

# PRIMA COLLABORATE

## An Event Uniting Med Researchers in Malta for Innovation

**PRIMA Sections 1 and 2 info  
session**

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# PRIMA

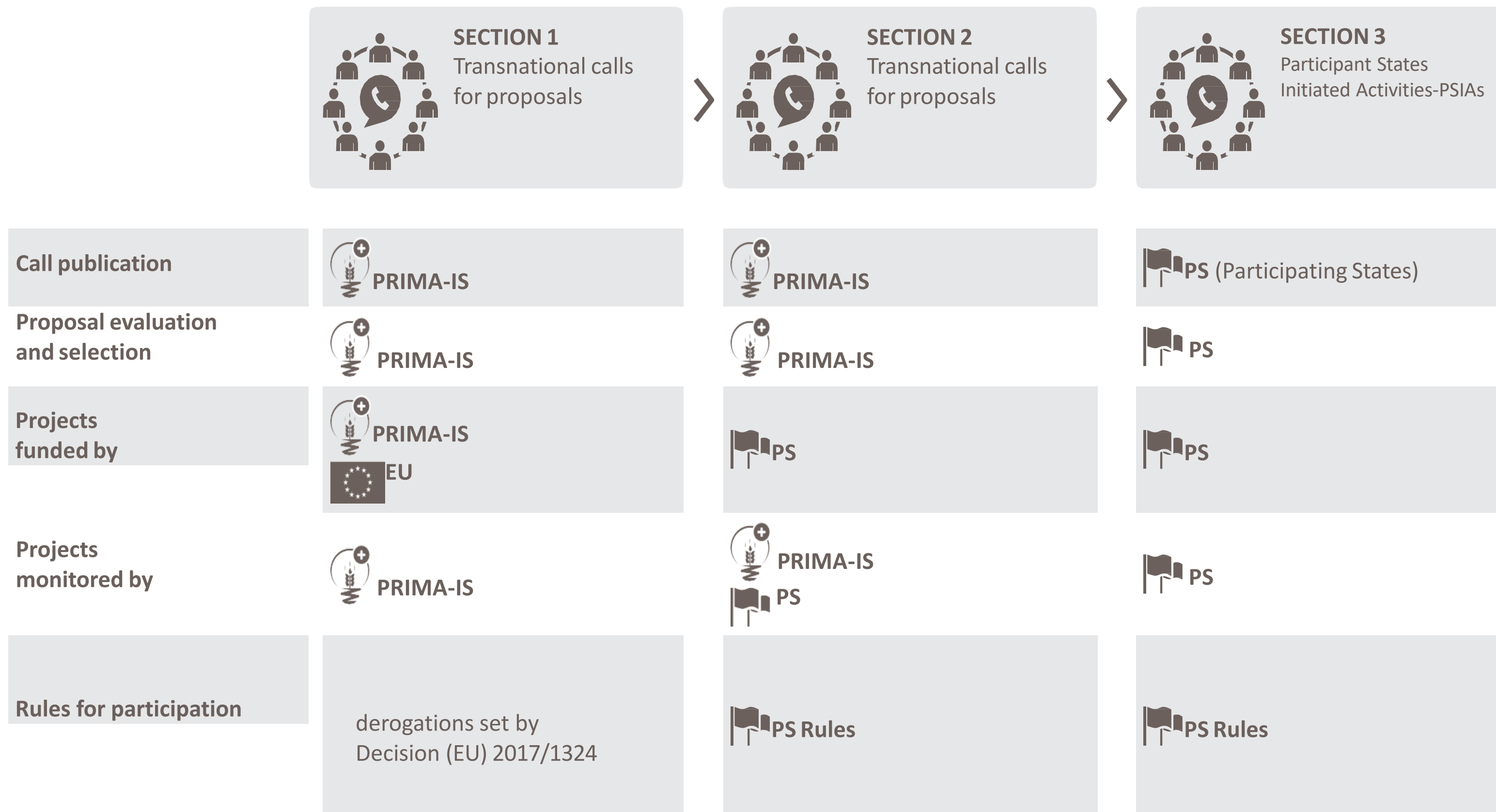
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and founded under Horizon 2020, the European Union's  
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# **Highlights on programme structure, AWP24 and calls for proposals**

# PRIMA programme structure



# Highlights Calls 2024: Mainstreaming WEF E Nexus







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# HIGHLIGHT Calls 2024: fostering innovation potential



Call 2018

Call 2019

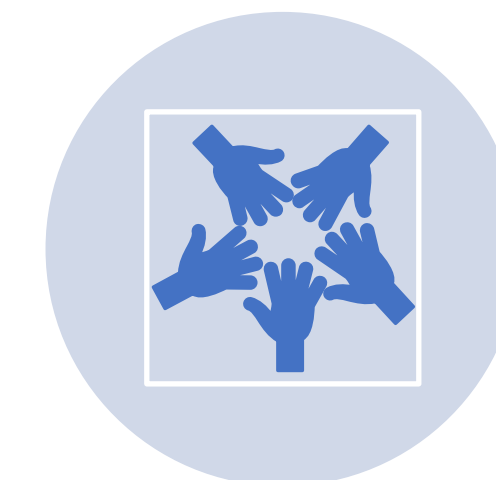
Call 2020

Call 2021

Call 2022

Call 2023

**Call 2024**



**INNOVATION ACTIONS: 3 IAS**  
«ACTIVITIES DIRECTLY AIMING AT PRODUCING PLANS AND ARRANGEMENTS OR DESIGNS FOR NEW, ALTERED OR IMPROVED PRODUCTS, PROCESSES OR SERVICES”

