

CALL FOR PROPOSALS CEF-SESAR-2018-1 U-SPACE

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Frequently Asked Questions

Batch N.1

Important Note

Full details of the call requirements are provided on the [SJU web page](#).

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1	What is a Drone Traffic Manager (DTM) compared to a U-space Service Providers?	Please remind that U2 is about initial services that support the management of drone operations. From the Blueprint we can say a DTM is a specific service provider that provides services essential for the drone traffic management such as flight planning, flight approval, tracking, airspace dynamic information, and procedural interfaces with air traffic control. In addition to the DTM there are other service providers for U-space providing useful services for the operations.
2	Is Norway eligible as an applicant for this call?	Norway is a country falling within the scope of the European Economic Area and the European Free Trade Association and thus falls within the definition of 'third countries' (see Call for proposals, Section 6.1.2 first paragraph, and footnote 8). For the detailed rules for the potential participation of third countries and entities established in third countries under this call, see section 6.1.2 of the call for proposals (second and third paragraph).
3	Is a multiple of participating countries needed in application? Can a consortium be composed by participants from one country? If not how many countries must be in application?	A consortium can be composed of entities forming the consortium from one country if this is a configuration that best delivers the requested scope of work. Please note that for each consortium, at least one of the entities forming the consortium shall be established in an EU Member State (Section 6.1 of the call for proposals). For further guidance on the eligibility criteria, see Section 6 of the call for proposals.
4	For how long will activities run? How long will the project run? 1,2 or 3 years? U1 is supposed to be up in 2019.	See Technical Specification Section 4.4 where the latest date for administrative closure of the grant is shown as March 2020.
5	Is the U-Space Call open to Israeli participants? I have seen no reference to associated countries in the call text, so I assume it is open to all.	Israel is a country falling within the scope of the European Neighbourhood Policy and thus falls within the definition of third countries (see Call for proposals, Section 6.1.2 first paragraph, footnote 8; and EC: European Neighbourhood Policy available at: https://ec.europa.eu/neighbourhood-enlargement/neighbourhood/countries_en). For the detailed rules for the potential participation of third countries and entities established in third countries under this call, see section 6.1.2 of the call for proposals

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6	Does this call follow the H2020 rules? I could not find in the text any reference for Horizon or any limitation for consortium size (other than the obligation to have at least one EU Member state).	As specified in the Call for proposals, Section 1, the present call is governed by the rules of the SESAR Regulation, CEF Regulation and the Financial Regulation and therefore does not follow the rules designed specifically for H2020. For more details, please consult the relevant reference at page 4 of the Call for proposals. Guidance on eligible applicants can be found in Section 6.1 of the Call for proposals.
7	Pag. 10 of the Application Template presents the model for the Member State Approval. We've made an internal check. Our State does provide this kind of Approvals for CEFs actions proposal, but this follows a process initiated by an online application, which can be traced at ministerial level. The approval is released by mean of form A2.3. Normally, the online application is mandatory (i.e. Application Form Part A - TENtec eSubmission module, for CEF SESAR Call 2017). Do you confirm that no online application is required?	We confirm that no online application is required for this call. Instead, the model of Member State agreement can be found in the Application form, Annex II to the Call of proposals, Section 4.3. It must be dated, signed and sent following the submission procedure in Section 14 of the Call for proposals.
8	The Call sets a calendar posing the grant signature event in between October-November 2018 (cfr. § 3 Timetable). The Technical specification poses a set of "fixed milestones" (cfr. § 4.4 Fixed milestones) including the delivery of the final Study by the end of January 2020, i.e. approximately 13-14 months after the supposed signature of the grant. Should this event be delayed, for any cause, will the "fixed milestones" be forwarded accordingly?	The SJU will make every effort to ensure there is no undue delay in signing the grant. There is no possibility of flexibility to the "fixed milestones" given in the Technical Specifications Section 4.4 and as stated in the call for proposals in Section 6.3 part c) - Eligibility Criteria, Eligible Activities.
9	How will SJU ensure proper coordination, synchronization, mutual understanding, common definitions, same "glossary" and a shared unique reference in between the 9 Long Term Research projects, the VLD already granted (PODIUM), the one being awarded on geofencing (U1?) and the latest projects resulting awarded through this call?	The SJU will provide all Projects access to a collaborative platform for exchange of documentation and inter-project collaboration as described in Section 4.3 of the Technical Specification. Additional details will be provided at the first coordination meeting with the SJU, subject to award and signature of a grant.

10	As a government institution in Switzerland, we are very interested in the Drone initiative. We would like to take part in a consortium to answer the CEF-SESAR-2018-1 U-SPACE Call. Are you aware of other cities or regions in Europe that would like to take part in this Call?	Unfortunately the SJU is not in a position to provide this kind of information to potential applicants.
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