

**Call for the selection of entities or consortia of entities to establish AI Factory Antennas linked to selected AI Factories**

**(Ref. HORIZON-EUROHPC-JU-2025-AIFA-01)**

Summary of questions

#	Submission date	Publication date	Question	Answer
1.	11/04/2025	14/05/2025	<p>Could you help with the following queries regarding the antenna call:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I note that the call is not open to countries currently engaged in an AI Factory. Are you please able to confirm whether hosting an antenna would prevent a Participating State from being eligible to be part of AI Factory consortia in future?</li> <li>- We are working on the assumption that the grant agreement will take roughly a year so any payments will not take place until the next financial year. Grateful if you could confirm whether that assumption is correct or if you expect the timelines for this call to look different.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- An application to have an AIF Antenna would prevent the Participating State from applying to be part of an AIF. Indeed, the purpose of the Antenna is to give a chance to a Participating State who was not able to join an AI consortium directly.</li> <li>- The estimated signature of the AIF Antenna grant agreements is October 2025</li> </ul>
2.	11/04/2025	14/05/2025	<p><i>Applications should include the provision of appropriate supporting documentation proving the commitment of the Participating State and to cover the share of the total cost of the participation in the established AI Factory that is not covered by the Union</i></p>	<p>Participating States should provide a commitment letter confirming that they commit, on behalf of national funding bodies or other, to contribute to their share of the project. The JU needs this 'guarantee' in order</p>

			<p><i>contribution or by the hosting member state where the established AI factory is located as set out in Article 5 of the Regulation or any other Union contribution as set out in Article 6 of the Regulation. Such commitment documentation should be provided by an authorised representative of the Participating State. A commitment letter template will be provided for applicants (to be added later).</i></p> <p>Is the Participating State required to provide some/all of the (non-EU) match funding contribution, or is it possible that this could be provided entirely by the applicant organisation?</p>	<p>evaluate the project and to finalise the grant agreements. The actual payment will come from whoever is designated by the Participating State to pay it. So, it could be a funding agency or the applicant who has received funding from national or other sources for this purpose.</p>
3.	16/04/2025	14/05/2025	<p>We are not currently in any discussions around joining an AI Factory for the next cut off, but want to ensure that we fully consider potential trade-offs in being involved in AI Factory antennas. I understand that the AI Factory call remains open until the end of the year, but please do let me know if that is not correct. Do you expect there to also be further calls for antenna proposals?</p>	<p>In accordance with the time table of the Calls EUROHPC-2024-CEI-AI-01 and EUROHPC-2024-CEI-AI-02 , the last cut-off date of the Calls is 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025. However, please be aware that both Calls are within the budget limits set out in section 3 of the Calls and are subject to budget availability. Regarding the Antenna call, the deadline for submission of proposals is 9 July 2025, 17:00 (CEST).</p>
4.	22/04/2025	14/05/2025	<p>Am I right in thinking that a Participating State can only put forward/endorse one proposal for an antenna?</p>	<p>Yes, the 'eligibility criteria state that the call is open to 'a single entity' or 'a consortium of entities from one EuroHPC Participating State'. In addition, 'participation in more than one AI Factory is not permitted.'</p>

5.	09/04/2025	14/05/2025	<p>In the light of the today's announcement, which includes the AIFA call, will there be any Q and A options for this call, like it was for the initial AIF call? I believe that members have many open questions (we at least have 4 or 5, some that we already asked, but pending answer). It might be a good idea to establish a Q and A document similar to the one that usually accompanies a call.</p> <p>What will be the procedure to ask these questions?</p>	<p>We will soon be opening the F&amp;T portal on this call and there will be an opportunity to table questions there – in the usual way. Please refer to the Q&amp;A section of the F&amp;T portal.</p>
6.	22/04/2025	14/05/2025	<p>'Applicants must provide a Letter(s) of Support proving the commitment of the Participating State to the AI Factory Antenna proposal and the commitment of this Participating State to cover the expenses of the proposal not covered by the EU contribution. Such commitment letter should be provided by an authorised representative of the Participating State.'</p> <p>When the letter will be provided by state saying generally covering the costs, would it be still possible to provide national co-fund from the individual beneficiaries as well?</p> <p>If the government has not directly (full) funding for the AIFA, can, e.g., the University of Iceland provide some national co-funds as well?</p> <p>Similar like it is done in EuroCC2 wherein the University of Iceland provides the national co-funds, not the ministry.</p>	<p>Please note that in accordance with the Call specific conditions, the financial contribution to an AI Factory Antenna that is not covered by the EU contribution shall be <b>covered by the Participating State</b>. In case the co-financing of the Participating State is coming from <b>different governmental bodies</b> (i.e., different ministries and/or regional ministries), separate commitment letters shall be provided.</p> <p>The competent authorities shall confirm in the commitment letter that remaining financial contribution will be covered by the Participating State; however, in practical terms such contributions could be covered by different entities at national level. Any support or co-funding from private partners or individual entities cannot substitute nor replace the commitment(s) made by the Participating State or its designated competent national/regional authorities.</p>

