

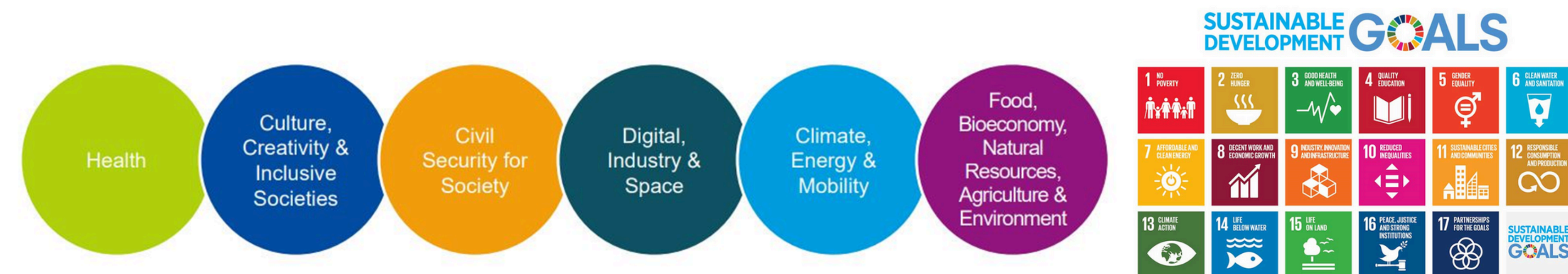
Horizon Europe: Overview of Pillar II Application Process

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WHAT is the opportunity and WHY apply

Canada is Associated with Pillar 2, which is organized into 6 clusters. These calls are top-down, requiring medium to large multi-partner projects. TRL level 2-8 projects are eligible.



This an excellent opportunity for Canadian researchers to collaborate with European researchers and researchers around the globe on projects for global challenges addressing Sustainable Development Goals.

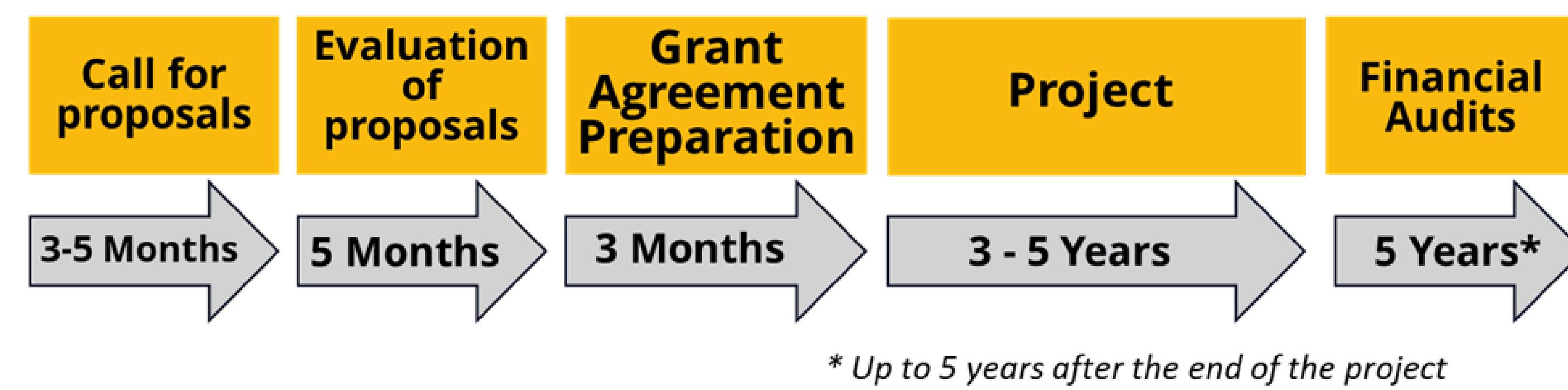
WHO is eligible for EU funding

Min. 3 independent collaborators from 3 different institutions

- At least 1 from a EU member state - **Usually Coordinating Centre & Lead**
- At least 2 in a different member state or Associated country
- Average Consortia (Team) is 12 members **fit for purpose**



WHEN



Calls for cluster 5, 6 and 7 are upcoming:

