

Call for EIT Food Country Representatives Frequently Asked Questions

Our organisation is already involved with another Knowledge and Innovation Community (KIC) of EIT. Can we still apply to become an EIT Food Country Representative?

Yes, it is possible to get involved with more than one KIC. We even encourage synergies between activities.

Can universities, NGOs or private companies apply?

Yes, applications are open to entities of any legal form registered in an eligible country, provided they demonstrate: strong ecosystem positioning and knowledge, operational capacity, track record in innovation or startup support and ability to meet KPI and deliverable requirements.

If successful in the call, do we have to become an EIT Food partner?

No, an organisation selected to become an EIT Food Country Representative does not have to become an EIT Food Partner. EIT Food Country Representatives act as project participants.

However, we do encourage the EIT Food Country Representatives to become more engaged in the EIT Food network! If you are interested to join the partnership, please visit the [EIT Food website](#) for more information.

How many organisations can form a Consortium?

The consortium may consist of up to two organisations, each having the status of a legal entity. One organisation will act as the lead entity and the other as the supporting organisation. Both would be designated as EIT Food Country Representatives in one of the EIT RIS target countries, acting as project participants.

However, we only encourage forming of a consortium where it clearly adds value, ensuring that each partner has distinct and complementary roles.

What are the eligible costs covered by project participation or subcontracting agreement?

Funding from EIT Food must be utilised in line with the eligibility conditions of Horizon Europe and all applicants have the full responsibility for ensuring the compliance of their costs. Only the costs that contribute to the implementation of the activities defined in the workplan are eligible and can include personnel costs, travel costs, or costs of other goods and services such as equipment, catering, technical support, fees for keynote speakers, mentors and trainers contracted externally.

Please note that subcontracting (cost category B) should be limited and will only be possible with the prior written consent of EIT Food.

All subcontracting (cost category B) and purchasing costs (cost categories C1, C2, C3) must be incurred considering the best value for money criterion or, if appropriate, the lowest price.

Which KPIs will Country Representatives be evaluated against?

We expect that the Application Form will include the Action Plan, outlining the proposed KPIs to be achieved. Applications will be evaluated based on the relevance and ambition of these KPIs, including the number of startups supported and the number of learners engaged through the capacity-building activity. More information about the KPIs used in EIT Food activities can be found in the [EIT Food KPI Guidance Document](#)

What financial documentation will be required?

Applicants must follow EIT Food grant management requirements, including evidence for KPIs and expenditure, in line with the **Model Grant Agreement**.

Can we apply for other EIT Food funding opportunities if we are selected to be the Country Representative?

Yes, there is no restriction to respond to other EIT Food calls as long as you have the financial and human resources to assume the additional responsibilities.

Where can I find information on EIT Food course catalogue?

The information on EIT Food course catalogue may be found here: [EIT Food course catalogue | EIT Food Learning Services](#)