

PIANOFORTE OPEN CALL 2024

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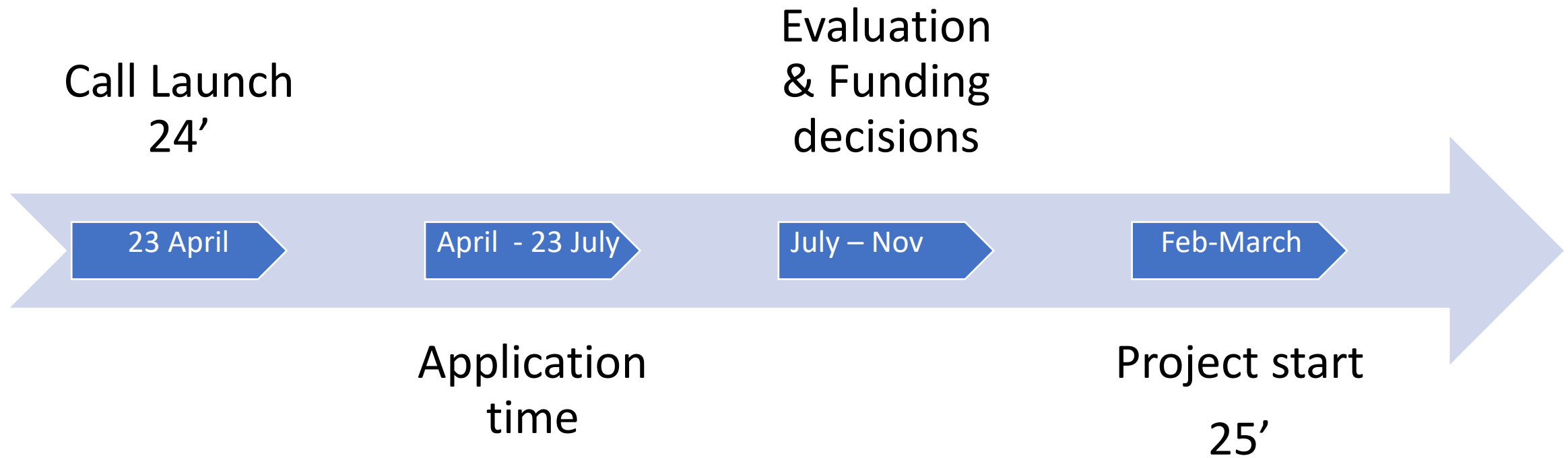
Rules of the Call - where to find information?



- <https://pianoforte-partnership.eu/calls/open-call-2024>
- Call documents:
 - Call text
 - Guidelines for applicants
 - Auxiliary Proposal Template
 - Auxiliary Financial Excel Sheet
 - CV template

**All information and updates regarding
the Call can be found on the
PIANOFORTE website.**

TIMELINE



➤ **23rd of July, 15:00 CEST** – submission system closes

PIANOFORTE Open Call 2024 TOPICS

- Topic 1:
Developing a knowledge base for a better understanding of disease pathogenesis of ionising radiation-induced cancer to improve risk assessment.
- Topic 2:
Ensure readiness and scientific knowledge to support Environmental Impact Assessment and Emergency Preparedness and Response for novel nuclear technologies.
- Topic 3:
Development of techniques and methods to go beyond effective dose in case of internal exposures following a nuclear or radiological emergency.
- Topic 4:
Implementation of new and optimised radiation therapy approaches for better targeting to protect healthy tissues better against detrimental effects of ionising radiation.

Aspects:

- Stakeholders
- Education and Training
- Quality assurance, Open Access and Infrastructures
- Social science and Humanities
- Communication
- Links with international initiatives

➤ Project proposals need to address one of the call topics and should consider, where appropriate, the listed aspects.

APPLICATION – General Criteria

- **Joint proposals in English** must be submitted **via the online submission system** (<https://ptoutline.eu/app/pianoforte2024>) no later than **23 July 2024 at 15:00 CEST** (Brussels local time). **The server will not accept proposals after this time.**
- The proposals should respect the **appropriate format and limits on length.**
- The **project consortium is composed out of at least three independent legal entities from at least three different EU Member States or Euratom Programme associated countries.** There shall be **at least one external entity** (non-PIANOFORTE Beneficiary or non-Affiliated Entity) to the current PIANOFORTE consortium, participating in a proposal.
- Projects are expected to start between February/March 2025 and **not to exceed 48 months of realisation or the duration of PIANOFORTE.**
- The call is open to research partners from all over the world (**persons, groups and entities that are subject to EU financial administrative sanctions or are in an exclusion situation are barred from participation**, cp. EURATOM Work Programme 2023 - 2025, p. 96-97, Exclusion).

