

International Organisations in Horizon Europe

Definition of **INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION (IO)**:

- 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 does **not** belong to the country in which it is located – e.g. geographically located in Switzerland, but formally located on international soil.

Example: UN Agencies, WTO, WHO

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IOs can always participate in Horizon Europe (HE) projects as for these 5 main scenarios:

1. The IO is an International European Research Organisation (IERO)	IEROs are always automatically eligible for direct EU funding.
<p>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.</p> <p><i>EXAMPLE: CERN</i></p>	<p>HOW TO: Include the IERO in the proposal as a “Beneficiary”.</p>
2. The EC deems the IO essential to the project.	If deemed essential, the IO obtains direct EU funding.
<p>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.</p>	<p>HOW TO: - Include the IO as a “Beneficiary”. - Clearly describe in the proposal why the IO shall be deemed essential.</p>
3. The call for proposal explicitly foresees EU funding for IOs.	IOs are eligible for direct EU funding.
	<p>HOW TO: Include the IO as a “Beneficiary”.</p>
4. The call for proposal explicitly foresees EU funding for only those IOs with HQ geographically located in a Member State or Associated Country.	IOs with HQ located in Switzerland are eligible for SERI funding.
<p><i>See point 3. for IOs located in Member States or Associated Countries</i></p>	<p>HOW TO: - Include the IO as an “Associated Partner” - include its total budget in the column “Financial Contribution”.</p>
5. The IO is not essential to the project and EU funding is not foreseen.	The IO is not eligible for any funding.
	<p>HOW TO: - Include the IO as an “Associated Partner” - include its total budget in the column “Own Resources”.</p>