International Organisations in Horizon Europe

Definition of INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS (IOs):

- An entity established by several Members (States) through a formal political agreement in the form of an International Treaty.
- Its existence is recognised by law in its Member countries.
- It is not treated as resident institutional units of the country in which it is located – e.g. geographically located in Switzerland, but formally located on international soil.

Example: UN Agencies, WTO, WHO

IOs can always participate in Horizon Europe (HE) projects. There are 4 main scenarios to participate in HE projects as IO:

1. Applying as an International European Research Organisation (IERO)

   DEFINITION: International Organisation, the majority of whose members are Member States or Associated Countries (to Horizon Europe). Its principal objective is to promote scientific and technological cooperation in Europe.

   EXAMPLE: CERN

   IEROS are always automatically eligible for direct EU funding.

   HOW TO:
   Include the IERO in the proposal as a “Beneficiary”.

2. The EC deems the IO essential to the proposal / project.

   This condition is checked case-by-case by the EC during the proposal evaluation. The IO bears the risk that it may not receive funding.

   HOW TO:
   - Include the IO as a “Beneficiary”.
   - Clearly describe in the proposal why the IO shall be deemed essential.

3. The call for proposal explicitly foresees EU funding for IOs.

   Any IO is eligible for direct EU funding

   HOW TO:
   Include the IO as a “Beneficiary”.

4. The IO is not essential to the project and EU funding is not foreseen.

   The IO is eligible neither for direct EU funding nor for SERI funding.

   HOW TO:
   - Include the IO as an “Associated Partner”
   - include its total budget in the column “Financial Contribution”.