APPLICATION – Eligible organisations

- o **Beneficiaries of PIANOFORTE** (list of Beneficiaries in Annex A.I);
- o **Affiliated Entities** (list of Affiliated entities in Annex A.I);
- o **Third parties***:
 - ♣ Higher education establishments and other academic research institutions, in particular:
 - Research oriented radiation protection institutions;
 - ♣ Clinical/public health sector organisations, in particular those employing research teams working in hospitals/public health and/or other health care settings. Participation of Medical Doctors in the research teams is encouraged;
 - ♣ Enterprises (all sizes of private companies). Participation of small and medium-size enterprises (SMEs) is encouraged.

GENDER EQUALITY PLAN

+ NEW PARTICIPANTS INTEGRATED TO PIANOFORTE THROUGH THE OPEN CALL

** Please refer to the Third Party Participation Rules and Conditions on pages 20 and 21.*

Types of third parties

- Third parties giving in-kind contributions:

In accordance with article 9.2 of the PIANOFORTE Grant Agreement reproduced in appendix B, the costs of third parties giving in-kind contributions will be included in Annex 2 of the PIANOFORTE Grant Agreement as part of their beneficiaries' costs.

In-kind contributions provided by third parties free of charge may be declared as eligible direct costs by the beneficiaries which use them (under the same conditions as if they were their own) provided that they concern only direct costs and that the third parties and their in-kind contributions are set out in Annex 1 of the PIANOFORTE Grant Agreement (or approved ex post in the periodic report, if their use does not entail changes to the PIANOFORTE Grant Agreement which would call into question the decision awarding the grant or breach the principle of equal treatment of applicants; 'simplified approval procedure').

Types of third parties

- **Recipients of financial support to third parties.**

Only entities established in Euratom Member States and Euratom associated countries (such as Ukraine) are eligible for receiving the financial support to third parties.

Persons, groups and entities subject to EU sanctions cannot participate and cannot be funded.

Funding of recipient of financial support to third parties shall respect the conditions of the PIANOFORTE Grant Agreement such as article 6.2 D.1 of the Grant agreement reproduced in appendix C.

The maximum amount of eligible costs to be declared and granted by beneficiary as “financial support to third parties”, for each recipient of financial support to third party, is:

- EUR 300 000 for actions justifying the establishment of a Ph.D. or post doc contract or
- EUR 100 000 in other cases of activities for the implementation of the roadmap for research in radiation protection.

WARNING: The ceiling mentioned hereinabove is global ceiling for all the calls organized in the frame of PIANOFORTE.

New Affiliated entities

- Affiliated Entities are entities with a legal link to the beneficiaries which implement parts of the action and are allowed to charge costs directly to the grant.
- In such a case, the beneficiary linked to this participant shall communicate to the Call Secretariat of PIANOFORTE all the appropriate documents necessary to prove the status of Affiliated Entity before the proposals submission set for July 23, 2024.
- The Call Secretariat of PIANOFORTE will transmit the document to IRSN as PIANOFORTE Coordinator which will transfer it to the European Commission.
- The decision regarding the status of Affiliated Entity is taken by the European Commission. If an entity is considered as an Affiliated Entity, said entity will be listed in article 8 of the PIANOFORTE Grant Agreement.
- **WARNING:** If the status of Affiliated Entity is rejected by the European Commission, the participant will be considered as another kind of participant with the financial consequences attached.

APPLICATION – Minimum Consortium Composition

Each consortium is made up of the following members:

- At least three legal entities (Subcontractors will not be counted)
- Each of the three must be established in a different EU Member State or Euratom Programme associated country (only Ukraine).
- All three legal entities must be independent of each other.
- At least one (of 3 mentioned members) is an external entity (non-PIANOFORTE Beneficiary or non-Affiliated Entity) to the current PIANOFORTE consortium, participating in a proposal (subcontractors will not be counted)
- **Eligible consortium shall fulfil all mentioned above conditions!**

Please note that United Kingdom is not an EU member state and is not associated to EURATOM Programme!

