

Call for Expression of Interest for receiving Technical Assistance to generate Synergies with the Clean Hydrogen Partnership

Background

The <u>Clean Hydrogen Partnership</u> (as per its legal name Clean Hydrogen Joint Undertaking), is a unique public private partnership supporting research and innovation (R&I) activities in hydrogen technologies in Europe. Its aim is to strengthen and integrate EU scientific capacity, in order to accelerate the development and improvement of advanced clean hydrogen applications. The Clean Hydrogen Partnership is the successor of the Fuel Cells and Hydrogen 2 Joint Undertaking (FCH 2 JU) and has taken over its legacy portfolio as of 30 November 2021.

The European Commission will contribute to the Partnership up to $\in 1$ billion euro for the period 2021-2027, to be complemented by at least an equivalent investment from the private members of the JU, raising up the total contribution to at least $\in 2$ billion euro. Funding will be distributed annually, with the majority of the budget allocated to annual calls for proposals that address R&I activities covering the whole hydrogen value chain.

What are we looking for?

The Clean Hydrogen Partnership is looking for regional and national Managing Authorities from the EU-27 and Horizon Europe associated countries with which to develop cooperation in relevant key areas for hydrogen development.

This initiative is the latest in a series of valuable collaborations between the Clean Hydrogen Partnership and authorities at different territorial levels (regional/national) and represents an outstanding opportunity to work together to advance hydrogen in your region/country. Around 10 Managing Authorities will be selected based on information provided in their expressions of interest.

In pursuing this initiative, the Clean Hydrogen Partnership has contracted a team composed of CIRCE, White Research and Q-Plan International.

What support will be provided to the successful Managing Authorities?

The successful Managing Authorities will receive targeted technical support to develop synergies with the Clean Hydrogen Partnership. As a result of the support Managing Authorities can expect to strengthen cooperation with the JU in key areas regarding R&I and the exploitation of results, including: Technical Assistance, Knowledge Management and Funding and Financing, leading to the signature of Cooperation Agreements. These agreements will reflect the assessment of the different synergy instruments at hand, together with concrete commitments in regard to the implementation of synergies.

The Cooperation Agreements will structure cooperation differently per authority, allowing the implemented synergies to be tailored to each authority's needs and context.

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Because of this tailoring, the specific services that will be provided to each successful Managing Authority will be co-defined early in the provision of the support services.

Who can apply?

if you wish to explore synergies with the Clean Hydrogen Partnership and you represent a regional or national Managing Authority willing to develop cooperation with the Clean Hydrogen Partnership in relevant key areas for hydrogen development, we invite you to submit your expression of interest by July 14th, 2023.

How to submit your Expression of Interest?

Every applicant must provide

- Completed synergies application form in English
- <u>Completed and signed Expression of Interest form</u> (to be uploaded via the online application form)

Deadline for submitting EoI: 14/07/2023 17:00:00 p.m. (CET)

The proposals will be evaluated in five domains to ensure quality, diversity, and a wide European geographic coverage amongst the Managing Authorities to be selected.

Relevant documents

- Call for Expression of Interest
- Evaluation criteria
- Expression of Interest Form
- Frequently Asked Questions (updated 10/07/2023)
- Privacy Statement

If you have any further questions, contact synergies@clean-hydrogen.europa.eu