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Fourth Call for Proposals
[CfP04]

Synergies with ESIF

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Synergies between Clean Sky and ESIF

- Member States and Regions to promote synergies when designing their Operational Programmes 2014-2020
- Smart Specializations Plan (RIS3), a conditionality for having their OPs approved by the EC
- Many RIS3 refer to aeronautics or correlated areas (materials, R&I, transport, CO2 reduction etc.) among their priorities
- Strategic opportunity for linking their OPs and funding schemes to Clean Sky 2 and implement projects in synergy
- JU Mapping of “aero” Regions with such priorities

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Synergies between Clean Sky and ESIF

- **Synergies** and **complementarity**, an opportunity for all participants, whatever their size and role in the Innovation Chain
- Opportunity for **significant support** to the supply chain, SMEs, Clusters (active in Clean Sky or planning to apply)
- SMEs, the **largest share** of Clean Sky calls for proposals:
> 35% in Clean Sky (1): developing a wide basis for synergies with Structural Funds policy to innovation in SMEs

ESIF: How does it work?

- **Identify relevant Operational Programme(s) & Managing Authorities:**
 - By territory* (OPs can be country-wide or per region) and
 - By themes / specific objectives*
 - ERDF: http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/atlas/
 - ESF: <http://ec.europa.eu/esf/main.jsp?catId=576&langId=en>
 - RIS3 <http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/home>
- **Identify open or planned calls / funding opportunities under ESIF**
- **Contact Managing Authorities** for funding opportunities in R&I (not only calls specific to aeronautics, also calls for R&I or SMEs etc) and how you could link a proposal to an ongoing CSJU project or complementary activities proposed within a CfP (the Region may reward this “European” approach with specific selection criteria or extra points...)
- **Develop proposals by considering what you’re already doing or planning to propose under CSJU calls:** funds under ESIF mostly to be spent **within OP's territory** , limited exceptions possible

CfP applications: how to propose an ESIF WP

- Applicant to CSJU calls may propose a complementary and separate set of activities which may be granted ESIF support **(the “ESIF WP”)**
- The ESIF WP may be added only to the **optional Template form in the Part C**
- Content: description of the WP activities with explanation of links/synergies plus description of resources and Total Eligible Costs and ESIF funding value (where applicable and the ESIF scheme is known at that stage)
- Examples:
 - Alternative tech/solution to same requirement of CSJU topic is proposed in parallel to the proposal responding to the topic, for instance more rewarding but not compatible with the CS2 schedule requirements
 - Parallel R&I activities, identified by the applicant as complementing the proposal, going beyond the requirement, having a strategic content for the applicant and increasing the impact or the market take up

CfP application: ESIF WP

- No change in the rules, **the proposal shall meet the topic scope in full**, the budget shall cover the full scope of the topic
- ESIF WP will be evaluated as a separate process - outside the CfP rules and evaluation. **No impact on the ESR and scores of the proposal**
- Only those ESIF WP proposed by the **selected applicants** in the call will be evaluated
- Only well identified activities/budget which will/may be supported through ESIF by the MS/Region shall be included in such a section
- Reminder: ESIF cannot be used to replace private contribution in JU co-funded action and no double funding of same costs items (!)

CfP application: ESIF WP

- The JU will assess any proposed complementary activities in the ESIF WP via a **dedicated evaluation of the “CSJU synergy label” with the submitted proposal and ITD/IADP area where appropriate** and make possible recommendations
- The JU will ask feedback to the Leaders (TM) on the activities proposed and its “potential” of fitting as complementary within the Programme area and possible impact
- ESIF managing authority may consider using the CSJU evaluation and synergy label to fund those activities still based on their rules and funding schemes (submit the ESIF WP through the regional calls or other schemes).

Way to synergies

- If the activities proposed are funded through ESIF, the JU project at large will result in being complemented in synergy
- H2020 and ESIF rules will respectively continue to apply, full admin/financial separation with no risk of double funding
- The implementation and a possible optimization of the synergies/impact will be discussed on a case by case
- The JU is encouraging Regions to agree in advance a cooperation framework
- Consider ESIF funding also during JU project implementation for amplification of scope/additional technical activities required etc. The JU may be asked to assess this proposed complement of activities and award a “synergy label” which may support your application for ESIF

Bilateral cooperation – MoU

11 MoU **signed** up to date:

- Midi-Pyrénées (FR)
- Andalusia (ES)
- Romania (State level)
- Campania (IT)
- Catalonia (ES)
- Flevoland (NL)
- Västra Götaland and Östergötland (SE)
- Czech Republic (State level)
- Castilla La Mancha (ES)
- Zuid Holland (NL)

Recommendations for applicants

- **Identify upfront the ESIF funding schemes** which may be used for requesting ESIF support to the complementary activities and their rules (eligibility, minimum requirements, funding rate, selection etc.)
- **“Seize the momentum”** of a CfP application and **“think strategic”** when designing proposals by considering different financial instruments to achieve synergies (also during project implementation for amplification, spin-off etc.)
- **Contact the Regions and Managing Authorities** in your MS/Region and encourage them to consider building synergies with the CSJU (a win-win strategy..). This may lead to obtaining ESIF funding for your activities linking to a CS funded project and with a “CS label” awarded by the JU
- Consult CSJU guidance
<http://www.cleansky.eu/content/page/synergies-structural-funds>

Any questions?

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16th August 2016

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Thank You

