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Questions & Answers		
Q	Topic	SJU Answer
1	<p>I would like to know if SESAR plans to carry out an Info-day regarding the Exploratory Research Call H2020-SESAR-2019-2 (ER4).</p> <p>Could you please indicate when and where?</p>	<p>SESAR JU will not organise an Info Day for the Exploratory Research Call H2020-SESAR-2019-2 (ER4).</p> <p>If you have specific questions please contact info-call@sesariju.eu</p>
2	<p>We (drone business and drone robotics companies, VTT, Air Navigation Services Finland and other European actors) are preparing for ER-31 (U-space) call. We see from the budget overview that a total of 23m€ has been reserved for the 20 topics (ER4-12 - ER4-31) altogether. But what we are wondering is, whether there is or is not any indicative project volume available? We mean that is there any idea on how many topics or how many projects are expected to be funded?</p>	<p>Please see the Single Programming Document provided. The specific reference needed is:</p> <p><i>2.6.1.3.7 Budget-to-Scope allocation</i></p> <p>The SESAR JU considers that proposals addressing topics in Work Area 1 can request a contribution from the EU between EUR 500.000 minimum and EUR 1.000.000 maximum and should end no later than Q4 2022 (including 6 months for dissemination activities after delivering final results). These conditions are intended to allow the specific challenges to be addressed appropriately and if additional EU contribution is requested this must be strongly justified in any proposal.</p> <p><i>The SESAR JU considers that proposals addressing topics in Work Area 2 can request a contribution from the EU between EUR 1.000.000 minimum and EUR 2.000.000 maximum and should end no later than Q4 2022 (including 6 months for dissemination activities after delivering final results). These conditions are intended to allow the specific challenges to be addressed appropriately.</i></p> <p>The overall budget for Work Area 1 is EUR 15.500.000. No specific share of the budget is assigned to individual Sub Work Areas of Work Area 1.</p> <p><i>The overall budget for Work Area 2 is EUR 23.064.361. No specific share of the budget is assigned to individual Sub Work Areas of Work Area 2.</i></p>

3	<p>Having in mind the “list of countries and applicable rules for funding - Annex A” USA is nowhere to be seen.</p> <p>Does it mean we can participate in direct or do we have to participate as a TLP under a EU based company?</p>	<p>Legal entities established in the USA are not automatically eligible for funding.</p> <p>In exceptional circumstances, they could receive funding if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) there is a bilateral agreement between USA and the EU b) USA is explicitly identified in the relevant work programme and call for proposal as being eligible for funding c) their participation is deemed by SESARJU to be essential for carrying out the action. <p>Concerning point b), please note that there is not such a provision in the call H2020-SESAR-2019-2.</p> <p>For more information, you can also consult the relevant page in the H2020 Manual at the following link: http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/docs/h2020-funding-guide/cross-cutting-issues/international-cooperation_en.htm and Annex A of the H2020 Work Programme and in the SJU Single Programming Document 2019-2021.</p> <p>Please note that Linked Third Parties (LTPs) follow the same rules as beneficiaries and therefore they are also not automatically be eligible for funding.</p>
4	<p>Regarding the Call and document referred to in the subject, from 2.6.1.3.7 (“Budget-to-Scope allocation”) we understand that within a given Work Area, the ranking of the evaluations will be made across all Sub-Work Areas together, such that there is no advantage per se for a proposer to distribute proposals across Sub-Work Areas and there will be no effort made in the evaluation process to avoid any ‘bunching’ of awarded projects within Sub-Work Areas. (1) Kindly confirm that this understanding is correct, i.e., in principle, all awarded projects in a given Work Area (1 or 2), could be awarded within one Sub-Work Area, according to the evaluation procedure. (2) Does this principle also fully apply to ‘topics’, or is some distribution across awarded topics anticipated as part of the evaluation procedure, i.e. is it possible, in principle, that all awarded projects in a given Work Area (1 or 2), could be awarded within one topic? (We note that 1.1 states the document</p>	<p>From 2.6.1.3.7 your assessment is correct, the highest ranked proposals in each Work Area (regardless of the topic) will be recommended for award.</p> <p>Extracted from the SPD:</p> <p><i>2.6.1.3.7 Budget-to-Scope allocation</i></p> <p>“The overall budget for Work Area 1 is EUR 15.500.000. No specific share of the budget is assigned to individual Sub Work Areas of Work Area 1.</p> <p>The overall budget for Work Area 2 is EUR 23.064.361. No specific share of the budget is assigned to individual Sub Work Areas of Work Area 2.”</p>

