INDIA-EU CALL 2025

Trade & Technology Council (TTC) Working Group 2

EU-India Cooperation on Cumulative Impacts of Marine Pollution on Marine Organisms and Ecosystems

(HORIZON-CL6-2025-01-ZEROPOLLUTION-05)

FULL PROPOSAL

***Project proposal – (Part B)***

***Instructions for Project Proposal Submission Instructions (to be deleted)***

*This proposal template is based on the Horizon Europe – Standard Application Form (HE RIA) for Indian applicants.*

*Proposal Structure (Part B)*

*Part B of the proposal serves as the narrative section, addressing three key evaluation criteria. Applicants must use the official template for this specific call, which may have slight variations from the standard Horizon Europe template.*

*Submission Requirements*

*The Indian Project Coordinator must submit full proposal* *in* ***PDF*** *file via email and hardcopy to MoES. This file should include:*

1. *Complete Part B, identical to the version submitted on the Horizon Europe Funding & Tenders Portal.*
2. *Indian Government administrative and financial form (see Annex).*
3. *Other requisite documents as specified in the call guidelines.*

*Formatting Guidelines*

* *Part B -Page limit: The title, list of participants, and Sections 1, 2, and 3 should* ***not exceed 45 pages****.*
* *Font: Use Times New Roman (Windows), Times/Times New Roman (Apple), or Nimbus Roman No. 9 L (Linux). Alternative fonts may be used only if they are legible and do not reduce page count artificially.*
* *Font size: Minimum 11 points.*
* *Spacing: Standard character spacing with a minimum of single line spacing, except in possible pictures, tables, citations and footnotes.*
* *Links are not allowed; hyperlinks are allowed only if linked to bibliographic material.*
* *Page size: A4 with margins of at least 15 mm (excluding headers and footers).*
* *Exceptions: Headers, footnotes, captions, and formulas may deviate from the standard format but must remain legible.*

***Delete instructions in the template (in italics, 10-pt).***

*MOES Version as of 6 May 2025*

List of participants [e.g. 1 page]

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| Proposal code | *Same as the Horizon Europe Funding & Tenders Portal online submission system.* | |
| Project Acronym | *Same as the Horizon Europe Funding & Tenders Portal online submission system* | |
| Project Title | *Same as the Horizon Europe Funding & Tenders Portal online submission system* | |
| EU Coordinator name |  | |
| Email |  | |
| Organization |  | |
| Indian Coordinator name |  | |
| Email |  | |
| Organization |  | |
| List of participants | | |
| Participant No. \* | **Participant organization name** | **Country** |
| 1 (EU Coordinator) |  |  |
| 2 (India Coordinator) |  |  |
| EU Partner 1/Partner 2/Partner 3…. |  |  |
| IND Partner 1/Partner 2/Partner 3…. |  |  |

\* Please use the same participant numbering and name as that used in the Horizon Europe Funding & Tenders Portal online proposal forms.

Provide a brief narrative under each evaluation criterion, Excellence, Impact, and Quality and efficiency of the implementation, considering the aspects listed below. Present the important aspects of your planned work in a way that will enable evaluation experts to make an effective assessment according to the evaluation criteria.

# EXCELLENCE

Remember that the aspects under this criterion relate to the content of the planned research and innovation activities, and not to the detailed tasks, work packages, or Project Consortium Partners or their expertise, which are instead addressed under 3. Quality and efficiency of the implementation.

* 1. **Objectives**

Describe the objectives of your project. Explain why they are pertinent to the topic of the Call, how they will be measured and verified, and how realistically they will be achieved.

* 1. **Ambition and the state-of-the-art**

*Describe how ambitious the project’s objectives are and how far your project goes beyond the state-of-the-art. Indicate any groundbreaking research and innovation, novel concepts and approaches, new products, services or business and organizational models. Where relevant, refer to any products or services already available, or any patent or publication search carried out. If applicable, describe where the proposed work is positioned in terms of research and innovation maturity or Technology Readiness Level (TRL),* *distinguishing the start and by the end of the project.*

* 1. **Methodology**
     1. **Overall methodology**

*Describe the overall methodology, including the underlying concepts, models, assumptions and interdisciplinary approaches that underpin your work. Explain how this will enable your project to deliver its objectives. If no interdisciplinary approaches are necessary, explain why. Refer to any important challenges identified in the methodology and how they will be overcome.*

* + 1. **Diversity and gender dimension**

*Describe how the diversity and gender dimension (i.e. sex and/or gender analysis) is taken into account in the project’s research and innovation content. If not relevant, explain why.*

* + 1. **Open science practices**

*Describe how appropriate open science practices are implemented as an integral part of the proposed methodology. Show how the choice of practices and their implementation are adapted to the nature of your work, in a way that will increase the chances of the project delivering on its objectives. If applicable, describe how intellectual property rights (IPR) issues are considered. If no open science practices are appropriate for your project, explain why. Please note that this aspect does not refer to outreach actions, which should instead be described as part of dissemination, exploitation and communication activities under 2. Impact. For guidance on open science practices and research data management, please refer to the relevant section of the* [*HE Programme Guide*](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/guidance/programme-guide_horizon_en.pdf) *on the Funding & Tenders Portal.*

# IMPACT

The results of your project should make a contribution to the expected outcomes and impacts set out for the Call, over the medium and longer term, beyond the immediate scope and duration of the project. The outcomes and impacts of the project may be scientific, economic, technological, societal or environmental.

