



Innovative Medicines Initiative

An introduction to IMI's Call for proposals

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Summary



- Call Definition
- Stage 1 – Expression of Interests
- Stage 2 – Full Project Proposals



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Call Definition



- **Research topics definition initiated by EFPIA companies**
 - *Based on the Strategic Research Agenda*
- **Consultative workshop with Experts, IMI Scientific Committee**
- **Formal consultation on Call documents**
 - *IMI States Representatives Group*
 - *IMI Scientific Committee*
 - *European Commission*
- **Approval by IMI Governing Board**



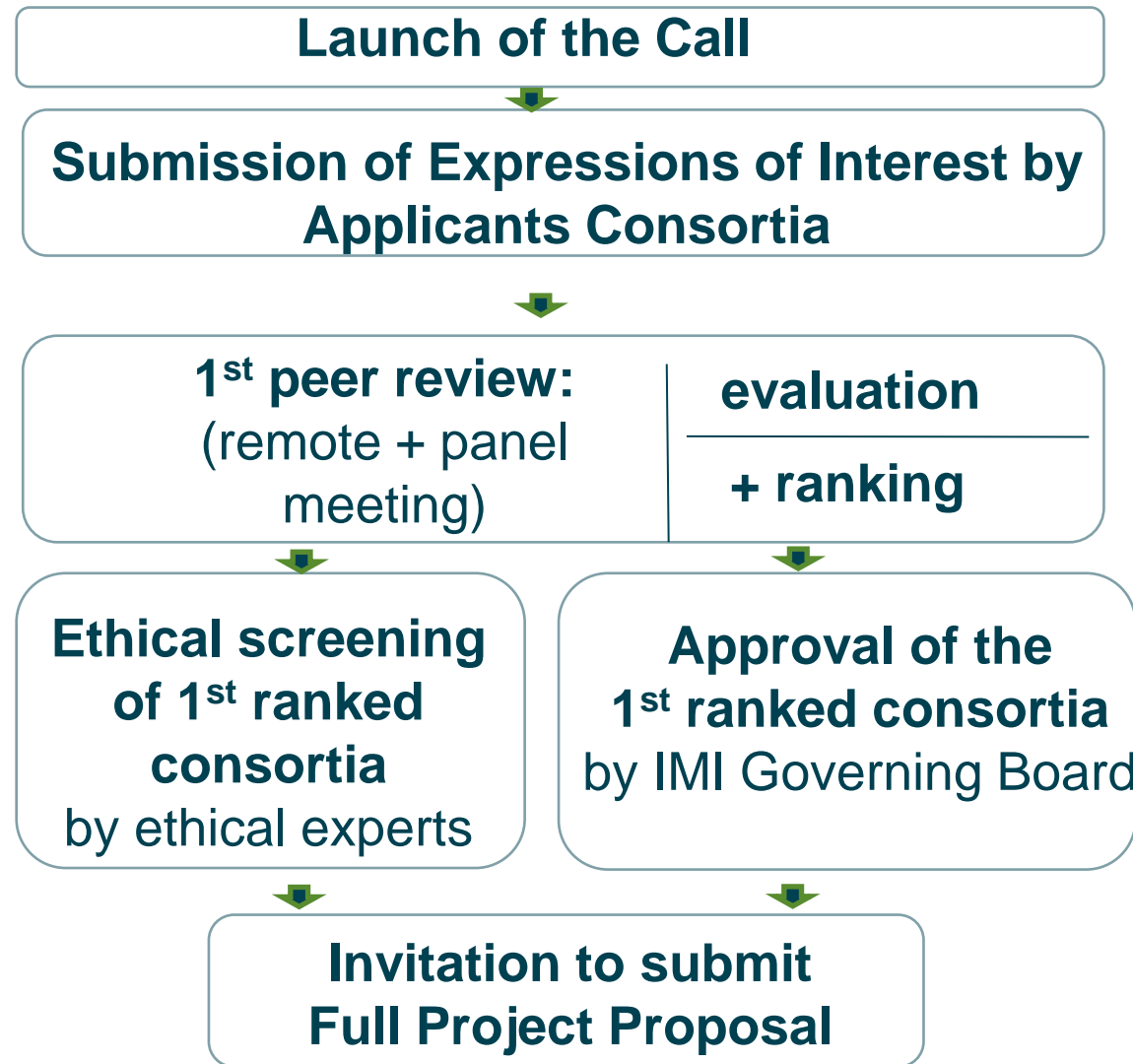
Call Launched



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Stage 1: Outline



Who are Applicant Consortium...



IMI beneficiaries



Stage 1: Finding Partners



- IMI info days
- IMI Partner Search Tool
<http://www.imi.europa.eu/content/partner-search>
- Local IMI contact point
www.imi.europa.eu/content/states-representatives-groups
- FP7 Health National Contact Point (NCP)



Stage 1: Submission of an EoI



- Call documents
 - Call Text
 - Rules for submission, evaluation and selection of expressions of interest and full project proposals
 - Rules for participation
 - Evaluation form

- Guidance notes for the preparation of Expression of interest + Template

- Submission via electronic submission tool : SOFIA



Stage 1: Evaluation Objectives



- To **select** and **rank** the best expressions of interest (Eols)
- Competition between Eol consortia
- To provide each applicant with **fair and clear** feedback in the Consensus Evaluation Report