	<p>“[...] includes the description of all topic [sic.] planned to be awarded under this call”, whereas we understand this more as a list of topics from which awards may be made.) (3) With regard to 2.6.1.3.10 (“Complementary grants”), could you kindly clarify exactly what is meant by “[...] <i>this will be limited to grants awarded</i> under Work Areas I and II”?</p>	
<p>The deadline for the call H2020-SESAR-2019-2 has been extended to 10 September 2019.</p>		
5	<p>If a grant is offered, is it done so at 100% or 50% funding rate? And if it is at a lower rate than 100% are there any restrictions on where the additional funds can come from (e.g. would regulated funding from the en-route charge be allowable)?</p>	<p>Funding rate for call H2020-SESAR-2019-2 (so called ER4) is 100%</p>
6	<p>I note that as a Research and Innovation Action there is a requirement to have three entities from three different states. I assume that there can be more organisations than this?</p>	<p>According to Annex C of the H2020 Work Programme – for RIA: At least three legal entities. Each of the three must be established in a different EU Member State or Horizon 2020 associated country. All three legal entities must be independent of each other.</p>
7	<p>With respect to Annex C - Can the 3 (or more) contributing partners all be MET ANSPs? We assume yes, as long as from differing EU states. Could you please confirm?</p>	<p>We confirm that all the contributing partners can be MET ANSPs, as long as each of the three is established in a different EU Member State or Horizon 2020 associated country</p>
8	<p>Past experience with H2020 and SESAR projects have often had restrictions on what can and can't be claimed. I have been unable to find any information if there are restrictions, and what these are. Annex D indicates that 100% finance is available. We wonder if there are any restrictions regarding direct and</p>	<p>Information on eligible and non-eligible costs is provided in Article 6 of the MGA and its corresponding annotated version.</p>

	indirect costs that can be claimed? Any details or direction to useful documents would be appreciated.	
9	As a Research and Innovation Action there is a requirement to have three entities from three different states. I assume that there can be more organisations than this?	According to Annex C of the H2020 Work Programme – for RIA: At least three legal entities. Each of the three must be established in a different EU Member State or Horizon 2020 associated country. All three legal entities must be independent of each other.
10	In the description of several of the topics we have seen that some of them include several 'application areas'. Is it a requirement that the proposal addresses all application areas in the topic? Would a proposal be penalized if its scope falls within only one of the application areas?	It is neither required nor expected that a proposal addresses all application areas in a topic. A proposal may address just one application area or may address multiple application areas. If it is indicated in the topic description, a proposal may also address applications outside the application areas described in the scope of the topic provided the proposal contains adequate justification of how their proposed application relates to the general scope of the topic and contains also adequate background information. In these cases, none of the application areas included in the topic description need to be addressed. Proposal will not be penalized for addressing one application area or, more in general, fewer application areas than other proposals if a consistency between the proposed activities and the estimated budget is given (see award criteria).
11	Is it possible for an entity to take part of more than one proposal for the same call topic?	Yes
12	We are an entity with knowledge in ATM and strength in Human Factor & performance. For this reason, we are interested in several topics of this call. In this context, and in order to build our consortium, I am looking for some clarification on the following points : 1. How is this program funded ? We are 100% funded ? What about our travel expenses ? 2. Are there a constraints related to the Brexit ? 3. Are SESAR stakeholder allowed to bid ?	1. Please see Question 5 above. 2. As stated in page 100 of the SPD, “until the UK leaves the EU, EU law continues to apply to and within the UK, when it comes to rights and obligations; this includes the eligibility of UK legal entities to fully participate and receive funding in Horizon 2020 actions such as those called for in this work programme. Please be aware however that the eligibility criteria must be complied with for the entire duration of the grant. If the UK withdraws from the EU during the grant period without concluding an agreement with the EU ensuring in particular that British applicants continue to be eligible, they will no longer be eligible to receive EU funding and their participation may be terminated on the basis of Article 50 of the grant agreement”. 3. Eligibility and admissibility conditions are described in Annex B and Annex C of the H2020 Work Programme and in the SJU Single Programming Document 2019-2021 .
13	Can you confirm the funding rate for the Exploratory calls R&I action is 100% for non-profit entities?	We confirm that the funding rate for the Exploratory calls R&I action is 100% for non-profit entities