Under this criterion, where possible and meaningful, provide quantified estimates, and explain your baselines, benchmarks and assumptions used for those estimates. Describe any requirements and potential barriers that may arise from factors beyond the project’s scope and duration and may determine the achievability of the desired outcomes and impacts, and describe any mitigating measures.

* 1. **Pathways towards impact**

*Explain how the project’s results are expected to make a difference in terms of impact. Be specific, referring to the target groups and effects of your project.*

* 1. **Project’s contributions**

*Give an indication of the scale and significance of the project’s contribution to the expected outcomes and impacts, through appropriate involvement of end-users and other relevant target groups. ‘Scale’ refers to how widespread the outcomes and impacts are likely to be. ‘Significance’ refers to the importance or value of the outcomes and impacts.*

* 1. **Added value** **of the transnational collaboration**

*Explain how the project’s results are expected to benefit from the transnational collaboration, beyond national efforts. If appropriate, give an indication of the scale and significance of the benefit to the expected outcomes and impacts.*

* 1. **Measures to maximize impact – Dissemination, exploitation and communication**

*Describe the planned dissemination, exploitation and communication measures, and the target group(s) addressed, to maximise the impact of your project. Explain why each chosen measure is best suited to reach the target group. Where relevant, describe the measures for a plausible path to commercialise the innovations. Outline your strategy for the management of intellectual property, foreseen protection measures, such as patents, design rights, copyright, trade secrets, etc., and how these would be used to support exploitation.*

# QUALITY AND EFFICIENCY OF THE IMPLEMENTATION

* 1. **Work plan**

*Present the overall structure and coherence of the work plan, with work packages (including Reporting and Knowledge Community work package) and their objectives, activities, deliverables and milestones.*

*Describe critical risks, relating to project implementation, that the stated project's objectives may not be achieved. Detail any risk mitigation measures (Table 3e).*

* 1. **Participants and Project Consortium as a whole**

*Describe the Project Consortium as a whole: how it matches the project’s objectives and brings together the necessary disciplinary and inter-disciplinary expertise, including open science practices and gender aspects of research and innovation as appropriate. Describe how each of the Project Consortium Partners contributes to the project, with a valid role and adequate resources. If applicable, describe how the Project Consortium Partners will have access to critical infrastructure needed to carry out the project activities. Describe and justify the industrial/commercial involvement in the project to ensure exploitation of the results.*

*Use the example tables below.*

**Table 3a. List of work packages**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Work package No. | Work package title | Lead Partner No. | Lead Partner short name | Person- Months | Start month | End month |
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**Table 3b. Work package description**

*For each work package:*

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| --- | --- |
| Work package No. | Work package title |
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| Objectives | |
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| Description | |
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***Description****: Where appropriate, broken down into tasks. For each task, quantify the amount of work. Provide enough detail to justify the resources requested and clarify why the work is needed and who will do it.*

**Table 3c. List of deliverables**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| No. | Deliverable name | Description | Work package No. | Lead Partner short name | Type | Dissemination level | Delivery date (in month) |
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***Type****: Use the following codes:*

*R: Document, report (excluding the periodic and final reports); DEM: Demonstrator, pilot, prototype, plan designs; DEC: Websites, patents filing, press & media actions, videos, etc.; DATA: Data sets, microdata, etc.; DMP: Data management plan; SECURITY: Deliverables related to security issues; OTHER: Software, technical diagram, algorithms, models, etc.*

***Dissemination level****: Use the following codes:*

*PU – Public, fully open; SEN – Sensitive, limited circulation to India & EU participating organizations.*

***Delivery date****: Measured in months from the project start date (month 1).*

**Table 3d. List of milestones**

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| Milestone No. | Milestone name | Related work package(s) | Due date (in month) | Means of verification |
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***Due date****: Measured in months from the project start date (month 1).*

***Means of verification****: Show how you will confirm that the milestone has been attained. Refer to indicators if appropriate.*

**Table 3e. Critical risks for implementation**

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| Description | Level of likelihood | Level of severity | Related work package(s) | Mitigation measures |
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***Level of likelihood****: The estimated probability that the risk will materialise even after taking account of the mitigating measures put in place. Low/Medium/High.*

***Level of severity****: The relative seriousness of the risk and the significance of its effect. Low/Medium/High.*

**Table 3f. Summary of staff effort**

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|  | WP1 | WP2 |  |  |  | Total person months per Partner |
| Partner No./ Short Name |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Partner No./ Short Name |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total person months |  |  |  |  |  |  |