			Can the national co-fund also be provided by non-state organizations, e.g. associations of industry and academics, etc.?	<p>The JU does not intervene in the internal distribution of the remaining parts of the Participating States' financial contribution.</p> <p>Please be informed that the commitment letter template will be provided for applicants once the Call will be launched on the F&amp;T portal.</p>
7.	22/04/2025	14/05/2025	<p>'Where relevant, an AI Factory Antenna may under this call also acquire and provide (small scale) AI compute resources for the fine tuning, testing and validation of AI applications, complementing the AI-optimised computing resources provided by its linked AI Factory'</p> <p>Would this also possible for Iceland as EEA state?</p> <p>Or will this be the same problem with the EU regulation of not being able to be a EuroHPC hosting site (the same problem Iceland not being an EU member state to create an AI Factory?)</p>	<p>Please note that in accordance with the Specific conditions set out in the AI Antenna call, the Call is open to a single entity or a consortium of entities from one EuroHPC Participating State. As mentioned in the Call text, to be eligible under this call, <b>proposals by EuroHPC Participating State</b> for establishing an AI Factory Antenna must fulfil the following two conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Participating State has not yet been selected to host an AI Factory or be already partner of a selected AI Factory;</li> <li>- The proposal must include a (pre- agreed) association with an established AI Factory.</li> </ul>
8.	22/04/2025	14/05/2025	<p>Timelines of review</p> <p>The deadline is in July. Could you perhaps outline roughly how long you expect the review process and what would be an anticipated start date to discuss with an existing AI Factory for linking?</p> <p>In other words, what would be a realistic start time of the AIFA?</p>	<p>As set out in the overview of the Call (p. 1), the deadline for the submission of proposals is 9<sup>th</sup> July 2025. The estimated start day of the AI Antennas is 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025.</p>
9.	12/05/2025	14/05/2025	It seems that the AIFA call is still not opened at the F&T portal, and the deadline is in less than 2 months. This	1. Please be informed that as set out in the section "Specific Conditions", the duration