14	<p>An entity from Bulgaria is considering to submit a project under the present SESAR call.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As Bulgaria is not Member of SESAR, I would like to secure that for this call, topic: Environment and Meteorology for ATM Bulgaria is eligible participant? 2. Is there a prerequisite for participation in the call inclusion of project partners from SESAR JTI members? 3. for the current call general rules of participation for Horizon 2020 apply, i.e. participation of Associated countries, minimum consortia numbers, etc. 4. Can you assist in additional partner search? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please note that the call H2020-SESAR-2019-2 is an open call. For more information, please see also question n.12 (3). Entities from Bulgaria are eligible. 2. No. 3. See question n. 12 (3). 4. SJU does not assist applicants in partner search. The option “Partner search” is however possible via the F&T Portal, under each topic.
15	<p>Is it possible for an entity to take part of more than one proposal for the same call topic?</p>	<p>The rules for participation do not prevent an entity from applying to more than one proposal under the same topic.</p>
16	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is there an 'open day' session organized to facilitate the contact and networking between companies and organizations interested in this call? This has been very useful in previous calls to create consortia with common research interests 2. In several of the topics we have seen that there are several 'application areas'. Must the proposals address all application areas in the topic? or is it possible to submit a project proposal whose scope falls within only one of the application areas? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SESAR JU will not organise an Info Day for the Exploratory Research Call H2020-SESAR-2019-2 (ER4). 2. The ‘Application Areas’ are indicative of the type of proposals that would be of particular interest to the SJU within the Topic. It is not mandatory to cover all the Application Areas, one of them can indeed be chosen. 3. As described in the call, funding is allocated at the ‘Work Area’ level (consisting of a number of Sub-Work Areas/Topics) and the award will be to the best, above-threshold, scoring proposals within the assigned budget. See Single Programming Document section 2.6.1.3.7 – Budget to scope allocation. Under these rules we intend to fund the best projects for each Work Area and as a consequence there may not be complete coverage of the Topics. Consequently, the number of projects (grants) per Topic is dependent on the ranked score per Work Area (in accordance with the published scoring scheme), not whether a proposal falls into one topic or another.

