

Questions & Answers

During the Brokerage Event at the CIVITAS Forum Conference in Casablanca on 24 September 2014 28 questions have been collected about participation in CIVITAS2020 (C2020). The questions are listed below (questions covering the same topic are combined). The answers and suggestions provided are based on the experience of the CIVITAS Community¹. This document serves as ‘supporting document’ for those interested in participation in CIVITAS2020, but does not replace the official channels of the EC for communication about H2020 and the CIVITAS Initiative.

Question	Answer / Suggestion
Which (EUROMED) countries are eligible to get funded under H2020?	<p>The following website contains updated information about international cooperation between the EU and the rest of the world.</p> <p>http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/docs/h2020-funding-guide/cross-cutting-issues/international-cooperation_en.htm</p> <p>The EC distinguishes EU member states, associated countries² and third countries³. Based on the sources (and respective dates), the following information is relevant for EUROMED countries:</p> <p>Associated countries: Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Israel⁴, Montenegro and Turkey</p> <p>Third countries: Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Mauretania, Morocco, Palestine and Tunisia</p>
At what Technology readiness Levels (TRLs) is C2020 aiming with regards to innovative concepts & technologies	<p>The TRLs apply more for projects developing new technologies than for projects under CIVITAS which are focused more on the implementation of innovations. Applicants should not purely focus on the TRLs.</p>

¹ Disclaimer: The information provided in this note is based on experiences by CIVITAS members. Links to online data sources are provided as reference, the CIVITAS WIKI can under no circumstances be held responsible for any information provided in external data sources.

² http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/grants_manual/hi/3cpart/h2020-hi-list-ac_en.pdf version 1.5 12 September 2014

³ http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/grants_manual/hi/3cpart/h2020-hi-3cpart_en.pdf version 1.0 14 February 2014

⁴ As regards Israel, the [red associated country] agreement will start applying retroactively once Israel ratifies it (expected soon).

<p>Should C2020 support data collection?</p>	<p>Data collection is an important part of the evaluation activities of CIVITAS demonstration measures. Without data, it is hard to tell what experiments worked well (or failed) and why. Data collected to analyse the impacts of measures implemented under CIVITAS should be part of any CIVITAS application.</p>
<p>Is it possible to create a SUMP without a transport model?</p>	<p>A transport model is a useful tool to assess the (expected) impact of a SUMP.</p>
<p>Are electric buses and charging infrastructure of electric buses eligible in C2020?</p>	<p>Electric buses and charging infrastructure are eligible under the same conditions as other sustainable energy carriers for vehicles. Applied to C2020, it is important for cities to define what they want to learn/experiment when implementing electric vehicles and charging infrastructure.</p>
<p>How to interpret the Chinese dimension of the C2020 call?</p>	<p>The (draft) call text⁵ mentions “<i>A demonstrated contribution to the development or revision of Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans as well as furthering the Union’s strategy for international cooperation in research and innovation, especially with China[1], will be an advantage</i>”. It is up to the proposers how to organise any Chinese cooperation. It could for example be the involvement of a Chinese academic or China-based partner in the project. Please note that China is not an associated nor third country.</p>
<p>What can C2020 do to support clear EU wide standards for open transport data?</p>	<p>This question is posted in the online thematic group on Transport Telematics</p>
<p>How to define small, medium and large cities?</p>	<p>There is no strict definition of small, medium and large. The cities that want to become active in CIVITAS should have challenges related to urban transport, for which cooperation through CIVITAS is beneficial for them. For example: the CIVITAS demonstration city Koprivnica in Croatia has 34.000 inhabitants, previous demonstration city Rome has around 4 million residents. The cooperation between cities should be logical and complementary.</p>
<p>To which extent can C2020 also contribute to inter-urban sustainable mobility?</p>	<p>As the majority of Europeans live in urban areas and most of the challenges related to mobility exist in those areas, any application should involve cities or ‘urban areas’. The measures define the urban context.</p>

⁵ <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/2703-mg-5.5a-2015.html>

<p>Can you help financing a training centre for urban mobility, safety and accident prevention in Morocco?</p>	<p>See first question above about involvement of countries from the Euromed region.</p>
<p>What are the goals you want to achieve by 2020 through CIVITAS?</p>	<p>The goals are related to the goals on urban mobility mentioned in the Transport White paper and the urban Mobility Package⁶.</p>
<p>How can a C2020 proposal be linked or assisted by structural funds?</p>	<p>CIVITAS2020 is supporting research and innovation in cities (experimenting with new technologies & methodologies). Structural funds can support implementation of urban transport measures at a larger scale, including e.g. infrastructure investments</p>
<p>How would you define innovation?</p>	<p>Innovation should fit the environment in which it is implemented. Every city is in a different phase for different themes (e.g. some maybe frontrunners in logistics, whereas others are advanced in cycling). The cities define their own level of innovation in a project, mutual learning between cities is an important element in that respect.</p>
<p>Are cities considered as non-profit organisations? How are they funded?</p>	<p>The EC defines different types of organisations, cities are public bodies. They are funded as any other public bodies, see the rules for participation</p>
<p>How many projects are you seeking to finance under C2020?</p>	<p>There is no other information available other than the information present in the R&I participants portal</p>
<p>Does the Chinese dimension also apply to call 5.4?</p>	<p>There is no specific requirement regarding Chines involvement in this particular call.</p>

⁶ http://ec.europa.eu/transport/themes/urban/ump_en.htm