**TO TAILOR INNOVATIONS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION**

**HIGHER TRL STIMULATING SOLUTIONS CLOSER TO MARKET**

**TO MAKE INNOVATION MORE DEMAND DRIVEN, PRIMA PROMOTES MULTI-ACTOR APPROACH CO-CREATION PROCESS..**

# HIGHLIGHT Calls 2024: Capacity development and Gender dimension



**ACTIVITIES WILL BE KEY TRANSVERSAL COMPONENT OF PROJECT PROPOSALS, ENHANCING RESEARCH AND INNOVATION CAPACITIES**



**GENDER EQUALITY CONCERNS ALL PARTS OF PRIMA PROGRAMME**

# HIGHLIGHT Calls 2024: To increase impact: fostering networking among projects



**FOSTER PROJECTS NETWORKS  
COLLABORATIONS WITHIN  
PRIMA**



**BUILDING ON WHAT HAVE BEEN DONE SO  
FAR BY PRIMA AND OTHER EURO-MED  
PROJECTS**

**i.e. ENI CBC MED INTERREG NEXT MED,  
HORIZON 2020, HE**



**JOINT PUBLICATIONS**



**JOINT POLICY BRIEFS**



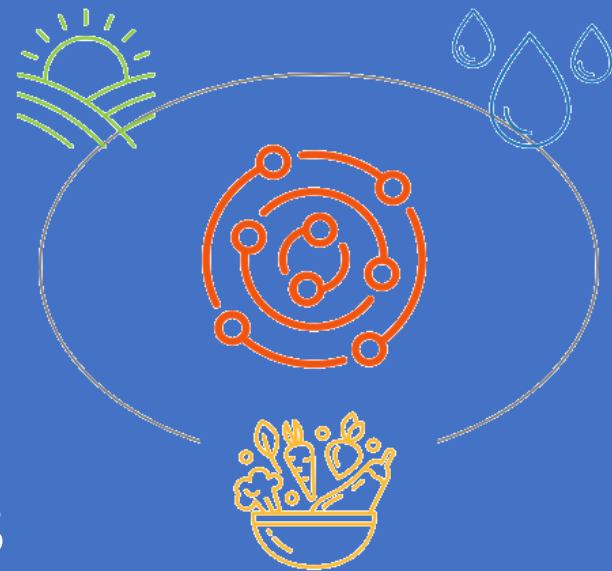
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## Section 1, four Calls for proposals

Water in the Nexus

Farming in the Nexus

Agro-food in the Nexus



3 Topics



one Call for contest

**Woman Greening Food Systems**

## Section 2, a single multi-topic Call

Water in the Nexus

Farming in the Nexus

Agro-food in the Nexus



3 Topics





# TYPE OF ACTION

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## Technology Readiness Level

TRL 8 FIRST OF A KIND COMMERCIAL SYSTEM

TRL 7 DEMONSTRATION SYSTEM

TRL 6 PROTOTYPE SYSTEM

TRL 5 LARGE SCALE PROTOTYPE

TRL 4 SMALL SCALE PROTOTYPE

TRL 3 NEEDS VALIDATION

TRL 9

TRL 8

TRL 7

TRL 6

TRL 5

TRL 4

TRL 3

TRL 2

TRL 1



**SECTION 1**

TRL 3    TRL 4    TRL 5    TRL 6    TRL 7    TRL 8



**SECTION 2**

2023 Calls priorities and novelties



# Budget

Section 1 Calls

**Section 1 Call 1**

**Section 1 Call 2**

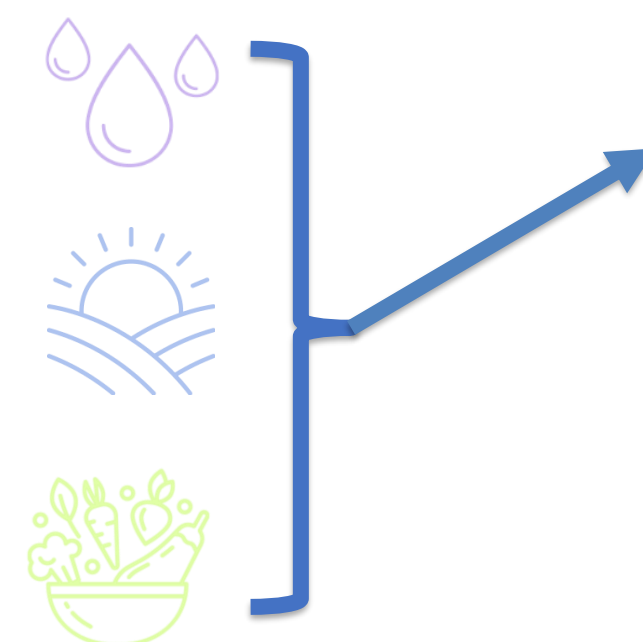
**Section 1 Call 3**

Indicative EU  
contribution

**9 200 000**

**9 600 000**

**9 100 000**



**SECTION 1**



**60 MEUR**



**>1.5 M€**

**SECTION 2**



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# Calls for proposals – Section 1

## Topic 1.1.1 IA

Sustainability of Mediterranean irrigated agriculture through the implementation of the WEF E Nexus approach



9.2 M€



2

**TRL**  
**6-8**

## Topic 1.2.1 IA

Transformative adaptation of Mediterranean dry farming systems using water harvesting technique to address extreme drought in arid and semi-arid environments



9.6 M€



2

**TRL**  
**6-8**

## Topic 1.3.1 IA

Developing cost-effective and sustainable technologies adapted to Mediterranean Food Systems to decrease food loss and waste



9.1 M€



2

**TRL**  
**5-8**



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# Calls for proposals – Section 2

## Topic 2.1.1 RIA

Effective water accounting approaches under crisis conditions: climate change and external shocks