	<p>3. We would also like to know if it is planned to fund one or more than one project per topic.</p>	<p>FYI – SPD Extract:</p> <p><i>“2.6.1.3.7 Budget-to-Scope allocation</i></p> <p>The SESAR JU considers that proposals addressing topics in Work Area 1 can request a contribution from the EU between EUR 500.000 minimum and EUR 1.000.000 maximum and should end no later than Q4 2022 (including 6 months for dissemination activities after delivering final results). These conditions are intended to allow the specific challenges to be addressed appropriately and if additional EU contribution is requested this must be strongly justified in any proposal.</p> <p>The SESAR JU considers that proposals addressing topics in Work Area 2 can request a contribution from the EU between EUR 1.000.000 minimum and EUR 2.000.000 maximum and should end no later than Q4 2022 (including 6 months for dissemination activities after delivering final results). These conditions are intended to allow the specific challenges to be addressed appropriately.</p> <p>The overall budget for Work Area 1 is EUR 15.500.000. No specific share of the budget is assigned to individual Sub Work Areas of Work Area 1.</p> <p>The overall budget for Work Area 2 is EUR 23.064.361. No specific share of the budget is assigned to individual Sub Work Areas of Work Area 2.”</p>
17	<p>1. Is EASA eligible to be member of a consortium? (and incidentally, would it be considered as a German company)?</p> <p>2. In the frame of “Formation Flying” (topic “ADS-B In applications”, Application area 1), we would like to perform flight tests to assess potential benefits in European environment, with medium haul typical airliner (A320). It is by far the better means to assess fuel savings. Would such a flight trial activity be eligible in the frame of Exploratory Research?</p> <p>3. About the conditions for costs eligibility and mechanism of funding: are there similar to the conditions used for Industrial Research? (the</p>	<p>1. In accordance to Article 120 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2018 on common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishing a European Union Aviation Safety Agency, and amending Regulations (EC) No 2111/2005, (EC) No 1008/2008, (EU) No 996/2010, (EU) No 376/2014 and Directives 2014/30/EU and 2014/53/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Regulations (EC) No 552/2004 and (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (EEC) No 3922/91, grants are identified as one of the possible revenues of the Agency. The Agency may therefore be considered eligible to participate under the present call, subject to any specific provision in accordance to its Financial Regulation.</p> <p>With regard to your question, whether EASA might be regarded as a German company, it should be noted that although it has its seat in Germany, it is not a German company, but EU body with its distinct legal personality. Should your question be understood as the one of compliance with the minimum conditions for participation, please refer to Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No 1290/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 laying down the rules for participation and dissemination in "Horizon 2020 - the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020)" and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1906/2006, according to which “for the purposes of paragraph 1, where one of the participants is <...> an entity created under Union law, it shall be deemed to be</p>

	<p>information might be available in EC site, but did not find it so far).</p> <p>4. To be eligible for a given topic, is it mandatory for an applicant consortium to cover the whole scope of the description? Or is it acceptable to make a proposal restricted to a part of the complete description (e.g. one "Application area" out of two)?</p> <p>5. In case a consortium is composed with a UK based partner (e.g. NATS): what happens to the consortium in case of "hard Brexit"? Is the application automatically ineligible?</p>	<p>established in a Member State or associated country other than any Member State or associated country in which another participant in the same action is established.</p> <p>2. As explained in the technical specifications, there is previous R&D quantifying the fuel savings for an individual aircraft, but there is no concept of operations for formation flying in civil aviation. Without a concept of operations, the quantification of benefits at European level will not be possible. As explained in the technical specification, the objective of this application area is to provide a high level concept of operations, in order to make it possible to include it in future industrial research programmes. Consequently, a flight trial can be a nice-to-have enhancement, but should not be the main objective of the project.</p> <p>3. See Question 8;</p> <p>4. See Question 10;</p> <p>5. See Question 12.2</p>
18	<p>Is there a document that summarizes the content of ER calls published on 30th of April?</p>	<p>All the necessary documents can be found in the F&T Opportunities portal under Section 8. Additional documents</p>
19	<p>Since the call description states that projects are expected to start at the end of Q1 2020 and must close all activities by December 2022, what is the expected duration of a project?</p> <p>Is a 20 months project fitting the call expectations? Would 21 months be considered too tight in case of delays for GA signature?</p>	<p>As stated in page 139 of the SPD: "The awarded projects will start preparing and executing their research activities between Q4 2019 and Q2 2020, and shall deliver their full results no later than end of Q4 2022 (maximum project duration of 30 months)."</p>
20	<p>For the execution of this project, it would be necessary to subcontract certain efforts/work packages to a Professor of a University in the US. In context with the specific work in that regard an involvement would be essential in order to</p>	<p>The beneficiaries may award subcontracts covering the implementation of certain action tasks described in Annex 1 to the MGA.</p> <p>In accordance with Article 13.1 of the MGA, subcontracting may cover only a limited part of the action (non-essential part), but there is no indication on a specific percentage.</p>

successfully execute the project. Currently, we estimate the part to be subcontracted around 25% of the overall contribution of the entity plus some travel costs (to USA). Since such a subcontract would be with a company/university outside of the European Union, we would like to know if the costs which would incur for our entity would be eligible for co-funding under the H2020 framework („Subcontracting).