			<p>jeopardizes the applications from the interested parties. There are many open questions that we cannot ask anywhere, and without those answers, it would be impossible to write quality proposal in the initial deadline.</p> <p>1. The call text mentions alignment of the duration of the AIFA projects with the associated AIF. What does it mean? For example if we want to join the Pharos AIF, which formally already started, will it mean that our AIFA can only last for example 2 year or 2 years and several months, depending on the evaluation and Grant signing time (of course in case we have a successful proposal)? Is there a way to mitigate this so the AIFAs will have the same opportunity as the AIFs to run for 3years?</p> <p>2. The call text mentions “Where relevant, an AI Factory Antenna may under this call also acquire and provide (small scale) AI compute resources for the fine tuning, testing and validation of AI applications, complementing the AI-optimised computing resources provided by its linked AI Factory,”. Is there a envisaged percentage of the whole budged that an AIFA can spend on computing resources? What model will be allowed to be used: buying equipment, renting, depreciation?</p> <p>3. The call text mentions “However, if selected, the partners of AI factory Antenna consortium as well as the Hosting Entity of the AI Factory are jointly responsible for implementing the action(s) resulting from the awarded grant agreement.” This is quite unclear from the point of view of the Hosting Entity. How can the hosting entity be responsible for</p>	<p>of the contribution to the Antennas could be up to 3 years but in any case, should be aligned with the duration of the established AI Factory.</p> <p>2. The hardware will be claimed as equipment. All cost will be covered by the grant. There is no percentage set but the amount should be reasonable in order to allow the rest of the envisaged Antenna activities to be implemented. The acquisition should be done following national public procurement laws. The process will be checked as part of the project monitoring.</p> <p>3. Each entity/grant is implementing their own part. The Letter of Intent will detail the collaboration between AIF and AIFA and their expected contributions to the set of common goals.</p>
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			implementing some actions from a grant agreement that does not include them?	
10.	14/05/2025	14/05/2025	<p>We want to clarify the requirements for entities to be registered as a legal entity and have legal personality (criteria (c) and (d) on page 4 of the attached and see below).</p> <p>c) <i>The applicant entity that represents the 'AI Factory Antenna' has to be registered as a legal entity in one of EuroHPC's Participating States.</i></p> <p>d) <i>The applicant entity or entities that are identified in the application as being part of the 'AI Factory Antenna' must have a legal personality on the date of the deadline for submission of applications and must be able to demonstrate their existence as a legal person. In case the application is submitted by several different legal entities from the same Participating State, this criterion (c) applies to all entities.</i></p> <p>The computing centres interested in applying for the call may be public sector entities, and not all public sector entities will be constituted as registered legal entities, for example, they could be statutory bodies. The computing centres would however be incorporated and have legal personality, so would align with criterion (b).</p>	<p>The requirement of a legal personality refers to the capacity of an entity to have legal rights and obligations, enabling it to act in its own name, such as entering into contracts, owning property, and being subject to legal proceedings. Please be informed that requests for Public Law Bodies must be accompanied by the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the identification form duly completed plus date, signature and stamp;</li> <li>• any official document attesting the establishment of the entity by National authorities, e.g. a copy of the resolution, law, decree or decision establishing the entity;</li> <li>• if a VAT or registration number is applicable, an additional document confirming this reference number must also be provided.</li> </ul>

			<p>Please can you clarify if there is a solution? We understand that having legal personality is consistent with the Commission's guidance referred to elsewhere in the call (<a href="https://commission.europa.eu/publications/business-partners-legal-entities-and-bank-accounts_en">https://commission.europa.eu/publications/business-partners-legal-entities-and-bank-accounts_en</a>) which refers to 'Public law body with legal personality, meaning a public entity being able to represent itself and act in its own name, i.e. being capable of suing or being sued, acquiring and disposing of property, entering into contracts. This legal status is confirmed by the official legal act establishing the entity (a law, a decree, etc.).'</p>	
11.	20/05/2025	20/05/2025	<p>What percentage of the total budget constitutes “a reasonable amount for infrastructure investments”? Right now, we are operating with approximately 10% of the total budget to be allocated to infrastructure development as part of Antenna in Latvia, and then further budget to be allocated for the Factory that we will be an Antenna for.</p>	<p>As explained in the call text under the section “General conditions relating to the call”, where relevant, an AI Factory Antenna may acquire and provide (small scale) AI compute resources for the fine tuning, testing and validation of AI applications, complementing the AI-optimised computing resources provided by its linked AI Factory. Depending on the individual setup, a percentage of 10%-20% of the total budget should be sufficient for such a small system with GPUs for the fine tuning, testing and validation of AI applications.</p>
12.	20/05/2025	20/05/2025	<p>Since the Antenna call falls under the Horizon Europe umbrella, when looking into indirect costs, we are talking about 25% rather than 7% as it is under the Digital Europe umbrella?</p>	<p>Indirect costs will be reimbursed at a flat-rate of 25% of the eligible direct costs (categories A-D in the Model Grant Agreement, except volunteers' costs, subcontracting costs, financial support to third parties and exempted specific cost categories, if any).</p>