1.5 M€

**RIA**



**TRL  
3-5**

## Topic 2.2.1 RIA

Revitalizing agroforestry practices for sustainable land use and climate resilience in the Mediterranean Region



1.5 M€

**RIA**

## Topic 2.3.1 RIA

Leveraging urban and local food systems for sustainable food systems transformation



1.5 M€

**RIA**



# Admissibility and Eligibility Check

## **To be considered Admissible, a proposal must be:**

- (a) Submitted in the Electronic Submission System before the deadline given in the call conditions
- (b) Readable, accessible and printable
- (c) Complete and inclusive of requested administrative data, proposal description, and any other docs
- (d) Include a draft plan for the exploitation and dissemination of the results at the second stage
- Limit for scientific doc – Part II: Stage-1 'Pre-Proposal' 10 pages; Stage-2 'Full Proposal' 50 pages

## **To be considered Eligible, a proposal must:**

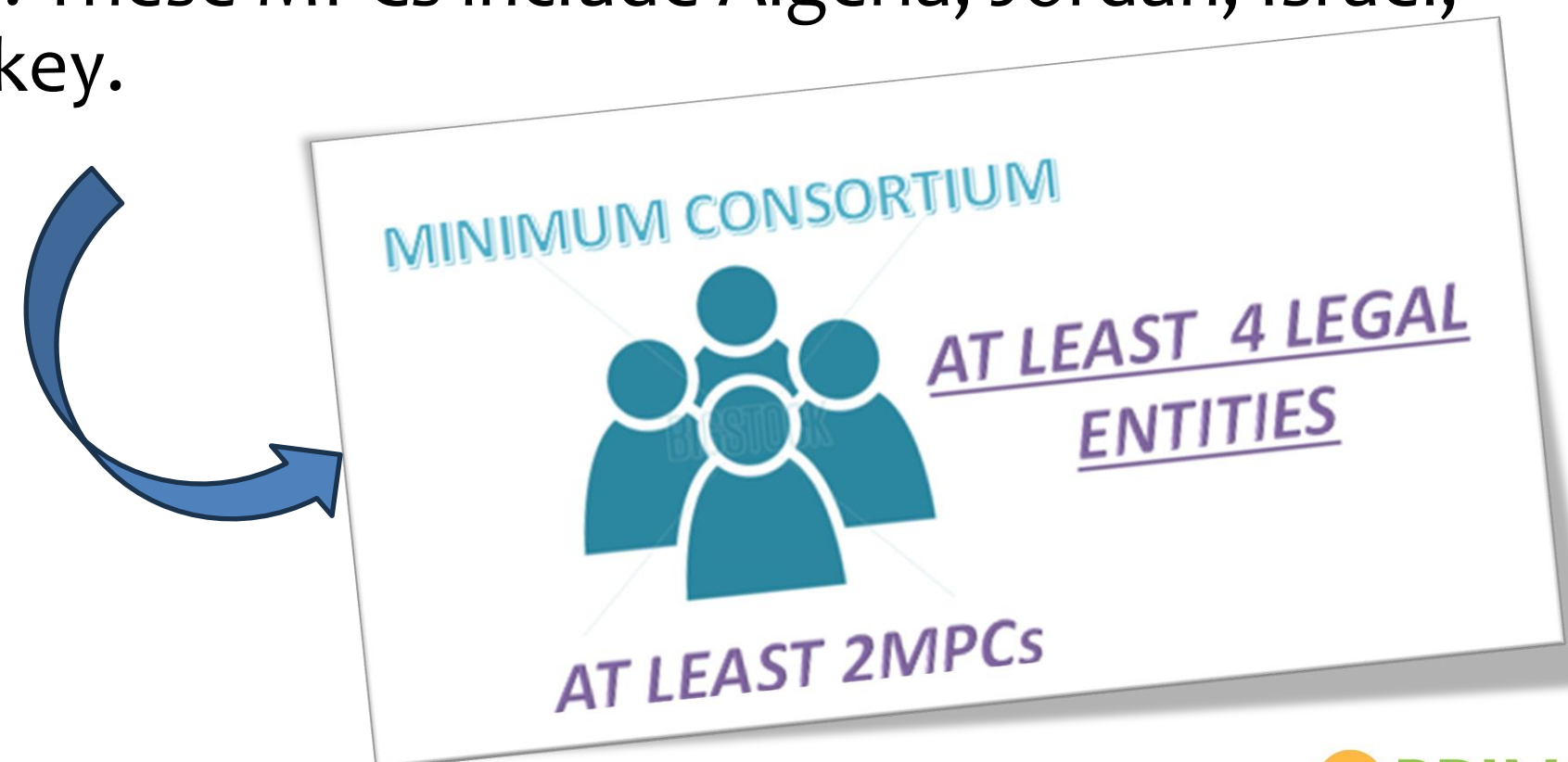
- comply with the eligibility conditions set out in the Horizon 2020 RfP and any relevant derogations
- the coordinator of the proposal is a legal entity established in a PRIMA PS
- its content corresponds, wholly or in part, to the scope and objectives of the topic to which it is submitted
- it complies with the minimum consortium eligibility conditions...

• **Section 2: additional criteria established by NFAs according to national regulations**

# Consortium eligibility requirements (additional eligibility condition)

at least **four participating organizations** from at least **three different PRIMA Participating States**.

1. Among these, one organization must be from an EU Member State or a third country associated with Horizon 2020 (not an MPC).
2. Additionally, you must have at least two organizations from Mediterranean Partner Countries (MPCs) that border the Mediterranean Sea. These MPCs include Algeria, Jordan, Israel, Tunisia, Morocco, Lebanon, Egypt, and Turkey.



