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
- Call Definition

- **Stage 1 – Expression of Interests**

- **Stage 2 – Full Project Proposals**
Stage 1: Outline

Launch of the Call

Submission of Expressions of Interest by Applicants Consortia

1st peer review: (remote + panel meeting)  
Evaluation + ranking

Ethical screening of 1st ranked consortia by ethical experts

Approval of the 1st ranked consortia by IMI Governing Board

Invitation to submit Full Project Proposal
Who are Applicant Consortium....

*IMI beneficiaries*

- Regulatory body
- Academic1
- Academic2
- Academic3
- Pat.Org. 1
- SME 1
- SME 2
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 (EoIs)
- Competition between EoI 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 EoIs 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 EoIs

- 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
• Call Definition

• Stage 1 – Expression of Interests

• Stage 2 – Full Project Proposals
Stage 2: Call procedure

1. Submission of Full Project Proposal by Full Consortium
2. $2^{nd}$ peer review (remote + panel meeting) incl. Full ethical evaluation
3. Full Project Proposal Go / no-go decision
4. Preparation of Description of Work by Full Consortium + IMI Executive Office
5. Preparation and signature of the Project Agreement by the full consortium
6. 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

Private Investment in kind

EU Public Funding cash

EFPIA
- Pharma 1
- Pharma 2
- Pharma 3
- Pharma 4
- Pharma 5
- Pharma 6

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PATIENTS’ ORGANISATIONS

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REGULATORS
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