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## IHI Call Days

### Q&A on the Call 12 Topic

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## INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

On January 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> 2026, the Innovative Health Initiative (IHI) organised the virtual [IHI Call Days](#) for the Call 12. The IHI Call Days ran three sessions informing potential applicants about:

- the financial aspects of the proposal
- general information on call 12
- rules and procedures of the single-stage calls

The IHI Office has published the presentation and the recordings of all sessions including the questions and answers (Q&A) section of each session.

This document prepared by NCPs will give you the **links to all sessions including the exact time in the video** where each question is answered.

The aim of this document is to help Health National Contact Points (NCPs) provide their applicants with the best possible advice and support and to assist applicants in preparing a high-quality application.

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## Call 12 – (single stage) Financial aspects

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Questions during the Session	Link to question and answer
<p>Are UK entities eligible for funding for call topics 1, 3 and 5?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">42:36</a></p> <p><b>Answer from the chat:</b></p> <p>“As the IHI explained in their slides (<a href="#">see slide 9</a>), and as stated on the <a href="#">IHI webpage on Call 12</a>:</p> <p>Applicants should note that legal entities based in the following countries are not eligible to receive funding for some of the topics in this call.</p> <p><b>Canada and UK:</b> Legal entities are eligible to receive funding under topics 1, 2, 3 and 5, but not eligible to receive funding under topic 4.</p> <p>The UK Government's Horizon Europe Guarantee does NOT cover UK organisations under topic 4. For questions, please contact <a href="#">UK NCPs</a>.”</p> <p><b>Republic of Korea and Switzerland:</b> Legal entities are eligible to receive funding under topics 1, 2 and 3, but not eligible to receive funding under topics 4 and 5.”</p>
<p>Can USA and Swiss organisations participate as beneficiaries?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">44:20</a></p> <p><b>Answer from the chat:</b></p> <p>“In IHI Call 12 there is no funding from Swiss national sources (SERI) for the topics 4 and 5, where no EC funding is provided to entities from Switzerland. For questions, please contact the <a href="#">Swiss NCPs</a>.”</p>
<p>Is it mandatory to include IHI private members in consortium?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">46:55</a></p>
<p>To be hybrid partner, should we submit request as for a contributing partner only? We are SME.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">48:50</a></p>

If we have a company for project management, is the cost eligible?	<a href="#">51:20</a>
Is a self-employed person considered an SME or natural person for the costs?	<a href="#">52:01</a>
What about conference participation? Which category is it, Is it eligible?	<a href="#">54:50</a>
Can a startup request funding?	<a href="#">53:24</a>
We are an international organisation with a European branch - are we eligible for funding?	<a href="#">55:46</a>
For IKOP, when companies are involved, personnel costs of the company members are eligible as IKOP?	<a href="#">57:31</a>
Also, who are Contributing Partners? Are universities for example the Contributing Partners? You mentioned that can also contribute in IKOP, this means even in-kind contribution of universities can be counted as part of the 45% threshold costs?	<a href="#">58:14</a>
Are EFPIA members receiving EU contributions?	<a href="#">1:00:39</a>
Is it mandatory for an SME to provide any IKOP, IKAA or FC?	<a href="#">1:01:20</a>
We would appreciate advice on how to budget personnel costs for volunteers in an IHI project. The individuals are not employed, but their work is formally managed by our organisation, which is registered as both a non-profit and a small Ltd company. As project manager, my own effort is already budgeted in person-months. Is there an accepted approach under IHI rules to reflect volunteer contributions (e.g. via unit costs, in-kind contributions, or other mechanisms)?	<a href="#">1:02:10</a>
Can you please clarify once more, that as private or contributing partners, whether they can both contribute in in-kind and also request funding themselves?	<a href="#">1:03:12</a>
Is it allowed for a beneficiary in one IHI consortium to subcontract work to an entity that is a beneficiary in a different IHI consortium?	<a href="#">1:03:48</a>