# Consortium eligibility requirements (additional eligibility condition)

MINIMUM CONSORTIUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT:  
**4 INDEPENDENT LEGAL ENTITIES FROM AT LEAST 3 PARTICIPATING STATES (PS)**



- ONE PS EU
- **TWO** PS NON EU
- ONE PS EU OR PS NON EU

- EXAMPLES:

- MALTA-GREECE-MOROCCO-EGYPT = **ELIGIBLE**
- MALTA-GREECE-MOROCCO Entity 1- MOROCCO Entity 2 = **ELIGIBLE**
- MALTA-GREECE-FRANCE-MOROCCO = **NOT ELIGIBLE (only 1 entity from the south)**
- MALTA Entity 1-MALTA Entity 2- MOROCCO Entity 1- MOROCCO Entity 2 = **NOT ELIGIBLE (only 2 countries)**



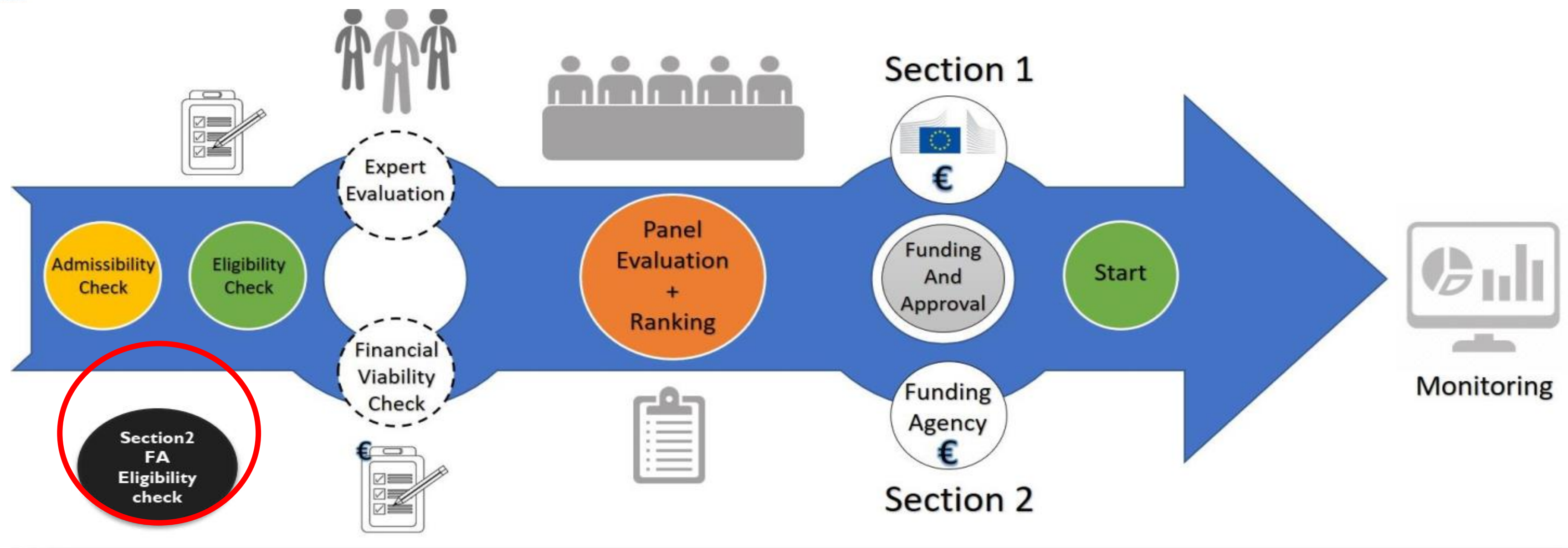
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# Calendar Calls 2024

Section	Call publication and opening	Submission deadline <b>Stage 1</b>	Evaluation results <b>Stage 1</b>	Submission deadline <b>Stage 2</b>	Evaluation results <b>Stage 2</b>
1	25/1/2024	2/4/2024	27/6/2024	24/9/2024	2/12/2024
2	25/1/2024	4/4/2024	1/7/2024	26/9/2024	13/12/2024



# 2-Stage evaluation process



Each proposal is evaluated by 3 independent experts

# Grant Agreement/ Consortium Agreement

## Section 1

Grant Agreement: PRIMA MGA (multi-beneficiary), based on Horizon 2020

Consortium Agreement: Participants in projects resulting from this Call for Proposals will be required to conclude a consortium agreement prior to the conclusion of the PRIMA grant agreement.

## Section 2

Grant Agreement: Each national funding body will sign a grant agreement (or any official documents acting as contract) with their national beneficiaries taking part in the selected project.

Consortium Agreement: A consortium agreement mentioning the distribution of the tasks among partners must be concluded. Some national funding bodies may require this document before signing the grant agreement.

# **How to navigate through the PRIMA website and ESS – Electronic Submission System**



# Where to find the information: PRIMA WEBSITE

## Prima-med.org

On the website you will find all relevant updates, documents and information on the programme, including.

