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Questions received and answers provided

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– This table will be updated with answers as soon as the questions come, check it frequently –

No.	Date	Title	Full question	Answer
22	30-03-16	Erasmus	<p>According to the rules of the Competition, double-financing from the EU budget is not allowed. Our project is in line with this rule.</p> <p>However, I am working on this project with the European Voluntary Service, under the EU Erasmus+ program. The EVS does not cover any cost related to the project itself, but only financial support to the volunteer. Therefore, I was wondering whether this should be considered as double-financing from the EU budget or not.</p>	<p>According to the information provided in your question, it does not seem to be a case of double-financing as the financing received under the Erasmus+ programme is not directly dedicated to the development of a given solution or project.</p> <p>However note that, ultimately, the decision on entries is made by the jury and the European Commission, on the basis of the information submitted in the entry form.</p>
21	23-03-16	Local communities and cities	<p>Is your competition also open to local communities and cities? Do you see them as legal entities or would it be necessary for them to find a private person (for example the mayor) to apply?</p>	<p>The Competition is open to legal entities in eligible countries, including to public entities such as local communities and cities.</p>



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20	22-03-16	Possibility to submit more than one entry	Can the same person submit two distinct entries with the same account?	The rules of contest state that <i>"contestants may submit more than one entry and be named as a partner in more than one entry"</i> . It is therefore possible to submit several entries with the same identity.
19	22-03-16	Swiss nationals and residents in Switzerland	I am a German citizen resident in Zurich. Am I eligible? Are Swiss citizen, resident in Switzerland eligible?	See answer no.2. According to the latest information available with respect to eligible countries (see <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/grants_manual/hi/3cpart/h2020-hi-list-ac_en.pdf">http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/grants_manual/hi/3cpart/h2020-hi-list-ac_en.pdf</a> ), Swiss-based entities and individuals residing in Switzerland cannot participate directly in the Competition, which is funded within the 'Societal Challenges' pillar of the Horizon 2020 programme. Make sure to consult this webpage regularly to be informed of any change.
18	22-03-16	VAT number and tax identification number	We are two students with an idea about the project, how could we take part in the competition? Does The definition of legal entity involve also single people without VAT number? If we are going to collaborate with an association, does this association need to have a VAT number and/or the tax code?	The Competition is open to everyone (individuals or legal entities) resident in EU Member States and in countries participating in Horizon 2020. There is no such requirement to have a VAT or tax identification number to enter the Competition.



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17	21-03-16	Solution already implemented	The project idea that I would like to submit has been funded by another organization and has recently begun. Are we able to apply for the competition to gain funding so that the project can be continued? Or are we able to alter the idea slightly from the current project?	As stated in the rules of contest, <i>"the contestants must demonstrate the novelty of their solution, in comparison with those already developed/implemented by themselves or by others in their context"</i> . See also answers no.15 and 11.
16	20-03-16	Possibility to apply with an idea only	All the money from the prize must be used to develop the project? You can't take part just with an idea?	As stated in the rules of contest, <i>"all ideas are welcome, even if they are not mature yet. The Competition aims to induce new solutions and help them reach the stage of prototyping and implementation"</i> and <i>"winners are expected to use the prize money to implement their ideas"</i> .



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15	16-03-16	Adaptation of an existing solution to a different context	<p>We are an informal group and we are thinking to bring to our region a project of social inclusion of the migrants that has been already financed by the EU.</p> <p>This project already exists in different cities throughout Europe but not in our region yet.</p> <p>We would like to know if our project idea can participate to the European Social innovation competition.</p>	<p>The rules of contest state the following (page 5): <i>"Entries must be original ideas from contestants. They may propose new or improved ways to implement existing solutions, combine them, or adapt them to a different context or target group, but they cannot be exact copies of those. The contestants must demonstrate the novelty of their solution, in comparison with those already developed/implemented by themselves or by others in their context"</i>.</p> <p>In view of the above, your idea meets Competition's objectives. However note that, ultimately, the decision on entries is made by the jury and the European Commission, on the basis of the information submitted in the entry form.</p>
14	11-03-16	Participation of universities	Could you please advise if the competition is open to universities?	Yes, it is open to universities.