Can data generated prior to an IHI project and made available for the execution of the project be valorised as IKAA?	<a href="#">1:05:10</a>
There may be some confusion regarding the "hybrid model". It used to be that organisations associated with private members can both provide contributions (cash, IKOP, IKAA) and receive EU funding. Has this changed? Should now the same organisation also ask to become the Contributing Partner to be eligible for the "hybrid model"?	<a href="#">1:08:17</a>
Are costs related to training (for example courses learning a tool for the project) eligible?	<a href="#">1:11:04</a>
Are all companies somehow affiliated with the participating industry associations, e.g. in our case a member in an association that is a national association associate member in MedTechEurope, automatically considered part of IHI? Or do they have to apply as Contributing Partners?	<a href="#">1:11:50</a>
How much time does it take to apply for becoming either a private or contributing partner?	<a href="#">1:13:38</a>
Is there a limit to the number of Contributing Partners per proposal?	<a href="#">1:15:06</a>
What determines affiliation with a private member?	<a href="#">1:15:54</a>
Until when can draft application letters to become a Contributing Partner be send to IHI for a review, if this is still possible?	<a href="#">1:17:35</a> <b>Answer from the chat:</b> " <a href="#">Contributing Partners webinar</a> and more info on <a href="#">Contributing Partners</a> ."
Is there a match-making aid to find private partners?	<a href="#">1:18:50</a> <b>Answer from the chat:</b> "Check out our <a href="#">finding partners page</a> and also sign up to our <a href="#">brokerage platform</a> ."
Can you please provide email address from IHI contact people who we could reach for additional questions?	<b>Answer from the chat:</b> "If you have questions, please check out our <a href="#">guide for applicants</a> and <a href="#">FAQs</a> . You can also write to our <a href="#">applicants mailbox</a> or to our <a href="#">finance contact</a> ."

Is there a glossary of terms for abbreviations such as IKOP, FC, IKAA as a well as for other EU funding jargon that we might not be familiar with?

**Answer from the chat:**

“On page 8 of the [guide for applicants](#) you can find a glossary.”

## Call 12 – (single-stage) General info on call 12

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Questions during the Session	Link to answer / Answer from IHI
Can you please inform us what is normally the acceptance chance in such IHI calls?	<a href="#">55:56</a>
Thank you for the webinar. How can we ensure implication of industrial partners? Does it have to be done before submission of the application?	<a href="#">56:48</a>
How can we find consortia that already secured industrial partners implication?	<a href="#">57:19</a> <b>Answer from the chat:</b> “There is advice on the <a href="#">finding partners</a> , which includes a link to the brokerage platform for this call.”
Menopause is often described or implied as a disease because of the devastating impact on the individual particularly if they have underlying health conditions and a difficult menopause transition. There is some data on the economic impact but there are many data gaps which I would like to explore through this call, is the focus of this project appropriate for this funding?	<a href="#">58:14</a>
Could you further explain what the do you refer to, when stated: "consider the different innovation cycles of the pharmaceutical and medical technology industries"?	<a href="#">59:00</a>
What are the Technology Readiness Levels considered by this call, if any?	<a href="#">1:00:02</a>
What does sharing of research outputs mean in terms of intellectual property?	<a href="#">1:00:36</a>
You mentioned that IHI focuses strongly on patient needs. Could you clarify how these patient needs are defined and operationalised in the evaluation of proposals? In particular, is this primarily assessed through alignment with the IHI Strategic Research & Innovation Agenda, or are there additional reference frameworks, data sources (e.g. disease burden), or formal patient-input mechanisms that evaluators use when	<a href="#">1:01:41</a>

judging a proposal's alignment with patient needs?	
Who could help to determine the best topic to apply?	<a href="#">1:03:39</a>
Can you expand on the criteria for being 'precompetitive', especially for projects that have market potential?	<a href="#">1:03:53</a>
Does an independent, non-profit health foundation and patient-focused funding organisation fall under the public organisations?	<a href="#">1:05:00</a>
Can you join a consortium as registered independent expert?	<a href="#">1:06:56</a>
Are there constraints on which entity is the one assembling and leading the consortium? Is there any suggestion for the choice of the coordinator? Public or industry partner?	<a href="#">1:07:58</a>
Is there a rational why UK, Switzerland, South Korea, Canada are not eligible in Call 12, but were eligible in Call 9?	<p><a href="#">1:10:25</a></p> <p><b>Answer from the chat:</b></p> <p>“As background to the question, as stated on the <a href="#">IHI webpage on Call 12</a>:</p> <p>Applicants should note that legal entities based in the following countries are not eligible to receive funding for some of the topics in this call.</p> <p><b>Canada and UK:</b> Legal entities are eligible to receive funding under topics 1, 2, 3 and 5, but not eligible to receive funding under topic 4.</p> <p>The UK Government's Horizon Europe Guarantee does NOT cover UK organisations under topic 4. For questions, please contact <a href="#">UK NCPs</a>.”</p> <p><b>Republic of Korea and Switzerland:</b> Legal entities are eligible to receive funding under topics 1, 2 and 3, but not eligible to receive funding under topics 4 and 5.</p> <p>In IHI Call 12 there is no funding from Swiss national sources (SERI) for the</p>