### RESEARCH AND INNOVATION : CALL SECTION

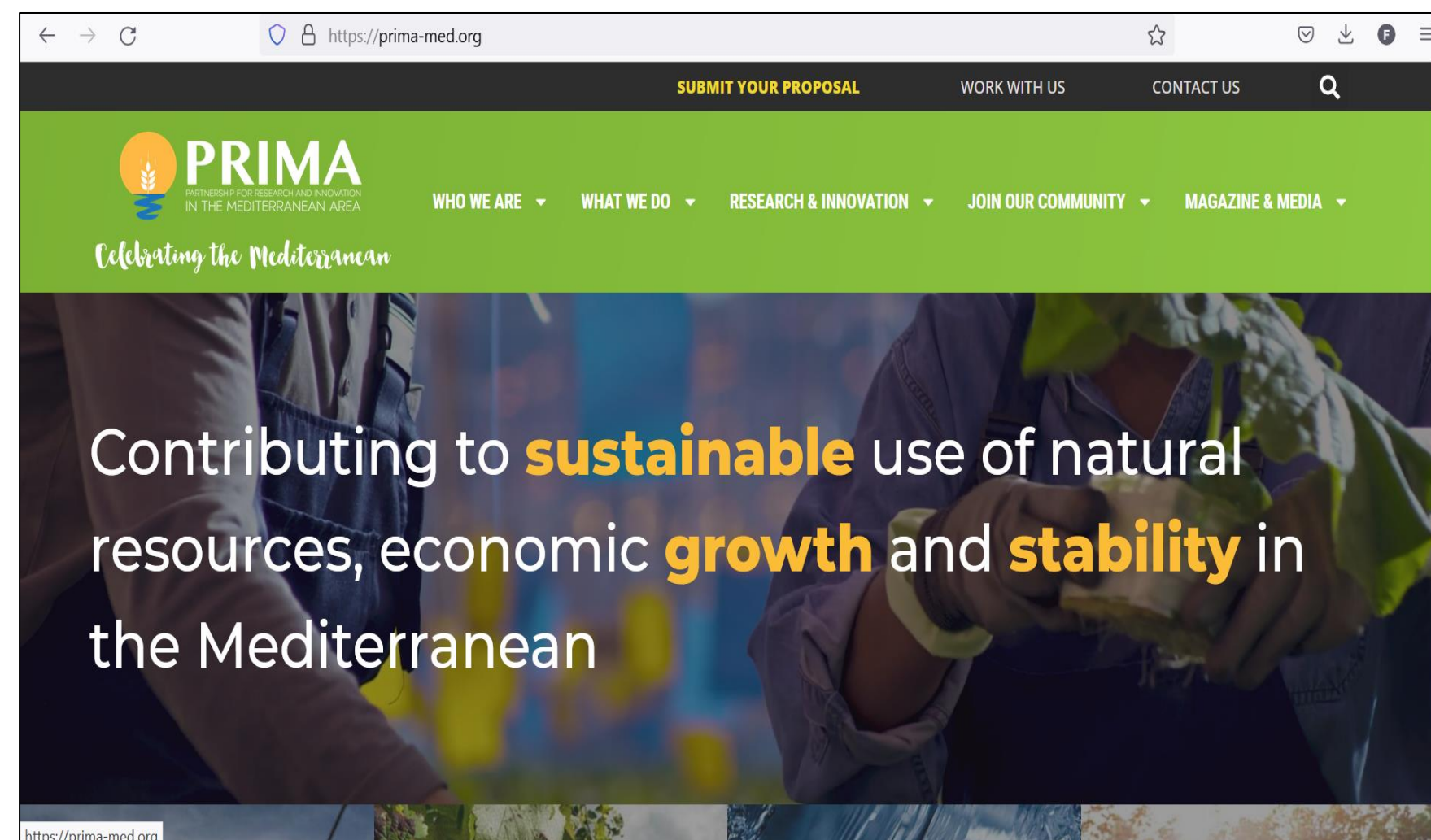
- Information and guidelines on each call
- Templates
- Link to submission website (one link per call)