Horizon Europe strategic plan 2025-2027



HOW to apply and find a consortium

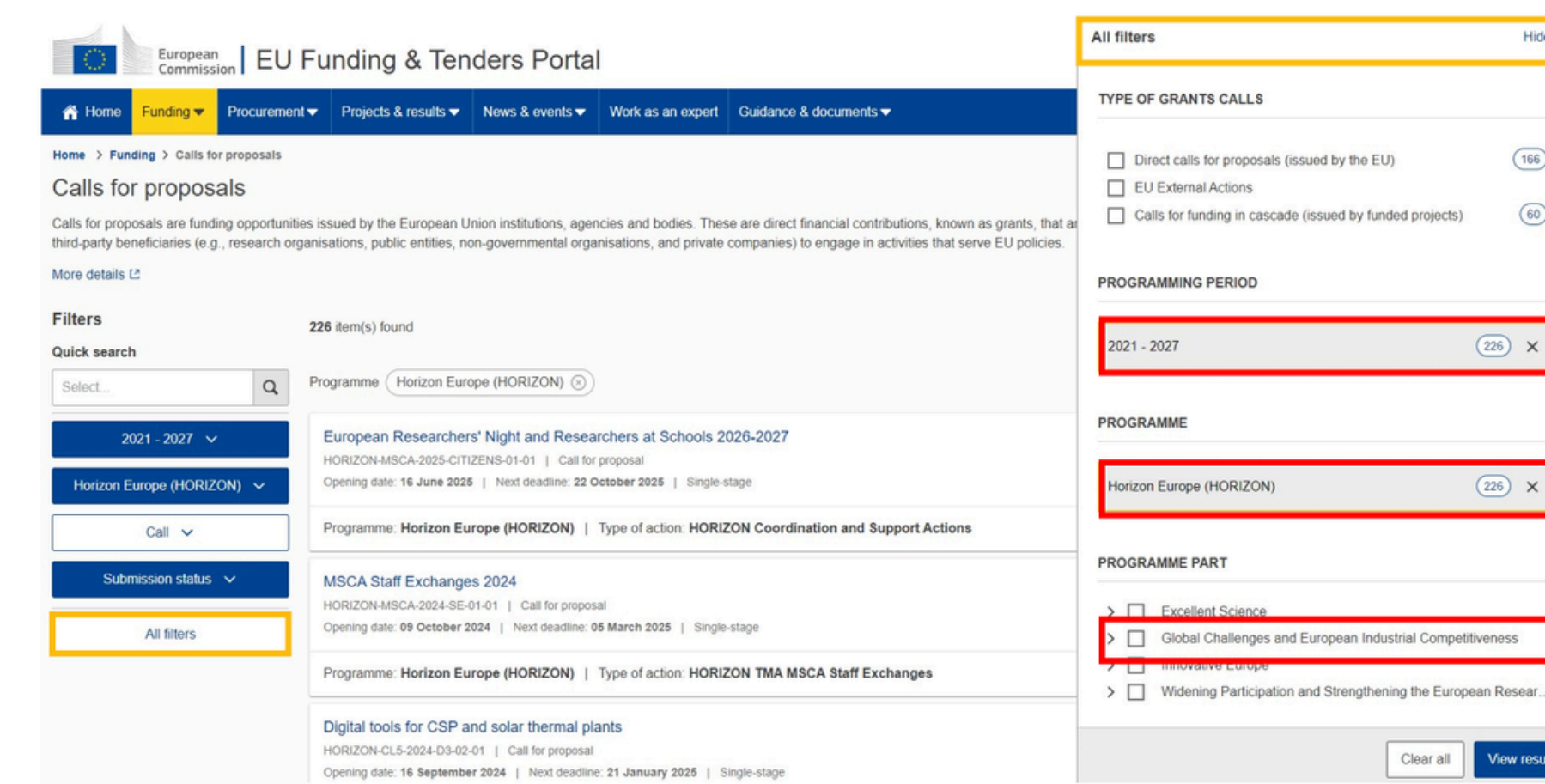
Applying involves several months (3 to 6 months) of intensive prep **before** the call opens :

1. Identify a suitable call



- Found on the **Funding and Tenders Portal**, use filters to select specific topics that are of interest

Search for Calls
To access individual calls:
Go to the **EU Funding & tenders Portal**



2. Reach out for assistance

- Connect with National Contacts Points (**NCPs**). **Canada's NCPs**
- Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED) **Horizon Europe website**
- Consult the topic page on the **Funding and Tenders Portal**. Used to publish call updates

3. Join or set up a consortium

- **Leverage your network to join a consortium**
- **Partner Search Tool**: organizations that participated in past calls and published partner search announcements.
- **EU Funding & Tenders Portal**: to publish your partner requests or offer expertise
- **EURAXESS Partnering Portal** to find partners and/or organizations and/or to be found as a partner
- **Enterprise Europe Network** and **Enterprise Europe Network Canada**: world's largest network for SMEs and innovation stakeholders.
- **CORDIS**: database of funded consortia; pitch your strengths to funded consortia for joining their next iteration
- **COST platform**: intergovernmental framework with 40 member countries
- Each team member must create an account via **EU login platform**.
- **Participant Identification Code (PIC)** set up by institution. Reach out to central Research Office

3. Create an EU profile

5. Write a proposal

Proposal is divided into:

- Part A - Application Form: data on participants, budget, Gender Equality Plans, Ethics and Security, other questions (if any). Filled in directly online
- Part B - Technical Description scored on 3 criteria: **Excellence, Impact, Quality**. Template downloaded from Portal and re-uploaded
 - 45-50 pg for single-stage calls; 10 pg pre-proposal and 45 pg full proposal for two-stage calls.
 - Annexes: e.g., Clinical Trials; Financial support to third parties.
- Submit to your research office for review.
- Applications **MUST** meet all Expected Outcomes and outputs of the call description. Read and Address the Expected Outcomes very carefully.
- Submitted electronically via Funders & Tenders Portal
- Submission must contain all mandatory annexes and supporting documents.
- Attach consortium agreement.

6. Review and submit

SELECTION CRITERIA



*Each criterion is scored out of 5 (the score for 'Impact' is 1.5 for 'Innovation action' projects). The **individual criteria threshold is 3**. The **overall threshold is 10** (sum of the three individual scores)

For two-stage calls, successful pre-proposals will be invited to 'grant preparation'. Invitation to the grant preparation stage does **NOT** constitute a formal commitment to funding. Various legal checks are still needed before awarded.