



EmpoWomen Open Call #2

Application Form

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Project Website: www.empowomen.eu

Open Call platform: [Apply here](#)

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1. Introduction

The **main objective of EmpoWomen OC#2** is to actively involve women-led deep-tech early-stage startups in the widening areas. This call seeks to identify and choose promising startups to participate in the second edition of the EmpoWomen acceleration programme. The overarching goal is to offer support that nurtures the development and investment potential of these startups, with the ultimate aim of cultivating them into leading female figures in deep-tech innovation within Europe

The purpose of this document, "**Application Form**", is to provide an offline reference **summarising all the questions** that will be included in the official online application form for the EmpoWomen program. It has been created to **assist applicants in preparing their responses in advance** and to help them understand the scope of the information required.

However, **it is important to note that this document is for guidance purposes only**. It cannot be used to submit your application and should not be considered an official submission. **All applicants are required to submit their applications directly through the [Sploro platform](#)**, where the official online form will be available.

We recommend that you use this offline summary to organise your answers and gather any necessary supporting documentation before accessing the platform. Doing so will streamline the submission process and ensure that you are fully prepared to meet the program's requirements and deadlines.

Please be **mindful of the application timeline and ensure all information is submitted through the official channels within the designated period**.



2. Application Form.

2.1 Contact Information

2.1.1 Applicant's Contact Information

Question	Type	Length
Name	Text	Max. 20 characters
Surname	Text	Max. 20 characters
Gender	Form	-
Email	Email	-
Phone Number + Country Code	Number	-
Position in the company	Text	Max. 100 characters
LinkedIn Profile	URL	-
CV (ENGLISH)	Attachment (PDF)	-

2.1.2 Company Information

Question	Type	Length
Organisation Legal Name	Text	-
Organisation Short Name	Text	-
Organisation Legal Address	Text	-
City/Town	Text	-
Country	Drop-down list	-
VAT/TAX Identification Number	Text	-
Registration Date	Date	-
PIC Number	Text	-
Company Logo (Vector format).	Attachment (Vector Format)	-
Website	URL	-
LinkedIn	URL	-
Facebook	URL	-
Other Social Media	URL	-



2.1.3 Additional Eligibility Information

Question	Type	Length
Was your startup founded or co-founded by women?	YES/NO Form	-
Does the founder or co-founder currently hold key management positions (such as CEO, CTO, or equivalent roles) within the company at the time of submission?	YES/NO Form	-
Does your company meet the criteria to be classified as a Small and Medium-sized Enterprise (SME) according to the [European Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC] ?	YES/NO Form	-
Number of Employees (2023).	Number	-
Add your financial data in the last three years (2021-2023, if applicable): Annual Turnover + Balance Sheet	Number	-
Private funding raised since foundation (in €).	Number	-
Public funding raised since foundation (in €).	Number	-
Has your company been granted any of the following EU Funded projects?	Drop-down Multiple Choice	-
Which of the deep tech technologies is your company addressing?	Multiple Choice	-
Deep tech component - Briefly describe any deep technology elements in the business.	Text	Max. 500 characters



2.2 Excellence

Question	Type	Length
Describe your company, explain your vision and your ambition to scale up.	Text	Max. 1.000 characters
Describe the problem you are trying to address from the customer/user point of view. Explain why it is a problem and for whom.	Text	Max. 1.000 characters
Present the solution. Explain how it works in practice. What it changes for potential users and the way(s) in which it is unique.	Text	Max. 1.000 characters
Describe the technology you are developing or using. Why it has breakthrough potential.	Text	Max. 1.000 characters
TRL Level.	Drop-down Single Choice	-
Explain concretely how you have achieved the current TRL level.	Text	Max. 1.000 characters

2.3 Impact

2.3.1 Business Information

Question	Type	Length
Describe your business model	Text	Max. 1.000 characters
Describe your target market	Text	Max. 1.000 characters
Describe your go-to-market strategy	Text	Max. 750 characters
Why would customers be willing to pay?	Text	Max. 750 characters
Who are the competitors and what are the advantages and disadvantages of your solution?	Drop-down Single Choice	-
Describe your company's IPR Status & strategy.	Text	Max. 1.000 characters
Describe and quantify, if possible, the broad expected impact of your innovation on society, the environment, and climate, the UN Sustainable Development Goals, and job creation. Refer to any relevant EU policy when necessary.	Text	Max. 1.000 characters



2.3.2 Financial Information

Question	Type	Length
Fundraising status	Single Choice	-
Sources of funding so far	Multiple Choice	-
Provide Historical Business Information (2022-2024) and Offer a Forecast for the Next 2 Years (2025-2026): Year; No. of employees, Sales, Private Funding, Grants.	Text	-
Describe your financial needs for grants and investment.	Text	-
Pitch Deck (ENGLISH)	Attachment (PDF)	-

2.4 Implementation

Question	Type	Length
Describe female (co-)founder current position and role within the company and in the project	Text	Max. 750 characters
Key team members: Name, email, LinkedIn, role in the company	Text	-
Key team members	Text	Max. 1.000 characters
How do you ensure gender-equitable representation in leadership roles and ensure equal opportunities for professional development for women in your team?	Text	Max. 1.000 characters
Why you need the support of the EmpoWomen programme.	Text	Max. 500 characters
Outline the specific activities your company plans to undertake in the program and with the grant.	Text	Max. 2.500 characters