### PARTNERING TOOL

Applicants can post and read partnerships requests

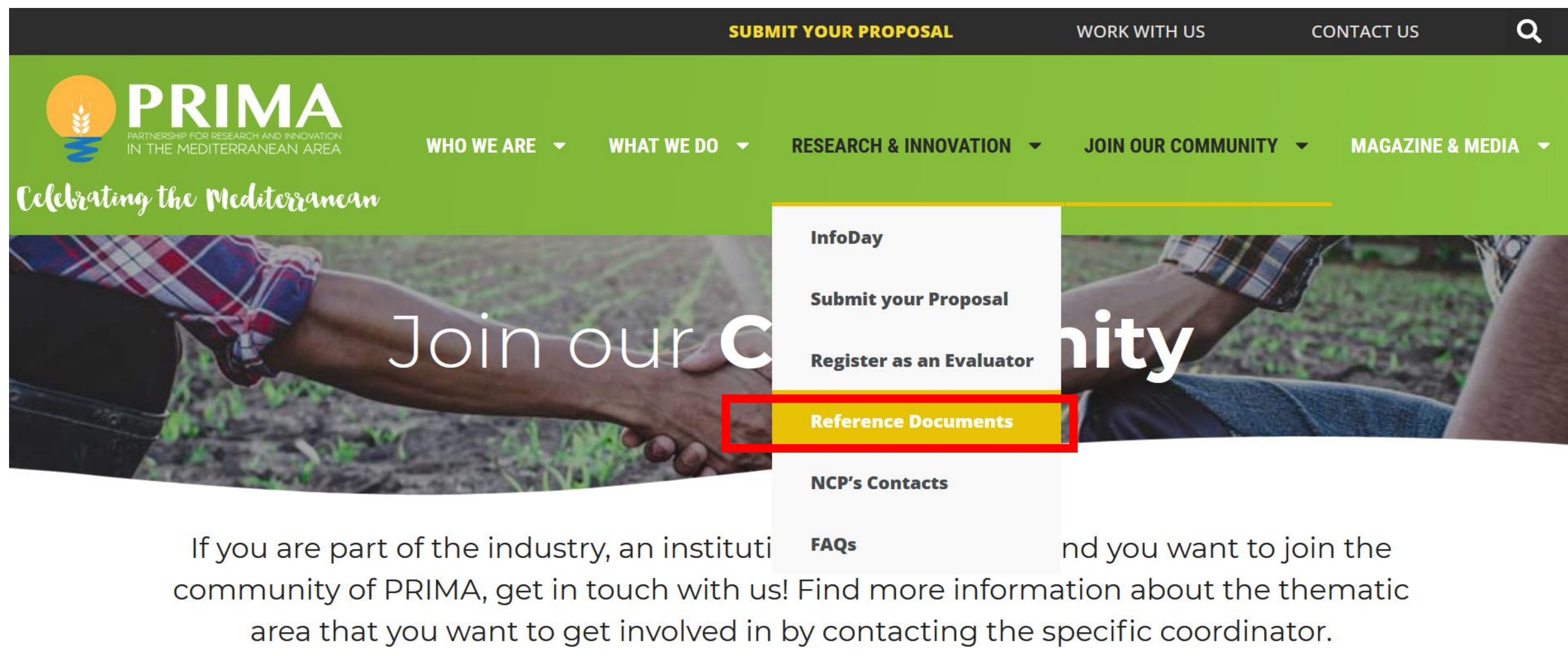
### EXPERT REGISTRATION TOOL

To register as an expert for the evaluation of proposals submitted to PRIMA calls



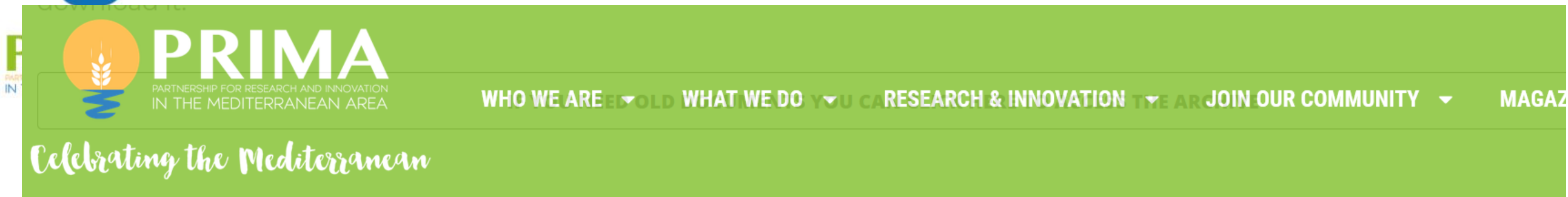


# Guidelines, call text, national regulations, templates.... are also available in the section Reference documents of the PRIMA website



The screenshot shows the PRIMA website interface. The top navigation bar includes links for 'SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL', 'WORK WITH US', and 'CONTACT US'. The main navigation bar features the PRIMA logo and several menu items: 'WHO WE ARE', 'WHAT WE DO', 'RESEARCH & INNOVATION', 'JOIN OUR COMMUNITY', and 'MAGAZINE & MEDIA'. A dropdown menu is open under 'JOIN OUR COMMUNITY', listing 'InfoDay', 'Submit your Proposal', 'Register as an Evaluator', 'Reference Documents' (highlighted with a red box), 'NCP's Contacts', and 'FAQs'. The background of the website features a large image of two hands shaking, with the text 'Join our Community' overlaid.

If you are part of the industry, an institution, or you want to join the community of PRIMA, get in touch with us! Find more information about the thematic area that you want to get involved in by contacting the specific coordinator.



## Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA)

[Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda](#)

## Annual Work Plans

[Annual Work Plan preliminary version 2022](#)

## PRIMA Model Grant Agreement (MGA)

[Multi-beneficiary Model Grant Agreement](#)

[Annotated Model Grant Agreement](#)

## Guidance (Section 1)

[Electronic-submission-system-Handbook.pdf](#)

[Call Text – PRIMA Section 1 2021 Nexus](#)

[Call Text – PRIMA Section 1 2021 Farming Systems](#)

[Call Text – PRIMA Section 1 2021 Water Management](#)

[Guidelines for Applicants Section 1](#)

## Guidance (Section 2)

[Electronic-submission-system-Handbook.pdf](#)

[Guidelines for Applicants 2021 Section 2](#)

[National Regulations 2021](#)

[Call Text PRIMA Section 2 2021 Multi-Topic](#)

[Guidelines for Applicants Section 2](#)

## Templates & forms

[PRIMA-Pre-proposal-Template-PART-I-RIA-and-IA](#)

[PRIMA-Pre-proposal-Template-PART-II-RIA-and-IA](#)

[PRIMA WEFE NEXUS Award – template – I](#)

