

FET INNOVATION LAUNCHPAD - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

FAQ ID: 1029

How can I check if my proposal idea fits the FETOPEN-04-2016-2017:FET Innovation Launchpad scheme under call H2020-FETOPEN-2016-2017?

Ideas for proposals should observe the following main elements:

- Proposals shall focus on individual or collaborative innovation-related activities to verify and substantiate the innovation potential of ideas and results arising from a FET funded project. They should support the next steps in turning those ideas and results into a genuine social or economic innovation.
- The proposed activities were not scheduled to be funded by the original FET research grant.
- Proposals must build on results from an ongoing or recently finished project, funded under FP7 or H2020 by any of the three complementary lines of action of Future and Emerging Technologies (FET Open, FET Proactive, FET Flagship), and this needs to be clearly identified in the proposal.

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When is a Future and Emerging Technologies (FET) project considered 'recently finished' or 'ongoing' to be eligible for the FETOPEN-04-2016-2017:FET Innovation Launchpad topic?

'Recently finished' in the context of this call means the project's actual end date must be at most one year before the deadline for proposal submission. 'Ongoing' means the deadline for proposal submission must be within the period limited by the contractual start date and end date of the project. In practice, for proposals submitted before the first deadline on 29 September 2016, the related FET project is considered 'recently finished' if its end date is between 29 September 2015 and 28 September 2016. The related FET project is considered 'ongoing', if its contractual start date is before 29 September 2016 and its contractual end date is after 29 September 2016.

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How can I clearly specify that my proposal for the FETOPEN-04-2016-2017: FET Innovation Launchpad topic is linked to an ongoing or recently finished FET project?

You must provide the FET project acronym and ID number in part A of the proposal. In part B you should describe how the innovation idea is linked to the previous or ongoing Future & Emerging Technologies (FET) project and its results, and argue their complementarity to actions already developed or expected from the previous or ongoing FET project.

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Can I apply for the FETOPEN-04-2016-2017:FET Innovation Launchpad if I am not a beneficiary of an ongoing, or recently finished, FET project; what are the specific requirements?

Yes you can apply. FET Innovation Launchpad is open to any applicant from countries eligible for H2020 funding, provided they have the necessary agreements with owners or right holders of the Future and Emerging Technologies (FET) project results. To prove this, you should attach a letter from the relevant beneficiary or beneficiaries of the FET project that own the result, which confirms the existence of the necessary agreements with the coordinator/applicant of the Innovation Launchpad proposal, including on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR).

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Are there any specific innovation actions prioritised in the FETOPEN-04-2016-2017: FET Innovation Launchpad topic?

No, there are not any specific innovation actions prioritised in the FETOPEN-04-2016-2017 topic. The FET-Innovation Launchpad call is entirely non-prescriptive as regards the nature of the envisaged innovation actions. Activities to be funded should be fit-for-purpose (e.g. tailored to the level of maturity of the result to be taken up).

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What is the difference between the FETOPEN-04-2016-2017:FET Innovation Launchpad and the FET Innovation Greenhouse under the FETOPEN-02-2016:FET-Open Coordination and Support Action?

The 'FET Innovation Launchpad' topic funds short and focused individual or collaborative actions, which are promoted directly by the FET project beneficiaries or related external parties. The aim of these actions is to take out of the lab a promising result or proof-of-concept that originated from a FET project and to get it on the way to social or economic innovation through new entrepreneurship or otherwise. Meanwhile the FET Innovation Greenhouse provides innovation supports services to help bridging the gap between FET research and its application in industry and for society. The Innovation Greenhouse services are not a priori tailored to a specific FET project but aim to constitute a more generic capacity for innovation from high-risk/high-gain research funded by Future and Emerging Technologies (FET).

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What is the maximum project duration for a FETOPEN-04-2016-2017:FET Innovation Launchpad project?

The Commission considers that proposals for actions no longer than 18 months would allow the Innovation Launchpad specific challenge to be addressed appropriately. Nonetheless, this does not preclude submission and selection of proposals of different duration.

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What is the maximum requested funding allowed for a FETOPEN-04-2016-2017:FET Innovation Launchpad proposal?

The maximum requested funding allowed for a FETOPEN-04-2016-2017:FET Innovation Launchpad proposal is EUR 100,000 (EUR 0.1 million).

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Do page limits apply for proposals in FETOPEN-04-2016-2017:FET Innovation Launchpad?

Yes. Specific page limits apply in Part B* of the proposal:

- A single A4 title page with acronym, title and abstract of the proposal and reference to the FET project it is linked to.
- Maximum 7 A4 pages consisting of an S&T section (section 1), an Impact section (section 2) and an Implementation section (section 3).
- A section 4 (Members of the consortium) to which no page limitation applies.
- A section 5 (Ethics and Security) to which no page limitation applies.
- A final section to attach a letter of confirmation from the owner or right holders of the FET project' research results on any necessary agreements with the applicants to move towards the exploitation of those results. This letter is only required in case the applicants are not the owners of the FET project research result to be taken up in the proposal.

* Proposals must comprise of Part A, containing the administrative information including participant and project cost details on standard forms and of Part B with all the annexes containing the technical description of your proposal.

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Regarding agreements on FET project results necessary for proposals to the FETOPEN-04-2016-2017: FET Innovation Launchpad call topic, what should the requested confirmation letter with owners or right holders of the FET project result/s contain?

The different parties (i.e. the FETOPEN-04-2016-2017:FET Innovation LaunchPad applicant and the owners or rights holders of the linked FET project results) must confirm in the confirmation letter that they have reached agreement to allow the applicant to obtain fair and reasonable terms of access to any results of the linked FET projects necessary for the exploitation of the innovation idea as presented in their FET Innovation LaunchPad proposal.

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Can an individual apply for the FETOPEN-04-2016-2017:FET Innovation Launchpad call?

The FET Innovation LaunchPad call topic is open for application to any legal entity (including natural persons), or group of legal entities, established in an EU Member State or in a country associated to Horizon 2020. Any individual can apply, either as sole applicant or as part of a consortium (being coordinator or partner). All applicants need to register in the Beneficiary Register of the Participant Portal, that will provide the 'Participant Identification Code (PIC)' needed to submit the proposal.