Stage 1: Evaluation Key aspects



- Minimum of 5 independent experts
- Focus on:
 - Science and technological excellence
 - Partnership
 - Work plan outline (incl budget, timelines & deliverables)
 - Ethical issues
- Hearing up to 4 highest scored Eols if necessary
- Participation of EFPIA consortium coordinators to the discussion but not to the final scoring and final ranking

 Outcome: Consensus Evaluation Report



Stage 1: Ethics Screen



For the top –ranked Eols

- Ethics screening carried out by ethics experts
- Aim: to identify any ethical issue that would need to be addressed at stage 2 in the full project proposal
- Feedback to the Applicant Consortium : ethical screening form



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Stage 2: Call procedure



**Submission of Full Project Proposal
by Full Consortium**



**2nd peer review
(remote + panel meeting)
incl. Full ethical evaluation**



Full Project Proposal Go / no-go decision



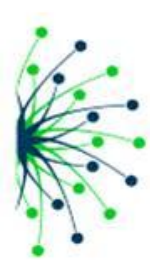
**Preparation of Description of Work
by Full Consortium
+ IMI Executive Office**



**Preparation and signature of the Project
Agreement by the full consortium**



**Signature of Grant Agreement
by Full Consortium and IMI Executive Office**



Stage 2: Submission of a Full Project Proposal



- Call documents
 - Rules for submission evaluation and selection of expressions of interest and full project proposals
 - Rules for participation
 - Evaluation form (stage 2) + ethical review form
- Guidance notes for the preparation of Full Project Proposal + Template
- Submission within deadline in the electronic submission tool SOFIA



Stage 2 Evaluation: Overview



- Objective:
 - Recommendation for funding for each full project proposal:
 - YES
 - YES WITH RECOMMENDATIONS
 - NO
- Differences from Stage 1
 - No competition
 - EFPIA is now part of the Consortium
- Upon agreement Governing Board, Full Consortium invited to enter into final negotiations for a Grant Agreement with IMI JU



Stage 2 Evaluation: Key Aspects

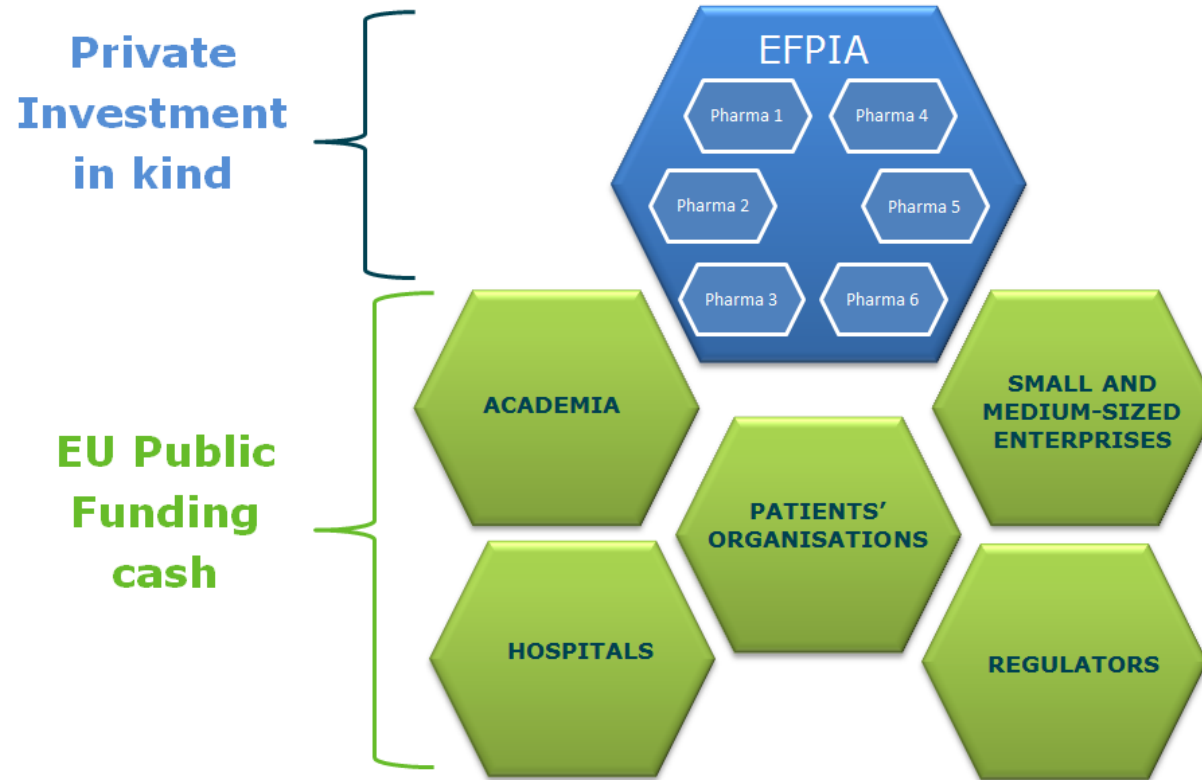


- Minimum of 5 independent experts + ethical experts
- Focus on:
 - Science and technological excellence
 - Project implementation plan
 - Consistency with Call topic and Stage 1
 - Potential impact of project results
- Hearing with Full Consortium
- Ethical review in parallel

Outcome: consensus evaluation report + ethics review form



Stage 2: Outcome



Questions?

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