	topics 4 and 5, where no EC funding is provided to entities from Switzerland. For questions, please contact the <a href="#">Swiss NCPs.</a> "
Is it possible to present a proposal with a consortium >3 but all the entities from the same country?	<a href="#">1:11:40</a>
Is there a possibility for a personal call to discuss some examples with the IHI Office?	<a href="#">1:12:40</a>
Could you please advise how to search for the Call 12 on the Funding and Tenders Portal for the template of Parts A and B?	<a href="#">1:13:55</a> <b>Answer from the chat:</b> <a href="https://www.ih.europa.eu/apply-funding/ih-call-12">https://www.ih.europa.eu/apply-funding/ih-call-12</a>
Is the USA an associated country to Horizon?	<a href="#">1:14:24</a>
What happens if the private partner is not able to provide fundings anymore? Does the project finish?	<a href="#">1:15:12</a>
Will a new Part B template be published on the IHI website to with changes in the HEU template effective as of 2026? The current template is dated November 2024. Should we continue using that version or not?	<a href="#">1:16:35</a>
Are there any minimum limits for the applied budget?	<a href="#">1:17:15</a>
How can consortium protect themselves against possible sudden changes in data privacy policies, use of AI policies, during a project, in light of possible retorsion measures by the US? Could this be considered as exceptional circumstances?	<a href="#">1:17:46</a>
Does the coordinator need to be eligible for funding, but doesn't have to ask for funding? I.e. an EFPIA-associated company could theoretically be a coordinator?	<a href="#">1:19:54</a>
Egypt is listed under the Horizon Europe transitional arrangements from 2025. Could you please confirm eligibility for EU funding under IHI Call 12?	<a href="#">1:20:48</a>

Is there any duration/limit if you are engaged in former IHI call in 2024?	<a href="#">1:22:40</a>
Roughly how many proposals were submitted for Call 9, and how many were founded?	<a href="#">1:23:08</a> <b>Answer from the chat:</b> “If you're wondering what projects came out of our last applicant-driven call, check out the <a href="#">IHI call 9 page</a> .”

## Call 12 – (single-stage) Rules and procedures

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Questions during the Session	Link to answer
Is an EU subsidiary of a non-EU entity considered eligible?	<a href="#">1:08:12</a>
Someone in the audience finds the concept of the three A's and the pre-competitive notion counterintuitive. During the morning session, it has been told that the call is not going to develop and market the end product. For example, it is close to patient. Could you elaborate on that?	<a href="#">1:09:30</a>
Is South Africa eligible?	<a href="#">1:13:25</a>
Can in kind contribution be in form of staff time?	<a href="#">1:14:01</a>
Is an in-cash contribution required or are in kind contribution without an in-cash component acceptable?	<a href="#">1:15:32</a>
Which kind of return do you think contributing partners obtain after participating to an IHI funded project? Is it recognition the acquired know how or, or other aspects?	<a href="#">1:18:18</a> <a href="#">1:20:45</a> (supplemental information on this question)
Can the template for the essential information for clinical studies that it's used for pillar two of your horizon in Europe be used in IHI?	<a href="#">1:20:02</a>
If understood correctly, IKAAs are not mandatory, IKOPs are, but they still are important for addressing the outcomes and impact of the call. Can you give an example?	<a href="#">1:22:32</a>
if a consortium member from a non-associated country, for example, USA has unique capabilities to join a consortium, is there a maximum budget that can be assigned to this partner?	<a href="#">1:25:25</a>
What if a contributing not-for-profit partner, for example, a communication or training institution needs to add a subcontractor special expert to perform the work? how can this cost be compensated if IKAAs are not allowed for contributing partners?	<a href="#">1:27:19</a>
Do we need the heads of terms agreement among the proposal participants before the submission?	<a href="#">1:29:25</a>
How early can one apply for waiver to grant exclusive IP licenses?	<a href="#">1:31:10</a>

What does addressing aspect of the call that have not otherwise been covering mean in the context of ex-aequo. Is it related to the main disease being focused on?	<a href="#">1:33:57</a>
Can one private member provide both IKOP and financial contribution to another partner?	<a href="#">1:35:02</a>