



EGI COMPETENCE CENTRES

FAQ

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1 Should the cost of person/month per organization be specified in the CC proposal?

Yes, this is recommended, as it allows having a precise estimation of the distribution . Please add this information to the CC proposal, possibly in Table 6 of the template, by adding a column to it.

2 How are activities structured in the CC proposal?

The CC proposal will include:

1. A series of tasks, one task per mini-project, including requirements gathering, design, development, and testing
2. A single task for all exploitation activities of the CC (see the following question for more information)
3. A single task including: training, user support, and additional software integration activities not originally envisaged at the time of preparation of the CC proposal (to cater for new needs).

The funding available (1) and (3) is the 20% of the funding allocated in total to (2).

3 What type of eligible activity does the “exploitation” task include?

The exploitation task of a CC answers the question: how is the mini-project output exploited in terms of service provisioning in the production infrastructure, and how is it going to be offered to user communities, under which conditions, with which costs (if applicable)?

The task includes all activities that follow the development and testing carried out in a mini-project, and is needed to ensure that what is being developed gives value to a user community, has an applicability and impact on the research conducted, and consequently, the production infrastructure serving the user community, as well a budget allocated to ensure the rolling into pre-production.

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It is envisaged that service providers will join the effort of CCs, some of the activities relevant to exploitation are defined in the CC call document and are quoted below for your convenience:

- Integrate new RI resources and services into the EGI production infrastructure with the support of the related NGIs (if applicable)
- define production requirements like service levels, reporting, support levels etc. (if applicable)

For a Competence Centre proposal with say N mini projects, there will be a **single** exploitation task including the **exploitation activities for all mini projects**. Clearly, this task will have to be revised in case only a subset of mini-projects are approved.

4 Is the funding available to a mini-project fixed to 60 Keuro (12 months) and 120 KEuro (24 months), or the funding can vary in a range?

As defined in the Terms of Reference, the budget allocated to a mini-project **is not fixed**. the 60 Keuro and 120 Keuro are the **maximum** funding available depending on the duration of the mini-project (max 12 months and max 24 months respectively), use these values as threshold.

The mini-project requested budget must vary in the following range, and needs to be proportionate to the activities in the plan:

- 0-60 Keuro for path-finding mini-projects, duration: from 3 to max 12 months
- 60-120 Keuro for lighthouse mini-projects, duration: from 13 to max 24 months

The budget needs to be adequate and justified by the activities of the mini-project.

5 Should we include contributions from NGIs?

Yes NGIs are expected to substantially contribute to CCs.

Service providers in general (either from the user community and NGI-related partners even when a NGI does not exist or will not exist), have to be part of the CC partners, and have to be listed in table 6 of the template marking them with acronym "SP".

However, the terms of reference define some limitations for service providers, in compliance to the policies of the council defined for EGI-Engage (Section 4.1 of the ToR): "Existing and prospective service providers will be associated to a NGI-related JRU when there is a country-level JRU supporting the NGI model on which EGI is based, or an independent JRU in case there is no NGI in a country. Service providers need to participate to the EGI Council and commit to the multiannual fee policy".

This means that you should exclude partners that are from an ex-NGI that have no plan of becoming council participant. If you have doubts, please contact the support e-mail address: egi-engage@mailman.egi.eu and we will provide guidance.



6 Should partners that contribute as unfunded be specified in the CC proposal, for example peer e-Infrastructures?

Yes, these must be added when available, even if unfunded.

7 What if a recommended section length is exceeded?

The length of parts of the CC proposal are provided just as indication for who writes, the actual length of sections is **not** considered in the evaluation of the proposal.

8 Are letters of support requested?

Letters of support are **not** requested, but you are free to include them if this helps the CC proposal to demonstrate that has the formal support of the user communities and/or service providers involved in the CC, as a letter of support can strengthen the evidence that the exploitation plans are well grounded.

9 Contact addresses: what is the role of the contacts specified in the CC proposal?

Contact people are important in case additional information and clarification are needed during the evaluation period taking place in July. Given the summer period please make sure that at least one contact in the list is available to answer questions.