Call for Applications for EUopSTART
1. and 2. cut off 2020
1. EUopSTART – General Terms and Conditions

1.1. Purpose
The purpose of EUopSTART is to intensify the participation of Danish research institutions and enterprises in European research and innovation. That is why EUopSTART offers grants to fund Danish enterprises' and research institutions' preparatory activities in drawing up applications for a selected number of European research programmes under Horizon 2020.

1.2. Funding and Application Procedure
The available funding amounts to as much as DKK 19.5 million for the whole of 2020.

You will be able to submit EUopSTART applications from 20 January 2020 until and including 19 May 2020. During this period, there will initially be 2 cut offs at 12.00 p.m. (noon) on the following dates:

25 February 2020
19 May 2020

When the work programmes for the new EU research programme, Horizon Europe, have been announced at some point during autumn 2020, there will be a 3. and final cut off. The 3. cut off will be pointed at these work programmes.

After each cut off, the Agency will process the applications which have been received since the last cut off date. Each cut off has been allocated DKK 6.5 million.

The Agency will perform a qualitative evaluation of all applications; see the criteria in Subsection 1.9. Grants will be awarded to those applications which the Agency assesses as best meeting the criteria. Unsuccessful applications may be resubmitted before the subsequent cut off date.

In order to be eligible for a grant, applications must meet the requirements described in the following Subsections 1.3 – 1.8.

1.3. Who is Eligible?
All organisations (public organisations, including municipalities and regions, and private organisations) who are eligible and approved for applying for a Horizon 2020 grant etc. (see Section 1.4) may apply for a EUopSTART grant.

The Agency awards EUopSTART grants to applications that are related to projects that benefit Danish research and innovation. These projects must also be conducted by public- or private-sector enterprises and research institutions domiciled in Denmark. It is the organisation and not the individual researcher who receives a grant from EUopSTART.

Please note that legal organisations seeking to participate in research programmes under Horizon 2020 are required to have sufficient financial means to maintain co-financing of their project participation and to document their payroll costs of participation.
Further, participants are required to possess the requisite research capacity and capability for engaging in international alliances on high-level research. In the research and development projects, the project participants are expected to contribute to the advancement of pioneering, state-of-the-art science and technology, including development as well as integration of and cooperation in research infrastructures of European interest.

1.4 Which Joint European Research Programmes are Eligible?
Under Horizon 2020, you can apply for EUopSTART funding for the following work programmes:

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In addition, you can apply for funding to prepare applications for the following Joint European Research and Innovation Programmes:

- Europe-Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP2)
- Eurostars2
- BONUS
- The European Metrology Programme for Research and Innovation (EMPIR)
- Active and Assisted Living Research and Development Programme (AAL)
- Innovative Medicines 2 (IMI2)
- Fuel Cells and Hydrogen 2 (FCH2)
- Clean Sky 2 (CS2)
Bio-based Industries (BBI)
Electronic Components and Systems for European Leadership (ECSEL)
Shift2Rail
All 10 Joint Programming Initiatives (JPIs)

1.5 General Application Requirements
The applicant must meet the grant eligibility criteria (see Subsection 1.3), and the grant period must be of minimum one month's duration (see Subsection 1.8). The application must be written in Danish or English. Applicants can apply for grants for EU calls with an application deadline falling no later than 31 December 2020.

The mandatory electronic application form is available for download here: http://ufm.dk/euopstart. The application form states which appendices must be attached to the application. Appendices not mentioned in the application form should not be submitted, and will not be included in the evaluation of your application.

EUopSTART grants can only be awarded to projects, which involve at least three partners. However, the EIC Accelerator Pilot and the Eurostars Programme are exempt from this rule.

In addition, the disbursement of grants is conditional on the applicant submitting an application to the research programme under Horizon 2020, which the application concerns.
Furthermore, the disbursement of grants is also conditional on no material changes being made to the project in relation to the information provided in the EUopSTART application. The Horizon 2020 application must fulfill all the criteria in order to be evaluated.

1.6 Grant Size
The size of the grant depends on the activity which is proposed in the EUopSTART application. For more information, see Sections 2 and 3 and the table in Section 4 of this call.

As a partner in a project, you may receive a grant of up to DKK 50,000 for the preparation of an application. If you take on the role of coordinator, you may apply for a grant of up to DKK 75,000, see the table in the Subsection 4 for the specific grant amount.

Top-up grants may not be applied for subsequently, and grants will not be awarded retroactively. You may therefore not apply for funding for activities which you have undertaken in advance of your application for EUopSTART funding. A grant award is valid from the date on which the Agency receives the application and until the deadline for submission of the application to Horizon 2020 etc.

1.7 Eligible Expenses
You may apply for funding to cover eligible expenses defrayed during the grant period, and which are relevant and necessary, and relate directly to preparation of the application.

For all types of applications, you can apply for funding to cover:

- payroll costs for the applicant organisation's staff.
- relevant travel and per diem expenses for the applicant organisation's staff, and expenses for hosting meetings, seminars and the like.
• external assistance (consulting services paid for against invoices).

Please note that an EUopSTART grant may not be used to fund research activities.

You can apply for funding to cover up to 50% of your expenses. The maximum amount is shown in the table in Section 4. The payroll costs must be calculated using a set hourly rate of DKK 600/hour. This hourly rate also includes overheads. Expenses must be itemised exclusive of VAT.

