

## EU R&I Framework Programme – Innovation Fund Synergies Workshop – Sli.Do Q&A

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What is the link between the CSA and workshop?	The <i>European Framework Programme for R&amp;I - Innovation Fund Synergies Workshop</i> is meant to be a “first step” of the wider synergies-building process between the two EU funding programmes. The expectation is that the coordination & support action (CSA) topic <b>HORIZON-CL5-2023-D2-01-07: Support for the deployment of R&amp;I results for climate mitigation. Synergies with the ETS Innovation Fund</b> provides a framework for synergies to be continued to be developed via the continuation of networking activities between mature EU-funded research & innovation projects. Specifically, as per the CSA topic text ( <a href="#">Funding &amp; tenders (europa.eu)</a> ), the consortia supported under this topic are expected to organise conferences, workshops, and open events of similar nature to the <i>European Framework Programme for R&amp;I - Innovation Fund Synergies Workshop</i> .
What are the possibilities for a SME to get a IF grant?	Overall, it can be considered that the possibilities to apply to the Innovation Fund depend more on the maturity of the project, rather than on the formal classification/type of entity that applies. SMEs can apply to any type of call, but the Innovation Fund has also dedicated calls for small-scale projects (defined as projects with capital costs of less than 7.5 million Euros). For more information on small-scale calls for proposal, visit the following webpage: <a href="#">Small-scale calls (europa.eu)</a> . Additionally, under the 3 <sup>rd</sup> large-scale call for proposal, there is a dedicated topic for mid-sized pilots, which is expected to address SMEs (for more information on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> large scale call, please refer to the call text: <a href="#">call-fiche_innovfund-2022-lsc_en.pdf (europa.eu)</a> ).
Where is the gap between the projects results and deployment?	<b>No answer necessary</b> – question was aimed at H2020 projects presenting in the breakout sessions.
Will the SMEs be able to use the CO2 reduction potential methodology necessary for the application?	All applicants to the Innovation Fund need to calculate its potential GHG avoidance through the methodology provided with the call text. The GHG methodology is regularly updated, with examples and is free to access <a href="#">online</a> for any company interested to calculate its CO2 reduction potential through this method.
Will you organize another synergies workshop to follow-up on the outcomes of this one and to share experience from selected CSAs?	The <i>European Framework Programme for R&amp;I - Innovation Fund Synergies Workshop</i> is meant to be a “first step” of the wider synergies-building process between the two EU funding programmes. The expectation is that the coordination & support action (CSA) topic <b>HORIZON-CL5-2023-D2-01-07: Support for the deployment of R&amp;I results for climate mitigation. Synergies with the ETS Innovation Fund</b> provides a framework for synergies to be continued to be developed via the continuation of networking activities between mature EU-funded research & innovation projects. Specifically, as per the CSA topic text ( <a href="#">Funding &amp; tenders (europa.eu)</a> ), the consortia supported under this topic are expected to organise conferences, workshops, and open events of similar nature to the <i>European Framework Programme for R&amp;I - Innovation Fund Synergies Workshop</i> .
Is the technology developed under H2020 advanced enough to go for the IF?	As a general rule, technologies developed by Innovation Actions (IAs) funded under the Horizon 2020 programme are considered to be advanced and mature enough to apply to the Innovation Fund, as projects submitting to the Innovation Fund are expected to present technological solutions at technological readiness levels (TRLs) ca. 7-8. Typically, solutions from research & innovation actions (RIAs) still require further technological development. However, it depends on a case-by-case basis whether a technological solutions developed under Horizon 2020 (or Horizon Europe) is sufficiently advanced and mature to be considered for support by the Innovation Fund.

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IF wants projects that are sufficiently mature to be ready for demonstration, so how can we ensure that H2020 projects could be sufficiently mature?	We recommend that Horizon 2020 projects that wish to reach demonstration stage and apply to the Innovation Fund to duly consider and focus on the commercial aspect of their project (i.e. to ensure that the project can demonstrate economic viability). It is important for projects to secure funding commitments in order to demonstrate financial maturity. We also recommend early engagement with participants from respective relevant markets (e.g. to secure permitting as/if necessary). For more information on project maturity, please see the Innovation Fund's Events & Webinars page, which provides lessons learnt and dedicated material: <a href="https://europea.eu">Events and webinars (europa.eu)</a>
What are the challenges and hurdles you are experiencing for going to deployment?	<b>No answer necessary</b> – question was aimed at H2020 projects presenting in the breakout sessions.
Which programmes or funding do you plan to apply for besides de IF?	<b>No answer necessary</b> – question was aimed at H2020 projects presenting in the breakout sessions.