13.	23/05/2025	28/05/2025	A consortium from a Member State is planning to join an existing AI Factory as an Antenna and I wondered if you could help us with a question about the memorandum of understanding. Does it have to be signed between the countries, between the leading partners of the consortia or between every partner of the respective consortia?	At this stage, the memorandum of understanding shall be signed in a form of a Letter of Intent (cf. Annex: Letter of Intent). It shall be signed by the leader of Antenna consortium on behalf of such consortium and the Hosting Entity of an existing AI Factory on behalf of the AI Factory Hosting Consortium. In case of no hosting consortia, the Letter shall be signed by the sole applicants.
14.	02/06/2025	04/06/2025	Concerning the AI Factory Antenna (AIFA) call, we would like to have a clear understanding on the admissibility of a proposal for an AIFA with an association with more than one AI Factory. The call text does not explicitly exclude an association with more than one AI Factory, and one could argue that such a solution is quite coherent with the pursued European AI & HPC ecosystem approach of the joint undertaking. Would it be possible to confirm that a proposal with an association with more than one AI Factory will be admissible under the conditions of the AI Factory Antenna call text.	In justified cases, an AIFA can be connected to 2 AIFs. However, this should not impact the operations of the Antenna and add any unnecessary degree of complexity/misunderstanding for users. Both linked AIFs should agree to this, with supporting documentation.
15.	02/06/2025	04/06/2025	Is there a mechanism for an association between AI Factories, like the association between an AI Factory Antenna and AI Factories? Rational behind this question is the need, expressed by users for direct access to compute resources on EuroHPC supercomputers with different architectures.	The idea is that the AIF and AIFA establish a cooperative framework, primarily on the compute/infrastructure aspects. However, should the AIFA also profit from the support offered by the AIF, this could also be factored in. But it is rather for both the AIF and AIFA to agree on the terms of their cooperation.
16.	04/06/2025	10/06/2025	I have a query regarding the AI Factory Antennas Topic	



			<p><b>(HORIZON-JU-EUROHPC-2025-AIFA-01). This Topic references the EuroHPC Regulations and specifically those covered by Articles 4 and 9. The relevant regulations are summarised in the Topic text and I have noted the following relating to the Expected Outcome.</b></p> <p><b>In the third bullet, the requirement for participation is that the applicant should be a legal entity. Then in the fourth bullet, the participation requirement is for the applicant to be a legal person, and that they must be able to demonstrate their existence as a legal person.</b></p> <p><b>So, I have two questions:</b></p> <p><b>1. How does EuroHPC distinguish between a legal entity and a legal person?</b></p> <p><b>2. What kind of evidence is required to be recognised as a legal person?</b></p>	<p>1. The notion of legal entity has a broader meaning than the legal person (including Public law bodies, Private law bodies, Private companies and Natural persons). Please also note that in accordance with the call conditions, only legal persons are eligible to apply (cf. Point (d) on p. 4 of the Call (51a1ed16-3e23-4fa6-aff5-05f68d91bf32_en).</p> <p>2. In order to be eligible under the call conditions, you need to demonstrate your existence as a legal person (i.e., by providing extracts from the official commercial registers or other equivalent documents depending on the national law). In addition, the “Legal Entity” form needs to be filled out. Please bear in mind that the form is distinct for different categories: according to your legal statute, you will thus have to complete and sign only one of the versions of this form provided here: <a href="#">Forms for contracts - European Commission</a>.</p>
17.	04/06/2025	10/06/2025	<p><b>I have a few queries regarding the AI Factory Antennas (HORIZON-JU-EUROHPC-2025-AIFA-01) call, specifically concerning Part B, and the Budget of the application which I hope you are able to answer;</b></p> <p><b>1) Throughout the proposal, there are several instances where an indicative number of page lengths is provided (e.g 1.1 suggests 6 pages), however these are not consistently provided: absent in 1.6, 1.7, absent</b></p>	<p>Please ignore all the page counts indicated. These stayed by mistake from the previous template that was used to be adjusted for AIF antennas call. The important number to remember is that the total number of pages is limited to 70.</p> <p>As for the budget, please use the budget table on the submission platform part A “Budget”. For more information on each cost categories,</p>

			<p>throughout all of section 2, and inconsistently provided in section 3. Could a clarification be provided with regard to the indicative page count per (sub)-section?</p> <p>2) Section 3 is suggested to be 22 pages as a whole, however there is a description and explanation of the overall methodology required of an indicative 15 pages before addressing the latter sub-sections, assuming 7 pages total. Is this a correct interpretation? Additionally there are two "3.1" sections.</p> <p>3) There is a cross-section reference which is not very clear: "4.2 - Measures to maximise impact - Dissemination, exploitation and communication [e.g. 8 pages, including section 2.3]". Here it makes reference to 2.3, which is Trustworthy AI. Does it mean that the page count of the text under 2.3 is to be considered part the text within 4.2? Is there meant to be a direct connection between the text?</p> <p>4) With regard to the budget, when downloading the template from the submission platform, there aren't any budget templates. While I did find a budget template within the <a href="#">call page</a> (Detailed budget table (HE LS) there does not seem to be anywhere to upload it within the submission platform. Could clarification be provided on what the is correct way to approach the budget at the application stage?</p>	<p>you can find information in the Annotated Model Grant Agreement linked to the call from page 40 on.</p>
18.	03/06/2025	12/06/2025	<p>1. If in-kind contribution from our side is 5M then we can request 5M matching funding is that correct?</p>	<p>Please note that according to Article 2(38) of Regulation 2024/2509 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (recast) 'in-kind contribution' means non-</p>