For this reason, assessment of the subcontractors and the tasks to be subcontracted shall be done on a case by case basis considering the careful balance of the business characteristics of subcontracting with the need to comply with a minimum of obligations of the MGA.

The beneficiary must duly justify the need for the including subcontracting.

In principle, subcontracting is not subject to specific geographical restrictions.

However, please note that the beneficiary (the only entity responsible for the implementation of the action, considering that subcontractors are third parties to the GA) must ensure compliance with some other obligations.

More in particular:

1. Best value for money or lowest price principle. This requirement reflects the general cost eligibility condition set out in Article 6.1(a)(vii) (i.e. that costs must be reasonable and comply with the principle of sound financial management) and applies it specifically to the subcontracting context.

2. Compliance with national procurement rules

3. The tasks to be implemented and the estimated cost for each subcontract must be set out in Annex 1.

4. Controls on the subcontractor (by the Commission/Agency, ECA and OLAF) — Evaluation of the impact of the action

5. Extension of obligations under the GA to subcontractors:

I. Avoiding conflicts of interest (see Article 35)

II. Maintaining confidentiality (see Article 36)

III. Promoting the action and give visibility to the EU funding (see Article 38)

IV. Liability for damages (see Article 46).

6. Best practice: In order to be able to fulfil this obligation, the beneficiaries should impose contractual arrangements on the third parties.

Please also note that according to Article 13.2 of the MGA if a beneficiary breaches any of its obligations it may be that:

a) the costs related to the subcontract concerned are to be considered as ineligible and, then, rejected (if in breach of obligations laid down by Article 13.1.1)

b) the grant is reduced (if in breach of obligations laid down by Article 13.1.2)

		We would like to draw your attention to the fact that such breaches may also trigger other measures described in Chapter 6 (Rejection Of Costs — Reduction Of The Grant — Recovery — Penalties — Damages — Suspension — Termination — Force Majeure).
21	ATM Role in Intermodal Transport - SESAR-ER4-10-2019". Is it an open call or only the members can apply a proposal?	The current SJU call for proposals H2020-SESAR-2019-2 is an Open Call for proposals
22	I would like to confirm that both the SESAR-ER4-31-2019 and SESAR-ER4-02-2019 are OPEN Call so all eligible organization can apply for and that e.g. university can be coordinator of a suggested project?	See Question 21.
23	<p>1. (Related to SESAR-ER4-19-2019 /Application area 1.) The text includes the term "global" in "global analysis of operational and business needs" and "the "current global demand for higher-air-space operations". Since the main deliverable is the European Concept of Operations for HAO it is assumed that "global" can be interpreted as 'general' and not as "world-wide". Would it therefore be acceptable to scope the demand analysis to demand analysis for operations in European airspace?</p> <p>2. What is the grant policy applied to the European Agencies and the International Organisations (e.g. EASA, European Space Agency)? Could their effort as a partner, involved in some work packages development, be financed?</p>	<p>1. The reason the word used is 'global' is that Higher Airspace operations typically require regional coordination and, of course, the USA is a major actor in this field. Consequently, to gain a full understanding of the state of the art, it is essential to conduct a global analysis of operational and business objectives so that the approach adopted by all relevant actors is analysed and considered so that lessons can be learned for application in Europe.</p> <p>Regarding demand, it would be acceptable to consider only European demand, but any conclusions and recommendations should reflect the findings of the global analysis.</p> <p>2. See Question 24 and Question 17.1</p>

