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

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)
   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 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.
   If deemed essential, the IO obtains direct EU 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.
   IOs are eligible for direct EU funding.
   HOW TO:
   Include the IO as a “Beneficiary”.

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

5. The IO is not essential to the project and EU funding is not foreseen.
   The IO is not eligible for any funding.
   HOW TO:
   - Include the IO as an “Associated Partner”
   - Include its total budget in the column “Own Resources”.

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