How long does it takes from an R&I project and to start building the demonstrator?	This depends on the maturity of the R&I project mentioned (whether still tested in laboratory or more advanced). If a pilot line is already there, the building of a demonstrator can be faster but there are no overall average timeline.
What are the level of investment need for your project to be deployed?	<b>No answer necessary</b> – question was aimed at H2020 projects presenting in the breakout sessions.
Will there also be room for comments? Or should we add the directly in Slido?	<b>No answer necessary</b> (anymore)
will be the recording of this break out session be available later? also the slides?	Yes – the recording of the whole <i>European Framework Programme for R&amp;I - Innovation Fund Synergies Workshop</i> (incl. each of the breakout sessions), along with the presentation slides are available on the event page: <a href="https://europea.eu">European Framework Programme for R&amp;I - Innovation Fund Synergies Workshop (europa.eu)</a>
From A.SPIRE, we very much welcome the CSA call on the Innovation Fund. Synergies accros the CSAs desirable, especially in areas 1 and 2	We thank A.SPIRE for their support to the CSA topic <b>HORIZON-CL5-2023-D2-01-07: Support for the deployment of R&amp;I results for climate mitigation. Synergies with the ETS Innovation Fund</b> , and look forward to their engagement and application to this specific call ( <a href="https://europea.eu">Funding &amp; tenders (europa.eu)</a> ).
Will further synergies of the Innovation Fund with other tools (InvestEU, equity funding...) be explored? The IF is great but further support is needed	Given that the Innovation Fund covers up to 60% of relevant costs, it is welcome and encouraged that applicants search for complementary funding sources such as InvestEU to cover the remaining part of the relevant costs. For more information, please refer to the following paper that provides more clarification on the combination of Innovation Fund support with other public support: <a href="https://europea.eu">innovation fund cumulation public en.pdf (europa.eu)</a> . This paper will be updated soon.
The combination of innovations from diff projects will likely be needed to deploy FOAKs, so, the CSA actions need to benefit the 3 projects and the pipeline	<b>No answer necessary</b> – not formulated as question
what is the benefit for H2020 to participate in the CSA? will they be ranked highly in the IF evaluation when they apply?	All Innovation Fund proposals will be evaluated according to the Innovation Fund evaluation criteria (as per the Innovation Fund call text: <a href="https://europea.eu">call-fiche innovfund-2022-lsc en.pdf (europa.eu)</a> ). It is expected that the participation in the CSA topic <b>HORIZON-CL5-2023-D2-01-07: Support for the deployment of R&amp;I results for climate mitigation. Synergies with the ETS Innovation Fund</b> would help applicants to Innovation Fund to develop sound proposals that would meet the Innovation Fund criteria.

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The CSA asks for min 3 projects per consortium, how many RES projects you expect in the CSA focusing on RES?	Indeed, according to the text of the CSA topic <b>HORIZON-CL5-2023-D2-01-07: Support for the deployment of R&amp;I results for climate mitigation. Synergies with the ETS Innovation Fund</b> (For reference, please find the call text here: <a href="#">Funding &amp; tenders (europa.eu)</a> ): “For each individual CSA, consortia should include partners from at least 3 different Horizon 2020 projects”. This is also applicable to the consortium under the renewable energy generation technological area.
Are era-net projects eligible in the CSA?	ERA-Net projects are part of Horizon 2020 calls, and are therefore eligible. For further information on the topic, please refer to the call text: <a href="#">Funding &amp; tenders (europa.eu)</a>
How significant is the interest from potential costumers for each of the presented technologies? Is there already a study or prospect of this?	<b>No answer necessary</b> – question was aimed at H2020 projects presenting in the breakout sessions.
You are developing your value chains for the next step. How much of the value chain will be in Europe?	<b>No answer necessary</b> – question was aimed at H2020 projects presenting in the breakout sessions.
Do you foresee any regulatory/legislative hurdles to deploy these innovative solutions? How could you align with regulators?	<b>No answer necessary</b> – question was aimed at H2020 projects presenting in the breakout sessions.
test question	<b>No answer necessary</b>
Could you explain more about the CSA open topic in Horizon Europe with deadline 18 April which is asking to build H2020 consortium to prepare for the IF?	For further information on the CSA topic <b>HORIZON-CL5-2023-D2-01-07: Support for the deployment of R&amp;I results for climate mitigation. Synergies with the ETS Innovation Fund</b> , please refer to the call text: <a href="#">Funding &amp; tenders (europa.eu)</a>
Can some further reassurance that the CSA increases chances of success in the InnovFund be provided? Otherwise hard to justify effort+commitment+info disclosure	All Innovation Fund proposals will be evaluated according to the Innovation Fund evaluation criteria (as per the Innovation Fund call text: <a href="#">call-fiche_innovfund-2022-lsc_en.pdf (europa.eu)</a> ). It is expected that the participation in the CSA topic <b>HORIZON-CL5-2023-D2-01-07: Support for the deployment of R&amp;I results for climate mitigation. Synergies with the ETS Innovation Fund</b> would help applicants to Innovation Fund to develop sound proposals that would meet the Innovation Fund criteria.