24	<p>Can the European Space Agency participate to our call H2020-SESAR-2019-2 and receive funding?</p>	<p>European Space Agency is European/international organisation, according to its Convention, Art. I. It can further qualify as an “International European interest organisation” as per Rules for Participation and Annex A of the H2020 Work Programme, considering that majority of its members are Member States, and whose principal objective is to promote scientific and technological cooperation in Europe (i.e. as per Art. II of the Convention).</p> <p>International European interest organisations are eligible to receive funding under Horizon 2020.</p> <p>ESA may, therefore, considered eligible for participation and funding under call H2020-SESAR-2019-2.</p>
25	<p>Could the “6 months for dissemination activities after delivering final results” be performed before the project closure and included in the proposal Gantt chart?</p> <p>Could the project duration be 30 months with final deliverable released at M24 and only dissemination activities performed from M25 to M30?</p> <p>Are the costs related to these dissemination activities eligible for funding?</p>	<p>The “6 months for dissemination activities after delivering final results” are part of the project, i.e. performed before the project closure and to be included in the Gantt chart. Consequently, if a project with a duration of 30 months (the maximum project duration) is proposed, M25 to M30 will have to be used for dissemination activities only. Dissemination activities performed before the closure of the project are eligible for funding.</p>
26	<p>When planning the management work package and the related periods and deliverables, please advise with how many periods the consortiums should calculate with?</p>	<p>The ER4 reporting will be done on a yearly basis.</p>

27	<p>1. When is the deadline for all the topics? Is there a unified date, or every topic has its own deadline?</p> <p>2. Is sole participant is allowed to participate or there should be consortium? If forming the consortium is required, maybe you have knowledge about the consortia that could be interested in having us as a partner?</p> <p>3. What are the financial rules and funding rates for SME?</p> <p>4. What is your general opinion - are we a suitable participant in these calls having in mind our activities?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Call publication and submission deadlines are indicated in the Funding and Tenders Opportunities Portal (https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home) which is the dedicated area for all H2020 Calls including the SESAR JU ones. In principle, all topics are published at the same time with a common submission deadline. For collaborative research & innovation projects the work should be carried out by consortia of organisations working together on specific research & innovation areas. A consortium must include at least 3 participants from 3 different EU Member States or Associated countries. With regards to the coordination and support actions, the minimum condition for participation is at least 1 participant EU Member States or Associated countries. Additional conditions may be listed in the specific SESAR JU Work Programme, therefore, it is import to consult the relevant documentation when available on the Call Publication date. By reading the topic descriptions on the Funding and Tenders Opportunities Portal and by determining where the centre of gravity of your expertise lies, you can search for participants in the dedicated area of the Portal (see manual). In addition, if you are interested in SESAR JU activities, you can consult our website (https://www.sesarju.eu/) where you can find future events, innovation days that you can participate and increase your contact network for future collaborations. In accordance with standard H2020 conditions for each type of Action as set in provisions of H2020 Work Programme 2018-2020 Part 19, general Annexes section D, types of action: specific provisions and funding rates (see general annexes). Additional conditions may be listed in the specific SESAR JU Work Programme, therefore, it is important to consult the relevant documentation when available on the Call Publication date. All information on the conditions for participation is to be found in the Funding and Tenders Opportunities Portal, in general in the H2020 Work Programme 2018-2020, and specific to each call in the relevant section of the SPD Single Programming Document 2019-2021 (Please refer to Section 2.6.1.3)
29	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The call text section on “Topic conditions and documents”, section on “Evaluation” states that “Evaluation criteria, scoring and thresholds are described in the SJU Single Programming Document 2019-2021” but does not indicate which pages of this 199-page document are the ones relevant to this 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Yes The deadline for the call H2020-SESAR-2019-2 has been extended to 10 September 2019. Yes. For more information please consult the Online Manual The overall threshold is 70/100 as the final score will be calculated over 100 (maximum score). The system will automatically calculate both the weighting and the proportion from a score between 0 to 5 per criteria to a score out of 100. Minimum 3, maximum 5 The evaluators will first evaluate the proposals remotely, followed by a consensus meeting in Brussels. Yes, this is indicated in Annex H of the Horizon 2020 Work Programme