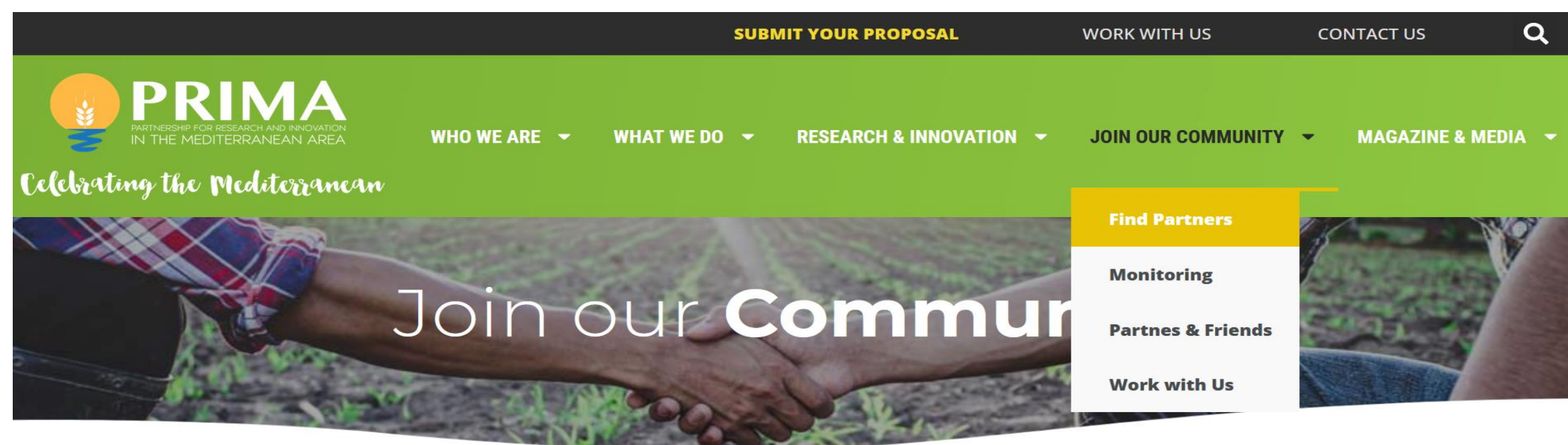
[PRIMA WEFE NEXUS Award- template – II](#)

## PRIMA Appeals procedure

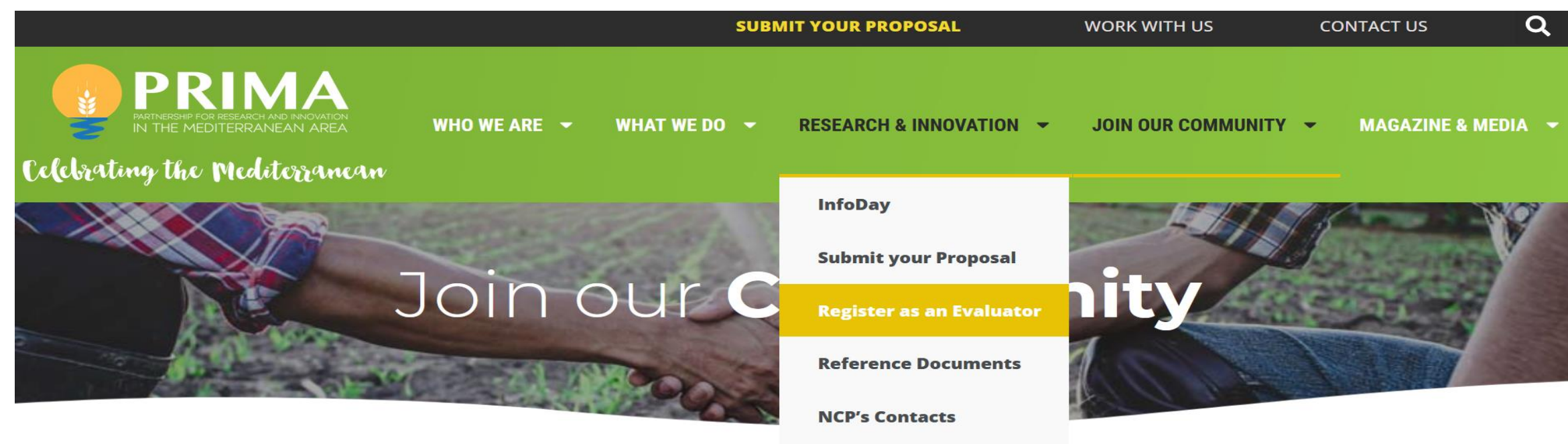
[PRIMA Appeals procedure](#)



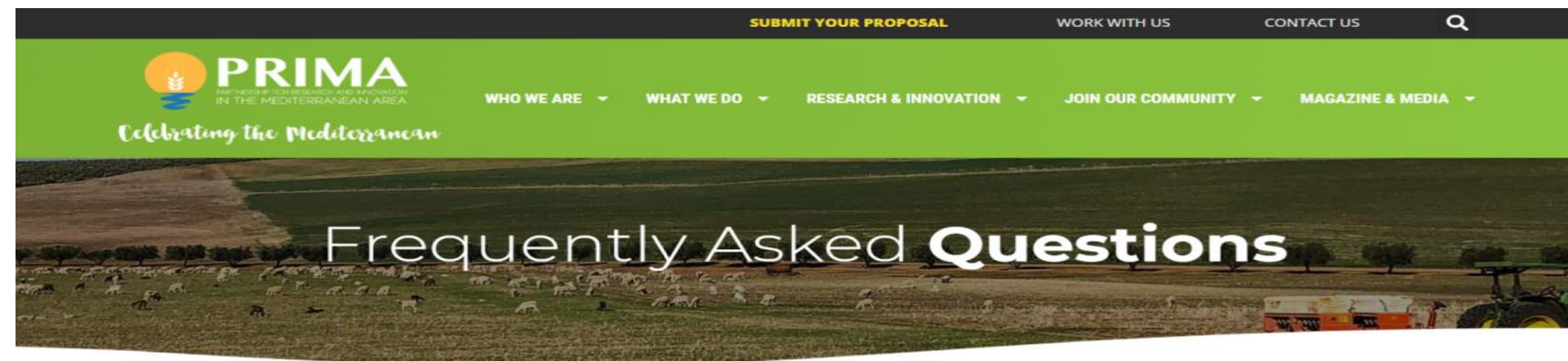
## How to find partners



## How to register as an evaluator



## FAQ section







# Call information : submit your proposal

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**Calls 2021 are closed!**

Calls 2022 will open next year. Check our Website and follow us on the social networks to know more.

