FMG-CORE Team



Horizon Europe Tips to participate

Five key strategies to find and join a (forming) consortium

Are you interested in a specific Horizon Europe call, and considering coordinating a consortium? Get in touch with the FMG-CORE team. The grant advisors will help you further.

Are you interested in a specific Horizon Europe call and prefer taking a partner role? Are you in search of a consortium to join? We have compiled a couple of tips and proactive strategies that will help you find a forming consortium and increase your chances of becoming a partner.

1

Explore your network, express your interest

The best way to get involved is through your own network (international colleagues, past collaborators). Identify researchers you know who match the focus of the call. They may already be leading or involved in a consortium.

Reach out directly to express your interest. Share the call text (if not public) or the link, along with a brief note on your vision and potential contribution. If your contact is only a partner, they can forward your message to the coordinator.

Be prepared to pitch your contribution. As a partner, you don't need to cover the entire call—focus on your specific expertise. Also, highlight any valuable non-academic connections (NGOs, SMEs), as these can strengthen the consortium's impact.

2

Check past conferences and previously funded projects

For further inspiration on international colleagues who might be involved in an application, check the speakers at past scientific conferences on (call) relevant topics and reach out to them.

You can also explore topic-related previously funded EU projects to identify partners that might again be involved in upcoming calls.



3

Set a profile on EU portal

Once the call is officially published on the EU funding and Tenders portal, it is possible to register your interest in the specific call in the EU Partner search tool or respond to a particular expertise-searching ad. Find your call, scroll to partner search, and add your profile.

This more passive approach can be a complementary strategy to the pro-active outreach suggested above.



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Join EU Brokerage events

After the official publishing of the calls, brokerage events are organized, providing opportunities to establish future collaborations. You can attend the event, network, and pitch your interest and potential contribution to a call. For updates on events planning, stay connected with the FMG-CORE team.

Note: These events are often organized relatively late in the process after most consortia have been formed already, which might limit the impact of this strategy.



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Let the FMG- CORE team know

Let us know that you are interested in a specific call and searching for a consortium. In case there is another team within UvA planning to coordinate, or if we hear from another institution, we can try to put you in touch.



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