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13	11-03-16	Double financing	<p>Our project – under supervision of the European Space Agency – is funded by our society (50%) and the Italian Government (50%) via the Italian Space Agency.</p> <p>Could you confirm our solution can then be candidate for the competition?</p>	<p>Double-financing from the EU budget is not allowed, but financing from another public budget source is not strictly prohibited.</p> <p>Other sources of funding should be mentioned in the entry form.</p>
12	10-03-16	Economic impact	<p>Is there any requirement for direct economic impact of the ideas submitted?</p>	<p>The potential for economic impact relates, like other types of impact, to the second judging criterion <i>'impact'</i> (see the rules of contest, section 5). If it is relevant for a given solution, the information as regards economic impact must be included in the entry form.</p>
11	10-03-16	Solution already implemented	<p>If, in parallel with the Competition process, the implementation would start, would it disqualify the newness of the solution? Given the urgency and high risks of the current situation, we would consider it a better idea to move ahead now, rather than waiting idly for the results of the Competition.</p>	<p>As stated in the question, it is expected that the solutions, submitted in the context of this Competition, are directed firstly at their beneficiaries and are not devised only for the sake of applying for this Competition. In this particular case, we advise to submit the solution and specify the stage of implementation in the entry form.</p>
10	10-03-16	Asylum-seekers	<p>The available documentation relate to 'refugees and migrants'. Will this be interpreted by the organiser as covering the newly arriving asylum-seekers?</p>	<p>Yes, asylum-seekers fall within the scope of the Competition.</p>



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9	10-03-16	Double financing	In the case of a prize, should there still be an issue with double-financing from the EU budget?	Yes, the EU budget cannot be paying twice for the same solution, be it through a prize, a grant or a contract. Other sources of funding, notably from the EU budget, should be mentioned in the entry form.
8	08-03-16	US-based company	I understand the only EU companies and those from countries involved in the 2020 EU Horizon are eligible to enter this competition. I was wondering if you have ever made an exception to permit a US company.	The provisions with respect to eligible countries are the same for all actions funded under the Horizon 2020 programme. There is no exception for the present Competition.



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7	08-03-16	Solution under development	<p>We are an Italian SME operating in the field of telecommunications [...]. In this moment, we just kicked-off a pilot project [...]. We believe the solution we are currently developing is in perfect line with the purpose of the 2016 EU Social Innovation Prize.</p> <p>After reading the eligibility conditions, we understood that our solution – which now is in ongoing development – cannot be presented for the competition, is that right?</p> <p>Second question: if no, if we imagine an extension of our solution, starting from what we are going to develop with the European Space Agency, can we regularly compete? Would we be eligible?</p>	<p>As long as the solution is not fully developed and implemented yet, it meets Competition's objectives.</p> <p>However note that, ultimately, the decision on entries is made by the jury and the European Commission, on the basis of the information submitted in the entry form.</p> <p>We would also like to draw your attention on the fact that double-financing of the same project from the EU budget is not allowed.</p>
6		Non-constituted partnership	<p>Does the partnership underpinning a given project need to be formally constituted before entering the Competition?</p>	<p>There is no such requirement to enter the Competition. The Competition also aims at encouraging the constitution of new partnerships for the development and/or implementation of the proposed solutions.</p>



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5	05-03-16	Eligibility based on country of residence, not on nationality	I am an Erasmus Mundus student in Slovenia currently, but I am an Indian national. Can you please confirm whether I am eligible to participate in the competition? As the webpage says the applicant has to come from EU member states or from Horizon 2020 program.	<p>As stated in the rules of contest, the Competition is open to everyone (individuals or legal entities) <u>resident</u> in EU Member States and in countries participating in Horizon 2020. The criterion applies to the country of residence, not to the nationality.</p> <p>As an Indian national, you may participate in the Competition as long as you reside in an eligible country.</p>
4	04-03-16	Funding of staff costs with prize money	Is it possible to fund staff costs from the prize money?	As stated in the rules of contest, the prize money is to be used to implement the winning ideas. Staff costs can therefore be funded for that purpose.
3	28-02-16	Possibility to add pictures	<p>We miss the possibility to illustrate our idea with images, charts, or multimedia content.</p> <p>We believe that certain issues or ideas could be made much easier comprehensible with basic images (JPEG) or by simply entering a PDF format.</p>	<p>The selection of semi-finalists throughout the first phase of the Competition is only based on information submitted in the online entry form.</p> <p>However the entry form may include references to existing material and hyperlinks for instance.</p>



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2	27-02-16	Entity based in Switzerland	<p>Is it possible for a profit entity (public limited company) based in Switzerland to participate in the competition as main Applicant or as part of the group of legal entities submitting the idea?</p> <p>The PDF document on Horizon 2020's Associated Countries says that Switzerland has only a <i>partial association</i> to the programme and I would prefer to receive your confirmation before submitting any application.</p>	<p>According to the latest information available with respect to eligible countries (see <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/grants_manual/hi/3cp/h2020-hi-list-ac_en.pdf">http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/grants_manual/hi/3cp/h2020-hi-list-ac_en.pdf</a>), Swiss entities cannot participate directly in the Competition, which is funded within the 'Societal Challenges' pillar of the Horizon 2020 programme. Make sure to consult this webpage regularly to be informed of any change.</p>
1	26-02-16	Eligibility of SMEs	<p>Can small and very small enterprises enter the Competition?</p>	<p>Yes, small and very small enterprises may enter the Competition as long as they are established in an eligible country and are not in one of the exclusion situations, as per the rules of contest (see section 4 notably).</p>