

**FREQUENT QUESTIONS – ANSWERS**  
**regarding the**  
**1st Call for Action “SCIENCE AND SOCIETY”**  
**“200 YEARS FROM THE GREEK REVOLUTION”**

**I. HOST INSTITUTIONS AND COLLABORATING ORGANIZATIONS**

**QUESTION 1. Which institutions may operate as Host Institutions (HIs)?**

**ANSWER 1.** According to the Call (par. 4, p. 5) Host Institutions for proposals may become:

- a) Higher Educational Institutions in the Country, as specified in article 1 of Law 4485/2017 (Is. A' 114),
- b) Research Centres and Institutes of article 13a of Law 4310/2014 (Is. A' 258), as in force,
- c) University Research Institutes (EPI), as specified in article 2 par. 18 of Law 4310/2014 (Is. A' 258), i.e., private law legal entities, established by provisions in Laws 2083/1992 (Is. A' 159) and 3685/2008 (Is. A' 148), and
- d) Higher Education Military Institutions, ASEI, of Law 3187/2003 (A' 233).

**Q. 2. Can a private company participate in the proposal as a Collaborating Organization (CO)?**

**A. 2.** Private companies may not participate in the Project Team (PT) as Collaborating Organizations. The Call (par. 6, p. 7) has established the option of coming into contracts for the provision of products and services.

**II. ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS**

**Q. 1. Can the Project Coordinator (PC) be a PhD candidate?**

**A. 1.** According to the Call, the PC can be any natural person, provided their proposal has been accepted by the respective Higher Educational Institution or Research Centre Institute (par. 1, p. 4). Proposals pertaining solely and exclusively to funding for the implementation of new research projects (e.g., carrying out a PhD) and therefore not supporting the action objective (par. 1, p. 3) are not eligible.

**Q. 2. Can personnel from other domestic Research or Academic Institutions, other than the HI, participate in the Project Team (PT)?**

**A. 2.** According to the Call, personnel from domestic or foreign Research or Academic Institutions, other than the HI, can participate on the Project Team. In this case, these Institutions are specified as Collaborating Organizations (COs), whereby a Solemn Declaration by the PC shall be required during proposal submission phase a', bearing mention of the CO, the nature of collaboration and collaborating members.

**Q. 3. Is there a limitation as to the number of proposals that a Higher Educational Institution or a Research Centre may accept as an HI?**

**A. 3.** There is no limitation as to the number of proposals that a Higher Educational Institution or a Research Centre may accept as an HI.

**Q. 4. Is there also an obligation to issue a call for the expression of interest for the selection of PT members who are denominated in the proposal?**

**A.4.** The HI recruitment process for CO members is regulated by current legislation.

**Q. 5. Is there a limitation as to the participation of PT members in other funded programmes/ projects as well?**

**A. 5.** The Call includes no such limitation, on condition that the prevention of double funding, the observation of any related limitations of other funded projects/ programmes and of course the observation of standing personnel employment contract limitations, are strictly adhered to.

### **III. BUDGET AND ELIGIBLE COSTS**

**Q. 1. In case of collaboration taking place with foreign Research or Academic Institutions, is the Collaborating Organization's personnel entitled to a fee for work/ services being rendered?**

**A. 1.** According to the Call (par. 6, p. 7): "*The fee/ salary of PT members working abroad under any employment relationship is not an eligible cost*". The cost of transit for non-remunerated members is eligible.

**Q. 2. By which manner are PT members belonging to the personnel of a domestic Collaborating Organization remunerated?**

**A. 2.** Personnel working under project implementation may either be HI ordinary staff, or permanent staff, or linked to it under a dependent employment relationship of full/ part time, or extraordinary personnel linked to the HI under a fixed-term/ project lease employment agreement, irrespective of the relationship held by said personnel to a collaborating or other organization.

**Q.3. Sub-contracts for the implementation of project parts that cannot be implemented independently by the PT, shall be included in which cost category? What is the maximum percentage of the total budget that can be given to these sub-contracts?**

**A. 3.** Sub-contracts for the implementation of project parts are included in costs for entering into contracts for the provision of products and services (par. 6, p. 7). Due to the scope character and nature of this Action, the Call does not define the maximum percentage of the total budget that costs may amount to. Considered an exception are indirect costs (management costs and overhead), which are calculated as a percentage over the direct costs incurred in all other categories and may amount up to 5% thereof (par. 6, p. 8).