving funding in the year of the evaluation of new proposals,
- S/he does not belong to an organisation that is participating in the call being evaluated.

QUESTION 2 – WHAT IS A PROFESSIONAL? WHAT RESTRICTIONS APPLY?

A professional is defined as a legal or physical individual that meets the following criteria:

- S/he is legally allowed to work for EIT CC as a service provider for a temporary period. This encompasses local, national and international regulations (including EU).
- S/he can work for EIT CC and is not bound by any other obligation that arises from another contract.
- S/he can work in Europe and possesses the correct administrative and tax records.
- S/he is not under investigation at local, national or international level for any crime or suspicion of fraud.

QUESTION 3 – MUST OBSERVERS AND RAPPOORTEURS HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN HORIZON EUROPE PROJECTS IN THE PAST OR HAVE PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE AS A RAPPOORTEUR?

As outlined in the Expression of Interest (EoI) document, the eligibility criteria for Rapporteurs and Observers include specific experience requirements:

- For Rapporteurs: Section 2.3.1 of the EoI states that previous experience in evaluating EU-funded programs is required, with a preference for those who have participated in evaluations of Horizon 2020 or Horizon Europe projects. Additionally, candidates should have prior experience serving as a rapporteur or in a similar role.



- For External Observers: Section 2.4.1 of the EoI states that candidates must demonstrate proven knowledge in evaluating EU-funded programs.

QUESTION 4 – IS THERE A WORD LIMIT TO THE ANSWERS TO BE PROVIDED?

Unless explicitly specified in the question text, there is no word limit to the answer you may provide. However, we would appreciate:

- A clear, well-structured answer that communicates the relevance of your experience.
- A direct style and short sentences.
- Brief examples that demonstrate why you are well-suited to the role.

QUESTION 5 – I CANNOT FIND MY AREA OF EXPERTISE ON THE LIST!

The areas of expertise listed are subject to change as we develop the programme with selected professionals. Please specify in the open field if you would like to address another relevant topic. You can also provide feedback on the Expression of Interest form at the end of the document.

QUESTION 6 – I HAVE BEEN AN EXPERT EVALUATOR IN THE PAST EIT CC CALL, SHOULD I REAPPLY?

Yes, please re-apply for the EIT CC Call 2024-2025.

QUESTION 7 – CAN I APPLY FOR MORE THAN ONE ROLE IN THE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR FUTURE CALLS?

Yes, you can apply for more than one role. Every role is reviewed with different selection criteria.



QUESTION 8 – IS THE APPLICATION TO THE ACADEMY COURSE OPEN TO ALL, INCLUDING PARTNERS? DO YOU HAVE ANY RESTRICTION?

The Academy Course Expression of Interest is looking for professionals with relevant experience to contribute to this first course. The selected applicant will not receive funding to execute a project, nor evaluate other projects, but will be selected as a service provider / sub-contractor to deliver and develop the course content. The Academy Course Expression of Interest is therefore open to all suitably qualified/experienced individuals, without restriction.