<p>call. Am I correct in assuming that the relevant pages are 134-141?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Page 134 states that the Final Date for Submission is “End August 2019”. Is that information incorrect? From other places in the call I had understood that final date for submission is 10th September 2019.3. Page 141 states that a 0-5 scoring scale will be used for each of the three criteria, but does not define the meaning of the different points on the scale. Will the standard definitions of the meanings of the points on the scale, as used elsewhere in H2020, be used by evaluators?4. Page 141 defines the threshold per criterion as an absolute number between 0 and 5, but defines the overall threshold as a percentage (70%). But 70% of what? Since there will be a score between 0 and 5 for three criteria, the total score per proposal will be between 0 and 15 (with calculation of that total taking account of the weightings per criterion). Does the 70% then refer to 70% of 15 i.e. 10.5?5. How many evaluators will evaluate each proposal?6. How will the evaluations by different evaluators be combined? Will it be through use of a consensus meeting, simple averages, or by use of a median score?7. When proposal scores have been finalized, what criteria will be used for ranking of proposals with the same score? Will this be	
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	in accordance with normal H2020 procedures (i.e. coverage, score for excellence, score for impact, SME funding, gender balance)?	
30	I am looking for information regarding maximum allowed amount for subcontracting for ER4 Call but I'm not able to find it. Can you please help me on that?	See Question 20
31	Could you please confirm that only fully publicly available documents should be used for the preparation of proposals to apply to the ER4 call?	<p>The proposal should be based only on publicly available information and references shall remain the material published within the Call.</p> <p>In principle, all elements included in the proposal should be properly justified (with publicly available info) where the experts will perform their assessment without making any assumption.</p> <p>In case the proposal is lacking justification, this might be reflected with the lower or even below the threshold score.</p>
32 NEW!	<p>The template "ER4 SJU RIA PartB section1-3 final.rtf" contains a first "front page" with EC and SJU logos, a second "instructions page" and a third "Cover Page". It is clear that the second "instructions page" must be removed before submission.</p> <p>Shall the first "front page" be maintained? Does it count on the 35 pages limit for this part of the proposal?</p>	As it is mentioned in the instructions, the "instructions page" must be removed before submission. The same applies to the first "front page": it should be removed as it should not count on the 35 pages limit. The cover page with the title of the proposal and list of participants will be the first page of the submitted document; this page is counting on the 35 pages limit
33 NEW!	Please can you briefly clarify the expected reporting process beyond M24.	We expect that there will be 3 periods (M1 - M12, M13 - M24, M25 - M30). Consequently the Coordinator will have to submit 3 Periodic Reports (please see Annotated model grant agreement (AGA) article 20.3 https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/grants_manual/amga/h2020-amga_en.pdf). Costs for dissemination activities can be claimed also in the 3 rd periodic report.

	<p>As dissemination activities performed from M25 to M30 are eligible for funding, how will partners report this after the Close-out Meeting (expected in M24)? E.g. will the second reporting period cover M13 to M30, or will a third reporting period just cover M25 to M30? In either case should it be assumed that only partners' final financial statements will be submitted in M30 rather than a full update of project information in the Funding & Tenders Portal?</p>	<p>In addition to the periodic report for the last reporting period, the Coordinator must submit also a Final Report (see article 20.4 AGA).</p> <p>In each Periodic Report adjustments of the previously submitted financial statements can be made so that the costs claimed in all financial statements match the final one.</p>
<p>34 NEW!</p>	<p>Point 2.6.1.3.6 of the Single Programming Document 2019-2021 states that "projects will start preparing and executing their research activities between Q4 2019 and Q2 2020, and shall deliver their full results no later than end of Q4 2022 (maximum project duration of 30 months)."</p> <p>Moreover, point 2.6.1.3.7 addresses that "proposals addressing topics in Work Area 2 can request a contribution from the EU between EUR 1.000.000 minimum and EUR 2.000.000 maximum and should end no later than Q4 2022 (including 6 months for dissemination activities after delivering final results). These conditions are intended to allow the specific challenges to be addressed appropriately."</p> <p>Our doubt is if:</p>	<p>a) is correct. Projects should end no later than Q4 2022. At the same time, the last six month of the project should be reserved for dissemination activities. Consequently, projects should close their research activities and deliver their final research results no later than Q2 2022. Please note that projects should also not extend an overall duration of 30 month while the kick-off is expected between Q4 2019 and Q2 2020.</p>

a) Projects should deliver their final results by Q2 2022 and end its dissemination activities the latest by Q4 2020 or, on the other side,

b) Projects should deliver final results the latest on Q4 2022 and extent their duration until Q2 2023 regarding dissemination activities.