			<p><b>2. If the in-kind contribution is in equipment or mixture of it amounting to 5M, can the request be for people only from EU?</b></p> <p><b>3. Can we associate with more than 1 existing AI Factory each one from different EU country.</b></p>	<p>financial resources made available free of charge by third parties to a beneficiary.</p> <p>It is possible for beneficiaries to declare in-kind contributions provided by the third parties free-of-charge as eligible cost under the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Type of costs: such costs should be provided by the third parties to the action for free;</li> <li>• Category of costs: such costs must be declared under the budget category which a beneficiary would use if it was incurred by the beneficiary itself (i.e., personnel costs, equipment costs, etc).</li> <li>• They should fulfil general and specific eligibility conditions for a selected budget category;</li> <li>• They are limited to direct costs only;</li> <li>• They must be mentioned in the description of the action and the Annex "Implementation details table".</li> </ul> <p>The Granting Authority may also accept costs which are internally invoiced by the third party providing in-kind contributions and it must be declared under cost category D.2. "Internally invoiced goods and services (Article 6.2.D.2. of the MGA)".</p> <p>Please be aware that the beneficiaries must ensure that the bodies mentioned in Article 25 of the MGA (e.g. granting authority, OLAF, Court</p>
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				<p>of Auditors (ECA), etc.) can exercise their rights also towards the third parties giving in-kind contributions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The funding rate of this call in accordance with the Horizon Europe conditions is 50 % of the eligible costs as the other 50% is expected to be covered by the Participating State where the applicant is located.</li> <li>2. The call is open to a single entity or a consortium of entities from one EuroHPC Participating State. Furthermore, entities established in countries with which association to Horizon Europe negotiations are being finalised and/or pending ratification, and which have committed to join the EuroHPC JU in the year when the call is launched, are eligible to participate. However, even if such entities are selected, the Grant Agreement can only be signed if the association with the Horizon Europe has started producing legal effects, and if the Governing Board of EuroHPC JU has confirmed membership of the new Participating State.</li> </ol> <p>Entities or consortia of entities that are already beneficiaries of an AI Factory grant and are fulfilling the conditions specified in Article 9 of the EuroHPC</p>
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				<p>Regulation are ineligible to apply for this Call.</p> <p>3. In duly justified cases, an AIFA can be connected to 2 AIFs. Please note that this should not impact the operations of the Antenna and add any unnecessary degree of complexity/misunderstanding for users. Both linked AIFs should agree to this, with supporting documentation. However, for technical reasons, in such a case you either need to submit one of the letter of intent in F&amp;T portal, and you would need to send the second one by mail to the granting authority to the following address unless you are able to merge the two in one document:</p> <p><i>European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking Drosbach Building (DRB) - Wing E – 1st floor 12E rue Guillaume Kroll L-2920 Luxembourg</i></p>
19.	10/06/2025	12/06/2025	<p>I have a specific question about the submission deadline and form of submission for the call:</p> <p>1) In the AI Factories call, it was said that the submission must be done via mail, but for Antennas, as far as I gather from FAQ's and the</p>	<p>1. Please note that the submission of proposals for AI Antennas is done exclusively electronically <b><u>via the Funding &amp; Tenders Portal</u></b>.</p>