<https://prima-med.org/submit-your-project/#>





# List of the topics and short description

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## Section 1

### Thematic Area 1

#### Water management 2021

<b>THEMATIC AREA:</b>	Management of water
<b>TOPIC:</b>	Topic 1.1.1-2021(RIA) Sustainable soil and water management for combating land degradation and desertification and promoting ecosystem restoration.
<b>TYPE OF ACTION:</b>	(RIA) Research and Innovation action
<b>TOTAL INDICATIVE AMOUNT ALLOCATED TO THIS CALL:</b>	EUR 8.25 million
<b>OPENING DATE:</b>	Stage 1 Pre-proposals – 5 March, 2021
<b>DEADLINE</b>	Stage 1 Pre-proposals – 13 April, 2021 (17:00h Barcelona time) Stage 2 Full proposals – 09 September, 2021 (17:00h Barcelona time)
<b>STATUS:</b>	Close

[MORE INFO](#)

### Thematic Area 2

#### Farming systems 2021

<b>THEMATIC AREA:</b>	Farming systems IA
<b>TOPIC:</b>	1.2.1-2021 (IA) Increasing the environmental and socio-economic performance of small scale farming systems through improvements in organisational aspects and new value chain governance models.
<b>TYPE OF ACTION:</b>	(IA) Innovation and Action
<b>TOTAL INDICATIVE AMOUNT ALLOCATED TO THIS CALL:</b>	EUR 8.25 million
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# Full topic description with links to the templates

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DEADLINE: Special Pre-proposals – 13 April, 2021 (17:00h Barcelona time)  
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## Challenge

Small scale farming systems are the backbone of the Mediterranean farming system with an overwhelming contribution to the global food supply. However, many of the rural economies and smallholder farmers communities are struggling to sustain production, as low incomes, unsustainable and inefficient practices, lack of market connections and limited access to information are affecting their livelihood. Fragmentation of the markets, inefficient farming practices, older age group of farmers, the disconnection between youth and their interest in agriculture are enhancing land abandonment and degradation, output quality and productivity, transparent and efficient access to markets (especially new markets based on e-commerce) and lack of valorisation of waste generated at farming level. Many organisational aspects made to support farmers, that was brought in the 20th Century, did not evolve to meet the current market demands, including the current models of cooperatives and associations that need uplifting. There is a significant need to have proper governance, less corruption, improved market intelligence, the introduction of innovative approaches in sustainable practices, market development, investment and

## Call Documents and Templates

[PRIMA Annual Work Plan 2021](#)

[PRIMA Call text and supporting information – Call Section 1 Topic 1.2.1 – Farming Systems 2021](#)

[PRIMA-Guidelines for Applicants – Section 1, RIA&IA](#)

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[Electronic submission system Handbook](#)

[PRIMA Pre-proposal Template PART I – RIA and IA](#)

[PRIMA Pre-proposal Template PART II – RIA and IA](#)

## More information

For questions related to this call for proposals, please contact Fabrice Dentressangle at [fabrice.dentressangle@prima-med.org](mailto:fabrice.dentressangle@prima-med.org)



To access the ESS - Electronic Submission System (ANR)  
**Active 1 month before the deadline**



# Start the submission process on the ANR platform

Authentication Page

Email address:  **Insert Email Address**

Password:  **Insert Password**

[Forgotten password / Generate a new password](#) **In case you forget your password...**

To submit a new proposal, please go to the Call page on the [ANR website](#).

For any information, please contact the person in charge of the Call: [Contacts](#)

**Remarks:**

- This website is designed for a 1024x768 screen resolution (Full Screen)
- The application is optimized for Internet Explorer (up to IE10) and Firefox.
- Cookies and JavaScript must be enabled.
- We advise you to allow popups from your browser settings.

**Message to experts and committee members**

If you already have an account (as proposal coordinator, partner...), you must use the same login/password.  
If you have not received or if you have lost your password, you can generate a new one via the link "Forgotten password" located on this page.

# Electronic submission system and HANDBOOK

Information and type of documents you have to upload

Partenariat et tâches | Fiches partenaires | **Identité du projet** | Résumés scientifiques | Document scientifique | Experts | Tableaux de synthèse | Soumission du projet

*Ce site est adapté d'une plateforme d'appel à projets français. Quelques points spécifiques à ces appels peuvent subsister (certaines cases sont bloquées) donc merci de ne pas de les prendre en compte. **NEUBLIEZ PAS DE SOUMETTRE VOTRE ANNEXE BUDGETAIRE AU FORMAT EXCEL (A UPLOADER SUR LE SITE <http://www.erimnet2.net/index.php/home>)***

\* Informations nécessaires à l'enregistrement du formulaire

Acronyme du projet

Titre en français du projet

Titre en anglais du projet

Durée en mois

Instrument de financement

Année de soumission de la thèse

Défi sociétal Principal

Catégories R&D

Informations supplémentaires

Mots clés (Séparez les mots clés par des points virgules)

Le projet a-t-il été déposé lors d'une édition précédente?

Suite d'un projet précédemment financé?

Axes Thématiques

Choisir les axes thématiques (Min 0 Max 1) parmi les 2 axes disponibles (ainsi que les sous-axes)

Autres sources de financements

Liste des agences étrangères

Aucune agence étrangère associée à ce projet

ENTER THE TITLE IN ENGLISH FOR BOTH

There is only one option, please select it to be allowed to continue your registration

Click here to select your topic.



## Partnership

The project coordinator specifies each partner and the principal investigator (PI) of each partner.

Any PI indicated in the table below has access to the project, his/her login being the registered email address.  
If necessary, he/she can generate a new password from the home page.

At each change made, the PIs of the concerned partners are informed by e-mail.



# ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION SYSTEM HANDBOOK

Display By country

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Click here to ADD partners



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# Thanks for your attention

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