2.5 Ethics self-assessment

Question	Type	Length
Does this activity involve Human Embryonic Stem Cells (hESCs)?	YES/NO Form	-
Does this activity involve the use of human embryos?	YES/NO Form	-
Does this activity involve human participants?	YES/NO Form	-
Does this activity involve interventions (physical also including imaging technology, behavioural treatments, etc.) on the study participants?	YES/NO Form	-
Does this activity involve conducting a clinical study as defined by the Clinical Trial Regulation (EU 536/2014)?	YES/NO Form	-
Does this activity involve the use of human cells or tissues?	YES/NO Form	-
Does this activity involve processing of personal data?	YES/NO Form	-
Does this activity involve further processing of previously collected personal data (including use of preexisting data sets or sources, merging existing data sets)?	YES/NO Form	-
Is it planned to export personal data from the EU to non-EU countries?	YES/NO Form	-
Is it planned to import personal data from non-EU countries into the EU or from a non-EU country to another non-EU country?	YES/NO Form	-
Does this activity involve the processing of personal data related to criminal convictions or offences?	YES/NO Form	-
Does this activity involve animals?	YES/NO Form	-
Will some of the activities be carried out in non-EU countries?	YES/NO Form	
Is it planned to use local resources (e.g. animal and/or human tissue samples, genetic material, live animals, human remains, materials of historical value, endangered fauna or flora samples, etc.)?	YES/NO Form	
Is it planned to import any material (other than data) from non-EU countries into the EU or from a non-EU country to another non-EU country? For data imports, see section 4.	YES/NO Form	



Question	Type	Length
Is it planned to export any material (other than data) from the EU to non-EU countries? For data exports, see section 4	YES/NO Form	
Does this activity involve low and/or lower-middle income countries?	YES/NO Form	
Detail the benefit sharing actions planned in the self-assessment	YES/NO Form	
Could the situation in the country put the individuals taking part in the activity at risk?	YES/NO Form	
Does this activity involve the use of substances or processes that may cause harm to the environment, to animals or plants (during the implementation of the activity or further to the use of the results, as a possible impact)?	YES/NO Form	
Does this activity deal with endangered fauna and/or flora / protected areas?	YES/NO Form	
Does this activity involve the use of substances or processes that may cause harm to humans, including those performing the activity (during the implementation of the activity or further to the use of the results, as a possible impact)?	YES/NO Form	
Does this activity involve the development, deployment and/or use of Artificial Intelligence based systems?	YES/NO Form	
Are there any other ethics issues that should be taken into consideration?	YES/NO Form	
For each ethics issue identified, provide a brief explanation of the issue and how it will be managed/mitigated.	Text	Max. 1.000 Characters



2.6 Declaration of Honour

Question	Type	Length
<p><i>By submitting this form, I hereby certify that:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>The information provided for this project is truthful, correct and complete.</i> 2. <i>The information concerning the legal status in the Application for my organisation is correct and complete and concurs with the stipulations outlined in the Guidelines for Applicants, including its annexes (if applicable).</i> 3. <i>My organisation commits to comply with the eligibility criteria set out in the call for proposals for the entire duration of the action.</i> 4. <i>My organisation:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>is committed to participate in the action;</i> • <i>has stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain the activity throughout the action and to provide any counterpart funding necessary;</i> • <i>has or will have the necessary resources needed to implement the action;</i> 5. <i>My organisation:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>is NOT subject to an administrative sanction (i.e., exclusion or financial penalty decision).</i> 6. <i>My organization is NOT in one of the following exclusion situations:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>bankrupt, being wound up, having the affairs administered by the courts, entered into an arrangement with creditors, suspended business activities or subject to any other similar proceedings or procedures;</i> • <i>in breach of social security or tax obligations.</i> 7. <i>My organisation (or persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control, beneficial owners or persons who are essential for the award/implementation of the grant): are NOT in one of the following exclusion situations:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>guilty of grave professional misconduct;</i> • <i>committed fraud, corruption, links to a criminal organisation, money laundering, terrorism-related crimes (including terrorism financing), child labour or human trafficking;</i> • <i>shown significant deficiencies in complying with main obligations under an EU procurement contract, grant agreement or grant decision;</i> • <i>guilty of irregularities within the meaning of Article 1(2) of Regulation No 2988/95;</i> • <i>created under a different jurisdiction with the intent to circumvent fiscal, social, or other legal obligations in the country of origin (including creation of another entity with this purpose).</i> 8. <i>My organisation is NOT subject to a conflict of interest in connection with this grant and will notify — without delay — any situation which could give rise to a conflict of interests.</i> 9. <i>My organisation has NOT and will NOT, neither directly nor indirectly, grant, seek, obtain, or accept any advantage in connection with this grant that would constitute an illegal practice or involve corruption.</i> 10. <i>My organisation has not received any other EU grant for this project and will give notice of any future EU grants related to this project AND of any EU operating grant(s) given to my organisation.</i> 11. <i>My organisation is aware that false declarations may lead to rejection, suspension, termination or reduction of the grant and to administrative sanctions (i.e., financial penalties and/or exclusion from all future EU procurement contracts, grants, prizes and expert contracts).</i> 	<p>YES/NO Form</p>	<p>-</p>