			<p>fact that the call is published on the ECAS portal, it is done electronically, right?</p> <p>2) Also, if the deadline is set as 9 July 2025, 17:00 (CEST), and it is electronic, then we don't need to send in the physical copies?</p> <p>3) The second question arises from the call text, where it is said that "The legal entity identification form duly completed and signed by the person authorised to enter into legally binding commitments on behalf of the applicant organisation(s) to be submitted in original." How can I provide you with the original if the submission is electronic?</p>	<p>2. We confirm that <u>no physical copies</u> are required.</p> <p>3. Kindly note that the reference to the form "<i>to be submitted in original</i>" mentioned in the call text is a clerical error. Consequently, <u>no paper copy of the LEF needs to be provided to us.</u></p> <p>Applicants will be contacted directly by the Central Validation Service and asked to submit the necessary information and supporting documents (among which the LEF) via the Participant Register. This happens normally during preparation of the <b>first</b> grant, procurement, prize or contribution agreement that successfully passed the evaluation stage, but can also occur later during subsequent applications or in case of changes.</p>
20.	12/06/2025	12/06/2025	<p>We have just registered our proposal on the Funding&amp;Tenders portal and, under the menu where partners can be added, a warning appears stating: <i>"The call requires at least three participants from three different EU Member states or associated countries."</i> Nowhere in the call text or any descriptions about the Antenna call does it say that we need three participants from three different EU member states or associated countries. Is this a technical glitch, or is there any news regarding changes in the proposal preparation?</p>	<p>While submitting the project proposal you may encounter a warning related to the number of participants of the project. Please ignore the warning and continue with the submission.</p>

21.	03/06/2025	12/06/2025	How could a Digital Innovation Hub connect to AI Factories, how to be part of a consortium to become AI Factory Antenna?	<p>The AI Factory Antenna call is open to a single entity or a consortium of entities from <b>one EuroHPC Participating State</b>. That is why the best way to become part of an AIF Antenna consortium is to ask the Participating State's representative in the EuroHPC JU's Governing Board. You can find the list of the members here: <a href="https://eurohpc-ju.europa.eu/about/governance_en">https://eurohpc-ju.europa.eu/about/governance_en</a></p> <p>Alternatively, you can also sign up to the partner search announcements for the call and topic here: <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/how-to-participate/topic-announcements/48466013">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/how-to-participate/topic-announcements/48466013</a>.</p> <p>Or you can find a partner who has already expressed his interest there.</p> <p>Please be aware that a Webinar is organised for potential applicants on the 18th June between 10:00 - 11:30 CET. The link to the webinar can be found here: <a href="#">AI Factories Antennas webinar on 18 June 2025 10 am</a></p>
22.	12/06/2025	19/06/2025	1. I would like to ask a clarifying question on the AIFA call, which concerns eligible costs. If it is justified or necessary for the Antenna to contribute to the operating costs (e.g. energy) of the partner AIF supercomputer in proportion to the use of the resource, is this cost or part of it eligible for the AIFA project, either as part of the grant or as part of the national co-financing?	<p>1. This question was extensively covered at the info workshop on 18<sup>th</sup> of June: Primarily, the AIFA should access AIF systems via the JU access calls to the JU's 50% of access time. If in addition there is still a need to buy extra time, then it is possible to contribute to both CAPEX and OPEX for access to the AI-optimised</p>

			<p><b>2. If not eligible, is there any suggestion or guidance from the JU on how this issue could be best addressed? Does AIFA need to raise additional funds for this purpose outside the project?</b></p> <p><b>3. Another question: is the JU share of the computing capacity of the AIFs will be offered free of charge to commercial users (at least up to the level set by the "de minimis" rule) under the "AI for industrial innovation" allocation or do they have to pay for it? (just like they have to pay for commercial use of traditional EuroHPC resources)</b></p>	<p>supercomputing resources of the respective AI Factory, but only to a small amount and in duly justified cases. Otherwise, the costs will be rejected.</p> <p>2. As was stated during the workshop additional national funds are encouraged to be raised for these costs.</p> <p>3. EuroHPC JU offers three different access possibilities for commercial AI users such as SMEs and start-ups: <a href="#">Playground access</a>, <a href="#">Fast Lane access</a>, <a href="#">Large Scale access</a>. Please check our dedicated webpages on AI Factories Access Modes - EuroHPC JU. A similar example of collaboration with AIFs is also detailed in the call documents (see page 6 point (4)) <a href="https://eurohpc-ju.europa.eu/document/download/51a1ed16-3e23-4fa6-aff5-05f68d91bf32_en?filename=HORIZON-EUROHPC-JU-2025-AIFA-01%20Call%20Text.pdf">https://eurohpc-ju.europa.eu/document/download/51a1ed16-3e23-4fa6-aff5-05f68d91bf32_en?filename=HORIZON-EUROHPC-JU-2025-AIFA-01%20Call%20Text.pdf</a>. Further details can be found on our dedicated webpage: <a href="#">AI Factories Access Modes - EuroHPC JU</a>.</p> <p>Further possibilities of commercial AI access for SMEs and start-ups were clarified during the</p>
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				<p>AIFA information <b>workshop on 18th of June</b> where this and similar questions will be addressed in detail:  <a href="https://lnkd.in/gdYtQiRz">https://lnkd.in/gdYtQiRz</a></p>
23.	18/06/2025	19/06/2025	Do we need to provide DoH when submitting the application as stated in the call and if yes is there a template?	<p><b>Clarification of the call text:</b> Each successful applicant in an AI Factory Antenna consortium must fill-in and provide the duly signed <b>Declaration of Honour</b> in the follow up of the procedure and not during the submission.</p>
24.	18/06/2025	19/06/2025	How should the duration of the project be aligned with AIFs?	<p><b>Clarification of the call text:</b> The EuroHPC JU estimates that a maximum EU contribution of up to EUR 5 million for a duration of up to 3 years would allow these outcomes to be addressed appropriately. The duration should be aligned with the duration of the established AI Factory, however, if justified and required, the duration may also take the maximum of 3 years.</p>