Question 1	<b>No answer necessary</b>
So is the innovation fund only open to existing funded horizon projects?	No, the Innovation Fund is not exclusively open to projects that received funding under the EU Framework Programme for research & innovation (i.e. Horizon 2020 and/or Horizon Europe). The Innovation Fund is open to projects that have a technological focus on i) innovative low-carbon technologies and processes in energy-intensive industries, including products substituting carbon-intensive ones ii) carbon capture and utilisation (CCU) & construction and operation of carbon capture and storage (CCS) iii) innovative renewable energy generation iv) energy storage. The Fund is open to projects in EU Member States, Norway & Iceland. For further details regarding the eligibility criteria for the Innovation Fund, please refer to the Innovation Fund call text: <a href="#">call-fiche_innovfund-2022-lsc_en.pdf (europa.eu)</a>
Is the session recorded?	Yes – the recording of the whole <i>European Framework Programme for R&amp;I - Innovation Fund Synergies Workshop</i> (incl. each of the breakout sessions), along with the presentation slides are available on the event page: <a href="#">European Framework Programme for R&amp;I - Innovation Fund Synergies Workshop (europa.eu)</a>
Is there any visualization about all these different synergies?	Yes – a visualisation of the synergies between EU instruments and programmes, as presented by Alan HAIGH under the workshop’s agenda item “Rationale for Workshops & Synergies Strategy” can be found on the event page: <a href="#">Synergies-AlanHaig.pdf (europa.eu)</a>

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Is the innovation fund really enough for Europe to compete with US's IRA?	The Innovation Fund is one component of a larger response that is the recently announced Green Deal Industrial Plan: <a href="#">The Green Deal Industrial Plan (europa.eu)</a>
Is the Innovation Fund open only to EU based startups or someone from India is eligible to apply for it?	The Innovation Fund is open to proposals for which the actions are implemented on the territory of one (or more) of the EU Member States, Norway or Iceland. In the specific case of actions delivering greenhouse gas emission avoidance through the use of the product, e.g. production facilities for renewable energy or energy storage components, both the production and the use of products must take place in one (or more) of the EU Member States, Norway or Iceland. For further details, please refer to the Innovation Fund call text: <a href="#">call-fiche_innovfund-2022-lsc_en.pdf (europa.eu)</a>
Is innovation fund available for small non profit companies, who would focus on stakeholder involvement?	The Innovation Fund has no restriction on who can participate, as long as the project is linked to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. Stakeholder involvement is often necessary to raise public awareness of low-carbon technologies or in relation to permitting. For further information regarding the eligibility criterion of the Innovation Fund, please refer to the Innovation Fund call text: <a href="#">call-fiche_innovfund-2022-lsc_en.pdf (europa.eu)</a>
The CSA says that H2020 projects should be "represented" in the consortium, should these absolutely have a partner (through one entity) in the consortium?	Yes – at least one beneficiary of a Horizon 2020 project must a partner of a consortium in the CSA topic <b>HORIZON-CL5-2023-D2-01-07: Support for the deployment of R&amp;I results for climate mitigation. Synergies with the ETS Innovation Fund</b> . For further information on the topic, please refer to the call text: <a href="#">Funding &amp; tenders (europa.eu)</a>
Can you please post the link for the 2023 topic call deadline	Please find here the call for the topic <b>HORIZON-CL5-2023-D2-01-07: Support for the deployment of R&amp;I results for climate mitigation. Synergies with the ETS Innovation Fund</b> on the Funding & Tenders website: <a href="#">Funding &amp; tenders (europa.eu)</a>
re: the D2-02-07 CSA: on top of the activities shown before, it is mandatory to include the actual preparation of the IF applications as part of the CSA?	According to the topic text of <b>HORIZON-CL5-2023-D2-01-07: Support for the deployment of R&amp;I results for climate mitigation. Synergies with the ETS Innovation Fund</b> : " <i>Each CSA should produce as the final output a number of sound proposals (including detailed plans for scalability, commercialisation, and financial models) to be presented to the IF.</i> " It is not expected that a <b>draft</b> Innovation Fund proposal will be formally submitted by consortia as part of their reporting for the CSA topic. However, what is expected in the frame of the CSA topic is that a fully developed proposal is submitted to the Innovation Fund (and that proof of this submission is provided for the reporting for the CSA). For further information on the topic, please refer to the call text: <a href="#">Funding &amp; tenders (europa.eu)</a>
How does participation in the Horizon-InnovFund synergies CSA call (CL5-2023-D2-01-07) increase chances of being successful in the InnovFund programme later on?	All Innovation Fund proposals will be evaluated according to the Innovation Fund evaluation criteria (as per the Innovation Fund call text: <a href="#">call-fiche_innovfund-2022-lsc_en.pdf (europa.eu)</a> ). It is expected that the participation in the CSA topic <b>HORIZON-CL5-2023-D2-01-07: Support for the deployment of R&amp;I results for climate mitigation. Synergies with the ETS Innovation Fund</b> would help applicants to Innovation Fund to develop sound proposals that would meet the Innovation Fund criteria.