APPLICATION – Consortium Composition

- The **number of participants** and their research contribution should be **appropriate for the aims of the transnational research project and reasonably balanced in terms of international participation**. Each transnational collaborative project should represent the critical mass to achieve ambitious scientific goals and should clearly demonstrate an added value from working together.
- **Each consortium must nominate a project coordinator** among the project's principal investigators. For practical administrative reasons **it is recommended that the coordinator belongs to a PIANOFORTE Beneficiary organisation or one of their Affiliated Entities**. However, **an associated partner can be coordinator of a project**.

The project coordinator will represent the consortium externally and towards the Call Secretariat of PIANOFORTE and PIANOFORTE coordination and will be responsible for its internal scientific management (such as controlling, reporting, intellectual property rights (IPR) issues and contact with the Call Secretariat or the PIANOFORTE coordination).

- **Each project partner will be represented by one principal investigator only**. Within a joint proposal, each project partner's principal investigator will be the contact person.
- **Each principal investigator can submit only one proposal as project coordinator**.

APPLICATION – Budget

- The **total budget available** for 2024 PIANOFORTE Call is **13 M€**.
- PIANOFORTE considers that **proposals with total budget from 1.0 M€ up to 1.5 M€** would allow the specific challenges of the first PIANOFORTE Call to be addressed appropriately. It means that proposals must meet the mentioned limits!

Costs of all the participants (included Associated Partners and Third Parties „giving in kind contribution”) shall be included in the total budget.

For financial matters please contact directly: finance_pianoforte@irsn.fr

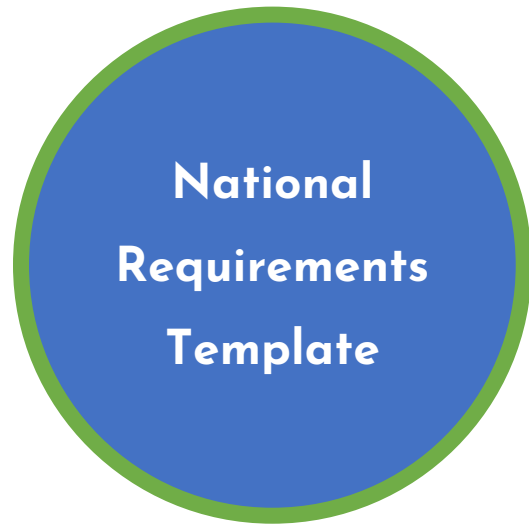
EVALUATION & Selection of projects

- Eligibility check (general criteria)
- Evaluation on merit: Excellence / Impact / Quality and efficiency of the implementation
- Two steps in reviewing procedure: remote evaluation and Peer Review Panel (thresholds: 3 points per criterion / 10 points per project)
- An independent observer
- One merged ranking list will be established for all four topics. However, the first four places will be secured for the best proposals out of each call topic. A maximum of three projects per topic will be selected. If budget is available, the PIANOFORTE General Assembly will follow the ranking list afterwards.
- ca. 8 to 9 projects will be selected
- Redress procedure (covers the procedural aspects of the evaluation or eligibility checks; **will not call into question the scientific or technical judgement of the PRP experts**)

SUMMARY & useful information

- ✓ Joint proposals (in English) via online submission system only / <https://ptoutline.eu/app/pianoforte2024>
- ✓ Submission deadline: 23 July 2024, 15:00 CEST
- ✓ Appropriate formats and limits for project description
- ✓ Appropriate consortium composition
- ✓ Start of projects - Feb'25 / March'25
- ✓ Deadline to prove a legal link of a new AE's - before July 23rd, 2024
- ✓ Max. duration of projects - 48 months or PIANOFORTE duration
- ✓ Total budget from 1.0 M€ up to 1.5 M€
- ✓ Call Secretariat: CS.PIANOFORTE@ncbr.gov.pl
- ✓ Financial matters: finance_pianoforte@irsn.fr
- ✓ All information and updates: www.pianoforte-partnership.eu

Funding agencies/institutions requirements



- for funding agencies or other funding institutions interested in funding their project-partners within PIANOFORTE Open Call 2024
- space created for information on national requirements and eligibility criteria
- *National requirements template* available on PIANOFORTE webpage
- The list of the funding agencies with their national or regional requirements will be available on PIANOFORTE webpage (none so far)

Thank you for your attention!



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