25.	25/06/2025	26/06/2025	<p>I've just been listening through the webinar from last week and the presentation and q&amp;a has been really useful.</p> <p>One thing we are still unsure about is the maximum project amount could be, can I just clarify with you.</p> <p>Total eligible project costs - €5m</p> <p>EU JU will fund max 50% so - €2.5m Our Gov will match this so - €2.5m</p> <p>Our in-kind - €1.5m EU JU Match fund our in-kind - €1.5m</p> <p>So full project will be €6.5m + our €1.5m in-kind</p> <p>Hope this makes sense, I have looked at the clarification questions but still can't confirm and have been asked to check.</p>	<p>Please be informed that according to the Call “The total indicative budget for the AI Factory Antenna call is up to EUR 70 million. The maximum amount of the EU contribution (up to 50 % of the total eligible costs) that may be allocated to an AI Factory Antenna is up to EUR 5 million and is subject to EU budget availability.”</p> <p>The EuroHPC JU will pay max 5 million per project while the Participating State should make sure to contribute the other max 5 million. This is irrespective of the portion which will be provided as in-kind contribution.</p> <p>As for the mentioned example: If the <b>total</b> project budget is EUR 5 million, then the JU contribution will be EUR 2.5 million while the Participating State should cover the other EUR 2.5 million. The total project budget will be: EUR 2.5 million from the JU +EUR 1 million from the Participating State in money + EUR 1.5 million from the Participating State in-kind by a third party, equalling EUR 5 million in total. Thus, the JU contribution is not going to alter.</p>
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26	03/07/2025	03/07/2025	<p>I have a question regarding the Letter of Intent that says that we, as a consortium, have financial support from the government.</p> <p>Our government has granted us financing and has signed a letter, but not on the template provided by the EuroHPC JU; it is a template of our Ministry responsible for this project. My question is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Is this format OK, or should we ask the Ministry to re-sign the letter in the template that is provided by the EuroHPCJU?</li> </ul>	<p>Please note that we strongly encourage the applicants to use the templates provided by the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking. If not possible, we could accept a letter/ template used by the respective ministries provided that the content of the letter corresponds to the requirements indicated in the call (i.e., the letter shall be signed by the competent authorities at national level and the commitment shall be made unconditionally). Please also note that during the submission period, the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking will not comment on the content of the documents in order to secure equal treatment of the applicants.</p>
27	05/07/2025	08/07/2025	<p>In the FAQs, we can read that any proposed connection between one antenna and two different factories should be well reasoned, and that unnecessary complexification should be avoided. The FAQ related to the possibility of connecting 2 factories. Would a proposal that connects one antenna with 3 factories be admissible too, provided that such a triple connection is properly substantiated and that the necessary documents relating to these associations are duly included in the submitted file?</p>	<p>Please note that as indicated in the call conditions, the EuroHPC Participating States, which do not host an AI Factory, can collaborate with one or more AI Factories through a strategic agreement with a hosting entity/entities. Therefore, from a formal perspective, an applicant may propose the connection with 3 already established AI Factories. However, it is critical that this should not impact on the operations of the Antenna and add any unnecessary degree of complexity/misunderstanding for users. The linked AIFs should be aware of such proposal and agree to this. In case of more than one linked AI Factory, all AI Factories shall provide supporting documentation (i.e., Letters of Intent).</p>