How the IF can be combined with InvestEU in terms of CAPEX eligibility in each application?	Given that the Innovation Fund covers up to 60% of relevant costs, it is welcome and encouraged that applicants search for complementary funding sources such as InvestEU to cover the remaining part of the relevant costs. For more information, please refer to the following paper that provides more clarification on the combination of Innovation Fund support with other public support: <a href="#">innovation_fund_cumulation_public_en.pdf (europa.eu)</a> .
Does Horizon/Innovationfund assists in non-EU projects to shift to EU locations by help of funds/visa approvals?	The Horizon Europe programme and Innovation Fund do not provide such assistance to non-EU projects.

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Do you plan to open funding calls for advanced solar topics like space-based solar power? EIC 2023 has a pathfinder challenge but 30M euros is not enough	Activities that help stimulate the construction and operation of innovative renewable energy technologies is in the scope of the Innovation Fund. For further details, please refer to the Innovation Fund call text: <a href="#">call-fiche_innovfund-2022-lsc_en.pdf (europa.eu)</a>
Next EIF LS 4 - is it likely to be published in Q3 2023?	We will announce the more detailed planning of next calls in June 2023.
Good to see maritime sector included for next EIF calls - is it likely to cover also green fuel production for maritime sector? (e.g. not just aviation)	According to the Innovation Fund call text ( <a href="#">call-fiche_innovfund-lsc-2021_en.pdf (europa.eu)</a> ), e-fuels and bio-fuels are already under the scope of the Innovation Fund.
Where can we find the link to the KPIs please?	Please refer to the call document of the Innovation Fund's 3rd Large-Scale Call: <a href="#">call-fiche_innovfund-2022-lsc_en.pdf (europa.eu)</a> Form C includes all the KPIs included in the application package.
Planning a 2024 large scale submission, do you expect changes in templates or criteria between now and then? If so, when would they be published?	As mentioned during in the workshop, the Innovation Fund call text will be adapted and changed to account for the revision of the ETS Directive ( <a href="#">Carriages preview   Legislative Train Schedule (europa.eu)</a> ). However, this will more likely entail a change in the scope of the Innovation Fund (to include maritime and aviation), rather than a change in the award criteria. The Innovation Fund aims to maintain continuity in order to facilitate candidates to re-submit application. In this sense, it is expected that the approached with respect to the award criteria and template will remain as they currently are (please refer to the call document of the Innovation Fund's 3rd Large-Scale Call: <a href="#">call-fiche_innovfund-2022-lsc_en.pdf (europa.eu)</a> ).
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can CINEA be flexible as regards the projects involved, some potential IF project may change their plan, decide to withdr. and other be ready to apply with CSA?	<b>Formulation of question is not very clear...</b>
Do we have to write the full proposal for IF application in the CSA?	According to the topic text of <b>HORIZON-CL5-2023-D2-01-07: Support for the deployment of R&amp;I results for climate mitigation. Synergies with the ETS Innovation Fund</b> : " <i>Each CSA should produce as the final output a number[5] of sound proposals[6] (including detailed plans for scalability, commercialisation, and financial models) to be presented to the IF.</i> " So: yes, it is necessary to include the actual preparation of an Innovation Fund application. For further information on the topic, please refer to the call text: <a href="#">Funding &amp; tenders (europa.eu)</a>
How can I access the presentations for later reference and study?	The recording of the whole <i>European Framework Programme for R&amp;I - Innovation Fund Synergies Workshop</i> (incl. each of the breakout sessions), along with the presentation slides are available on the event page: <a href="#">European Framework Programme for R&amp;I - Innovation Fund Synergies Workshop (europa.eu)</a>