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- Horizon Europe Research & Innovation action
 - with purpose to deploy digital technologies and build strategic digital capacities (DIGITAL)
 - coordination and networking (CSA)
 - co-funded by participating states (COFUND)
 - procurement
 - strongly linked to the AI Factories initiative
 - short timelines



Unique Aspects of the Call

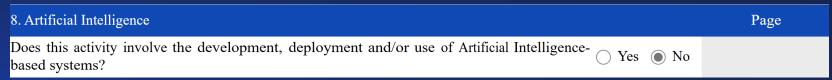
- Eligibility restrictions: No existing AI Factory in applicant's country
 - The evaluation of the third cut-off of AI Factories Call for Expression of Interest runs in parallel

- The call is published on both
 - The EuroHPC website: Call for the selection of entities or consortia of entities to establish Al Factory Antennas linked to selected Al Factories - EuroHPC JU
 - Questions & Answers published and updated on EuroHPC JU website
 - The Funding & Tender portal of the European Commission: Al Factory
 - Submission via the EU Funding & Tenders Portal



Application

- Part A: online forms
 - Warnings re minimum number of participants to ignore
 - Ethics form requirement:
 - In case you say yes to any of the ethics issue prolongues signature



- List your eventual equipment purchase
- Part B and Annexes to upload
 - differ from the usual Horizon Europe template:
 - Commitment letter
 - Letter of Intent
 - Implementation details
 - please download them from the Submission Service
 - one document per annex type
 - submit your proposal in advance, you can resubmit several times

Timeline



- Key Dates for the EuroHPC Call HORIZON-JU-EUROHPC-2025-AIFA-01:
 - Deadline: July 9, 2025, 17:00 CEST
 - Evaluation: July mid September 2025
 - EuroHPC JU's GB decision & Invitation to submit for GAP: end of September
 - Grant Agreement: October 2025

Legal Entity validation for first time awardees

Declaration of Honour signature



Take aways

 Access to AI Factories for users does not depend on adherence of their country of residence to an AI Factory or AI Factory Antenna. The EuroHPC quota can be used by any eligible entity registered in countries associated to Horizon Europe, Digital Europe or Horizon 2020 Programme.



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