

Fit for Health Newsletter

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European Commission launches proposal for IMI 2



The European Commission has formally launched its proposal for IMI 2 with a total budget of €3.45 billion and a number of specific goals for speeding up drug development and boosting the competitiveness of Europe's pharmaceutical industry. The new IMI 2 JTI is expected to start in January 2014 and end in 2024. It will bring together the members of the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA) and will also be open to other industries and sectors.

On the budget front, IMI 2 will benefit from an industry in kind contribution of up to €1.725 billion. While €1.5 billion of this will come from EFPIA companies, the remaining €225 million could come from other large companies that wish to contribute to projects but are not EFPIA members. The European Commission will match industry's contribution with up to €1.725 billion from Horizon 2020.

Further information and link to the fact sheet:

http://ec.europa.eu/research/press/2013/pdf/jti/imi_2_factsheet.pdf

Please also note that the IMI Partnering Platform allows potential IMI applicants to identify suitable cooperation partners for the upcoming 9th Call of the Innovative Medicines Initiative. The IMI Partnering Platform does not only facilitate the quick and targeted search for possible partners but also displays European-wide offers of cooperation specific to IMI.

Registered users have the opportunity to be informed via E-mail-Alert about new participants interested in the same (potential) topic(s). A matchmaking function integrated into the partner search tool shows how well one's own profile fits to those of potential cooperation partners. Networking via the Platform is open to all IMI applicants on the European level.

Up to now more than 890 profiles from 38 different countries have been published!

IMI-Partnering Platform: <http://www.imi-partnering.eu/>

The partner search tool is accessible on the official website of IMI JU:

<http://www.imi.europa.eu/content/partner-search>

Fit for Health – the continuation of our services and support!



During the last three years, the Fit for Health network has supported the Health R&D community in many different ways: Fit for Health helped both SMEs aiming to get involved in research projects and researchers looking for suitable SMEs as partners in their consortium. Our network provided information and training, as well as support for consortium building and the matchmaking of SMEs and researchers preparing EU project proposals in the “Health” area. Our initiative addressed all types of researchers - from companies, universities and research organisations - whether they act as project coordinators or as partners.

A remarkable amount of quality-checked profiles of SMEs’ and academia’s expertise have been presented on our on-line database. More than 1.200 SMEs and 2.000 academics used this platform to present their expertise and know-how to the scientific community. The consortium assisted in coordinating the efforts of SMEs and researchers in finding appropriate partners for collaborative projects. During the run-up phase of previous FP7 Health Calls, SMEs and academics were instructed and guided by the network in preparing proposals as either project coordinators or partners.

In our international training workshops SMEs and academia were prepared for all the phases of EU-funded research projects, starting from the first project idea right up to the exploitation of the results obtained. The onsite trainings were complemented by virtual ones, in order to address any additional aspects that came up during the onsite trainings. Through the use of so-called “step by step guides”, hands-on advice on general aspects of FP7, partner search, proposal preparation, financial guidelines and IPRs were provided.

The client SMEs comprised all types of companies. Research-intensive, high-tech SMEs, SME-associations and clusters were accompanied in developing a tailor-made, strategic approach towards FP7 by organising on-site strategy meetings, complemented by dedicated trainings. In addition, for SMEs residing in New Member States and Acceding or Candidate Countries so called “SME-Fora” were established, offering an interactive networking and information platform.

Finally, we promoted our clients by preparing success stories and short videos that were published on our website.

As the project ends in a few weeks you might raise the question:

What will happen with my expertise profile in the database after the end of the Fit for Health initiative?

Fit for Health 2.0!

We are happy to announce that we will continue with our support offered to SMEs and academia even after Fit for Health ends at the end of September 2013: thus, your expertise profile will be kept in our database. Because of the structure and design of Horizon 2020 slight adjustments on how to present the expertise profile might be required and further information on this will be communicated soon.

Fit for Health 2.0 will be launched on 1st of November 2013 and has been designed as a follow-up project, focusing on the needs and requirements offered by the new Framework Programme “Horizon 2020” that will start on 1st January 2014.

SMEs and researchers will be supported during all phases of research projects, including first orientation, consortium building, proposal writing, project management and efficient exploitation of project results.

Within this new project we will again offer support for SMEs in getting oriented in Horizon 2020 and in taking a strategic approach to a sustainable participation.

Innovative and target-group-specific modular trainings will address all project phases, covering the entire innovation cycle of research projects.

We will stimulate the cooperation between SMEs and academia and optimally support consortia for a successful proposal submission through dedicated trainings, with the help of two complementary databases and partnering days.

We will assist you during the project implementation process. This service will be offered for ongoing FP7 projects as well as for new projects submitted in the Health-related Calls of Horizon 2020.

In order to help you in bringing your project results to the market, dedicated exploitation trainings and partnering events will be organised.

We will offer you on-line customized services, platforms, new media and support items. SMEs will be put in the spotlight, thus increasing their visibility to the relevant community and corporate partners.

A mentoring and coaching approach and strategy trainings will support SMEs and clusters for a sustainable participation in H2020.

The Fit for Health 2.0 consortium builds on the success of the current project Fit for Health: highly experienced NCPs and Enterprise Europe Network members, together with renowned senior trainers on innovation, technology transfer, financing and IPR ensure perfect coverage of the entire innovation cycle.

To maximize synergies, this efficiently managed network is strategically connected to other key support networks for SMEs. Close cooperation will occur with related support networks, EU-projects and a wide range of biotech clusters and SME-associations to optimize the support given to SMEs and researchers.

Thus, a high level of commitment and continuous quality assurance will be given in order to ensure that this valuable support for SMEs and academia in the Health-related sector is maintained.



We hope to support you also for your upcoming activities and plans in the health-related sector!

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The Human Brain Project

The Human Brain Project (HBP) is a ten-year, large-scale European research initiative whose goal is to understand the human brain and its diseases and ultimately to emulate its computational capabilities. The ramp-up phase of the project (October 2013 to March 2016) is currently funded (54 M€) by FP7 as part of the FET Flagship Programme.

The HBP has reserved a portion of its ramp-up phase funding for specific research tasks to be carried out by new beneficiaries who will join the consortium in 2014. These new beneficiaries will be selected from proposals submitted in response to this Competitive Call.

The Competitive Call covers the following topics of the HBP work plan:

1. Human and mouse neural channelomics and receptorics.
2. Genotype to phenotype mapping of the mouse brain.
3. Identifying, gathering and organizing multimodal human and non-human neuroscience data.
4. Cognitive architectures.
5. Novel methods for rule-based clustering of medical data.
6. Neural configurations for neuromorphic computing systems.
7. Virtual robotic environments, agents, sensory & motor systems.
8. Theory of multi-scale circuits.

Web address for call information and submission:

<http://www.humanbrainproject.eu/participate/competitive-calls-programme>

Call opening: 1 October 2013

Deadline: 6 November 2013 at 17h00 (Brussels time)

Expected duration of participation in project: April 2014 to March 2016 (2 years)

Total EC funding available: €8,287,500

Language in which proposal should be submitted: English

Email address for further information: hbp.call@hbpconsortium.org



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