



## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q: What happen if we come from a country which is not funded the ACT?

A: *is it possible for organizations from non-ACT Countries to participate, but they will not receive any grants. They can contribute to the project with own resources, either in-kind, in-cost or financing from other sources.*

Q: Can Italian university or company already working on CCUS be a subcontractor of a partner of the eligible funded countries?

A: *In general, it is feasible. In this case you will not receive grant from any of the ACT-CCS Country, but under a service contract with one of the applicants. The applicant will be responsible for the activities and they will have to check carefully the EU and national procurement and tender procedures required. It might be the case that some Countries don't allow to give service contracts outside their Countries.*

Q: Can partners outside ACT3-countries be based mainly on in-kind contributions like individual's time or software/infrastructure rather than actual financial contribution when budget is established?

A: *YES, is up to you how you finance your participation. However, please check national requirements in Annex 1 to the Call text to make sure all national requirements are fulfilled.*

Q: The amounts announced sound really low for the involvement of industry in many countries. Are there co-funding opportunities?

A: *ACT targets applied R&D that can be relevant for CCUS piloting or demonstration. It is not mandatory to have demo or pilots in the project. We will also accept applications without industry.*

Q: How important is demonstration? Is there a minimum scale limit? How much of the budget can we allocate to equipment?

A: *Demo is important, but we know that Demo is expensive. Is up to the applicant what will able to do in the ACT budget.*

*Some of previous ACT projects are operating large pilots, which is very good. It is up to the applicant what to include in the project. Key message: we're looking for research to help CCUS be deployed.*

Q: When UK will decide on their budget?

A: *Please liaise with National Contact Point (BEIS) for more information.*

Q: Can the projects have a confidentiality section? How much of the budget can be confidential?

A: *You could in principle have part of the budget or proposal confidential. But in this case it would be difficult for evaluators to judge the project. All evaluator will sign NDA and confidential agreement. Our advice is to have everything in clear.*

Q: Does SET plan criteria take priority over more recent EU energy announcements?

A: *SET plan criteria are important. Mission Innovation criteria are also important. If you also meet more recent EU announcements it will be very good*

Q: For small projects: is in-cash industrial contribution expected, or can it be also in-kind contribution? If the latter, could the project be put down because of this?

A: In general, it is up to the applicants. However, different national requirements apply. Please check the national requirements given in Appendix 1 to the Call text.

Q: Given that countries contribute different to the call, in the design of WPs and allocated budget, we then need to consider the total budget available per country to be a fraction of that, right?

A: Yes. Annex 1 to the Call text states maximum available funding for partners from different countries.

Q: if partners applies for other sources of funding, how is this going to be assessed by ACT3 provided that funding is not 100% secured?

A: Funding from other sources that ACT is welcome. If funding from other sources are not secured it might influence how referees evaluate the implementation criteria.

Q: For small projects, having industry involvement or industry financial support adds any positive point to the application in stage 1 or 2?

A: Yes.

Q: I note it can be difficult for industry to commit three years into the future for the timetable of a three-year project. Can we be flexible with letters of interest instead of letters of support?

A: Letter of Intent from all partners are required for full proposals. If it is difficult for industry to commit three years support, they should at least include their intention to participate in their Letter of Intent.

Q: How many resources can we allocate for administration and project management

A: This is up to the applicants.

Q: Social acceptance is often quite important to H2020 Projects. How impotent is this to ACT or can we focus more on technology development?

A: Topics like public awareness, business models, regulations are important to ACT. This is more important for some countries than others. Please read the national requirements in Annex 1 to the Call text for details. Technology development is of course very important in the ACT3 Call.

Q: Is there a limit in number of applications of an industrial company in different projects?

A: No

**ANSWERED by RCN directly during the webinar through the Chat tool.**

Q: Based on the former ACT calls, what is the success rate?

A: *of 47 pre-proposals in ACT2 we invited 26 to submit full proposals, and 12 of them succeeded being funded*

Q: Due to presence of several partners and countries, how is the decision making takes place, how is the review process per country?

A: *Pre-proposals are assessed according to national procedures, and a joint decision is made by the consortium. Full proposals are subject for external expert review, who comes up with a ranking list, and funding recommendations is made by the ACT board based on the ranking list and available national funds. The pre-screening of the pre-proposals is very important, in order to avoid too huge oversubscription.*

Q: Is it possible to create a protect focused on CCU only, without storage?

A: *Yes it is, but please read the call text and the national requirements in Annex 1 - some countries will not support CCU only, without a permanent storage.*

Q: is there a table showing which countries require storage

A: *No table for required storage is available, but the total overview can be seen from the national requirements in Annex 1.*

Q What is the TRL aim?

A *There are no specific TRL requirements in the call, but given the limited budget of about 30 million euro the call suits best for applications targeting typically TRL2-5. If applicants are able to address higher TRL it will be welcome.*

Q Which is the articulation of the different funding between ACT/Horizon 2020/Innovation Fund/Invest EU?

A: *The ACT3 call is at lower TRL than Innovation Fund. ACT project could later be taken to higher TRL by the Innovation Fund.*

*Also, ACT3 are complementary to H2020. ACT3 are thematically wider than the H2020 CCUS calls. ACT3 could be the preferred call if you have partners from North America and/or Canada on board.*

Q: Is there an ACT person we can call to discuss the storage issue?

A: *The ACT coordinator and the ACT Call Secretariate can be contacted to discuss storage. However, your consortia should address national contact persons first.*

Q Is Power-to-X (P2X) a focus of ACT? Can the project have a main focus on P2X?

A: *Yes. But again - read the national requirements in Annex 1 to the Call text. Several ACT countries will be interested in P2X, while others will not fund P2X activities*

Q Can partners outside ACT3-countries be based mainly on in-kind contributions like individual's time or software/infrastructure rather than actual financial contribution when budget is established?

*A Both in-kind and in-cash from industry would be good. However, there are different requirements in different countries so please read the national requirements in annex 1*