Funding for external assistance may amount to no more than 70% of the total grant which the applicant applies for.

Only grant holders may act as designated contacts and assume responsibility for submission of an application.

Self-financing may consist of either cash or the value of staff hours (based on DKK 600/hour) contributed to the EUopSTART project.

Note, however, the following restrictions:

• additional funding will not be awarded if multiple partners apply for EUopSTART for preparation of the same EU application
• EUopSTART funding for the same EU application must be applied for once only. The Agency does not award funding to the improvement or update of an application which has already received an EUopSTART grant.

Funding applications cannot be accepted for expenses already funded by another public-sector fund. The Danish Agency for Science and Higher Education’s "Terms & Conditions for Grants" applies to the disbursement, utilisation and administration of all grants. The current version is published at http://ufm.dk/forskning-og-innovation/tilskud-til-forskning-og-innovation/find-danske-tilskudsprogrammer/euopstart/vilkar-for-bevillingereuopstart/vilkar-for-bevillinge

1.8. Grant Period
The grant period must be a minimum of one month's duration (30 days). The grant commences on the date of submission of an application for EUopSTART and expires at the latest by the date set as the deadline for submitting an application for the chosen Horizon 2020 programme.

Disbursement of awards is conditional on submission of an application for the proposed European research programme, and on fulfilment of the formal requirements for such applications to ensure that it will be duly considered.

1.9 Processing of Applications
The Agency processes applications on the basis of all timely submissions. Post hoc submissions are, as a rule, not admissible. This is why the project will only be evaluated on the basis of the application. However, the Agency reserves the right to collect further documentation.

Applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

• the applicant has described the concept for the research and development project in explicit and concrete terms (purpose and content). The description must be comprehensible to lay persons.
• the applicant gives a convincing account of how the project concept relates to the EU call (topic) for which the funding application is being made.

• the applicant accounts for how the combination of the project concept and the outlined consortium match the proposed sub-programme, EU call and project type.

• the applicant is able to give a convincing account of the relationship between the impact envisaged in the call/topic text, and the proposed project.

The evaluation criteria form the basis for the Agency's evaluation of applications and its grant-award decision. As this is a competitive call for funding applications, fulfilment of the criteria is no guarantee that funding will be awarded. If the Agency receives a number of applications whose total sum exceeds the funds available, grants will be awarded to those applications that are assessed as best meeting the criteria.

1.10. Supplementary Information
A link to the electronic application form is available at: https://login.e-grant.dk.

1.11. Contacts
Lisbet Elming. Tel.: +45 7231 8252, e-mail: lel@ufm.dk.

2. Special terms and Conditions Applicable to Grants for Enterprises

2.1. Who is Eligible for Funding?
Eligible enterprises must:

• have been in existence for at least 12 months at the time of application.

• not have been declared bankrupt or be in suspension of payments.

• have generated turnover of at least DKK 1 million or have attracted external financing of at least DKK 500,000 or have had at least two full-time employees within the last completed financial year

• not have any past due debts to any public authority (including any debts to a public authority for which the payment-due date has been exceeded).

Private-sector enterprises will receive funding from EUopSTART in accordance with the de minimis rule on state aid (Commission Regulation (EC) No 1407/2013 of 18 December 2013 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 in the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to de minimis aid – the general de minimis regulation). The de minimis rule means that an enterprise that applies for funding over a period of three years is permitted to have received a maximum of EUR 200,000 in state aid. Please note that certain sectors are subject to special de minimis regulations. This concerns enterprises in the agriculture sector\(^1\) as well as fishery and aquaculture sector\(^2\). This means that the

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maximum grant ceiling for the three-year period is substantially lower than the EUR 200,000.

Private-sector enterprises must be able to document that the maximum amount has not been exceeded at the time of application. This must be documented by signing a State Aid De Minimis Declaration. The declaration is provided in the electronic application form. The declaration must be appended to the application form.


2.2. Special Terms and Conditions for SMEs
Only enterprises that meet the EU conditions for claiming SME status are eligible for EUopSTART grants for preparing applications for the EIC Accelerator Pilot and Eurostars programme. The SME definition is available at the European Commission’s website http://ec.europa.eu/growth/smes/business-friendly-environment/sme-definition_da

Danish SMEs seeking to apply for funding to participate in the Eurostars programme, are also required to meet the following conditions at the time of application:

• they must be research-intensive SMEs
• they must be able to document that they have the scientific and financial resources to complete their share of the Eurostars project.

2.3 Specifically Concerning Applications for the EIC Accelerator Pilot under Horizon 2020
If you apply for the EIC Accelerator Pilot, the maximum grant is DKK 50,000. There is no requirement for consortium formation concerning this scheme. This means that you can apply for performing the proposed project solo.

For the EIC Accelerator Pilot, you may only apply for a grant for phase 2 of the instrument. Grants are not awarded for preparing an application for phase 1.

3. Special Conditions Applicable to Funding for Public Research Institutions (Universities, Approved Technological Service Institutes, etc.)

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3.1. Who is Eligible for Funding?
Universities, municipalities, regions, Approved Technological Service Institutes ("GTS Institutes") and other public-sector research institutions.

3.2. Grant Size
The size of the grant depends on which programme the funding is to cover, and the applicant's role in the project; see the table in Section 4.

4. List of Funding Opportunities and Amounts
The following table lists the various funding opportunities and the associated maximum grants available.

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