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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

| Abbreviation | Full name |
|---------------------|---|
| DALIA | Danube Region Water Lighthouse Action |
| OVF | General Directorate Water Management |
| BIOEAST Initiative | Central-Eastern European Initiative for Knowledge-based Agriculture, Aquaculture and Forestry in the Bioeconomy |
| TWG Fresh Water BBE | Thematic Working Group Fresh Water Based Bioeconomy initiated by the BIOEAST Initiative |
| CCSS | Czech Centre for Science and Society |
| PCS | Plastic Cup Society |
| CZU | Czech University of Life Sciences Prague |
| PaW | People and Water NGO |
| KUEI | CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF EICHSTÄTT-INGOLSTADT |
| SZE | SZECHENYI ISTVAN UNIVERSITY |
| TGM WRI | T.G. MASARYK WATER RESEARCH INSTITUTE, P.R.I. |
| BIOPOLUS | BIOPOLUS INSTITUTE NONPROFIT PLC |
| UDJG | UNIVERSITY OF GALATI |
| NIHWM (INHGA) | NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HYDROLOGY AND WATER MANAGEMENT |
| UNSF | FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE, UNIVERSITY OF NOVI SAD |
| XIA | EXPRESS INNOVATION AGENCY VMV NONPROFIT ZARTKORUEN MUKODO RESZVENYTARSASAG |

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| CWBA | CRISURI WATER BASIN ADMINISTRATION |
| INCDPM | THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION |
| FAU | UNIVERSITY OF ERLANGEN-NUREMBERG |
| IRI | THE INSTITUTE FOR DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION |
| BRCCI | BULGARIAN-ROMANIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION |
| ASE | BUCHAREST UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMIC STUDIES |
| F6S | F6S NETWORK IRELAND LIMITED |
| MBAG | METEOBLUE AG |
| WP | Work Package |
| KoM | Kick-off meeting |
| CT | Communication Team |

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This document provides the relevant information regarding the Open Call for proposals for the DALIA project, also referred to as DALIA Open Call – Rivers Revived. The DALIA Rivers Revived aims to transfer the knowledge from DALIA pilot regions (DPs) into new pilot regions with similar conditions, by engaging local and regional authorities to select one of the DPSs regions and replicate it thus demonstrating the transferability, feasibility, and scalability of such solutions for the Danube river.



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INTRODUCTION

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ABOUT DALIA PROJECT

The DALIA (Danube Region Water Lighthouse Innovation Action) project comprises 22 expert organisations – including universities, authorities, SMEs, and NGOs – from 8 different Danube EU and Associated countries. The consortium accumulates an outstanding set of knowledge, covering not only the basin geographically but all different fields of expertise necessary to deal with the multidisciplinary issues from source to sea.

The project aims to transfer the knowledge from DALIA pilot regions (DPS) into new pilot regions with similar conditions, which will be selected, among other, based on similarities with first 9 DPS and demonstrate capacity to scalable-up solutions for the Danube river basin.

The goal of the project is to improve the knowledge to restore ecosystems in the Danube river basin and by doing so, to support practitioners in prioritising and implementing innovations, increase evidence for successful approaches and strengthen the foundations for large scale restoration projects.

DALIA Rivers Revived provides financial support to third parties via an open call to showcase the feasibility, replicability and scale up of the demonstration activities. The call has two main goals:

- To enlarge the pool of regions, which will support implementation of the Ocean Water Mission.
- To deploy increasing numbers of small-scale pilots that demonstrate the transferability of results.

For more information: <https://dalia-danube.eu/>

DALIA PROGRAMME EXECUTION TIMELINE

Submissions to DALIA Open Call will be enabled on 18 July to 16 October 2024 at 17h00 CET (Brussels Time).

DALIA will publish the open call widely and adhere to EU standards of transparency, equal treatment, conflict of interest and confidentiality. The call, with a clear European dimension, will be published in DALIA's website and also on the 'Funding & Tender Portal'.

Open Call will be open for submissions for a period of 3 months. Local and/or Regional Authorities will select the DALIA pilot regions (DPSs) and replicate it in Associated Regions thus demonstrating the transferability, feasibility, and scalability of such solutions for the Danube river.

A list of the DALIA pilot regions (DPSs) available for replication is provided in this document (Annex 2), however if the potential applicants would like to know more about the DALIA Pilot regions (DPSs) they can consult the catalogue in the DALIA project website ([DEMO SITES](#)).

In the Figure 1, presented below, it is possible to see the timeline for the activities expected under the DALIA Open Call.

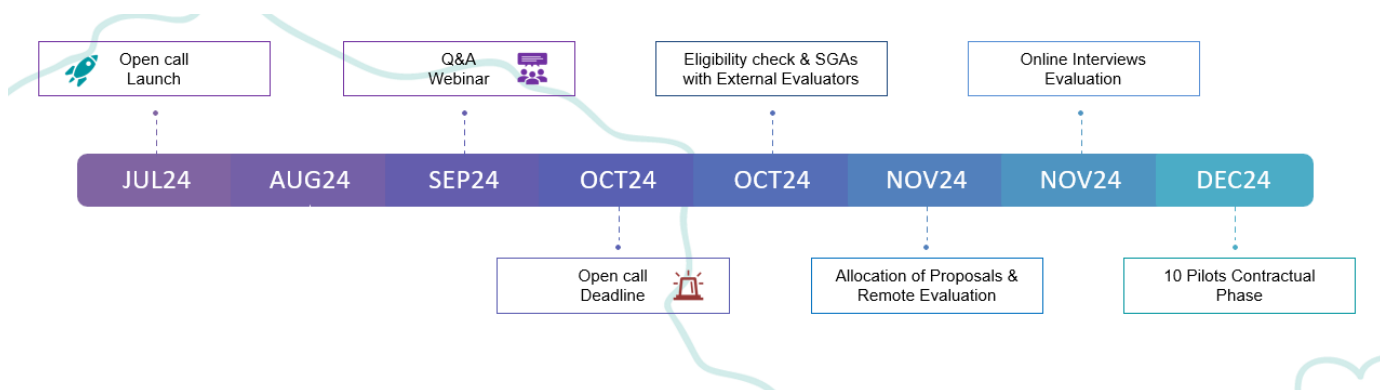


Figure 1: DALIA Open Call Timeline.

The selected sub-projects/pilots will have a duration of 24 months. During the first 12 months, selected pilots will be provided with a set of trainings and knowledge transfer that will capacitate and prepare them for the pilots’ execution in selected associated regions. This will be prepared as demonstration of replicability of DALIA pilots in associated regions. This is followed by another 12 months of selected pilots’ execution. During the execution period, selected pilots will be monitored regarding the effectiveness of the pilots’ results. This will be achieved with the participation of experts from the associated pilots’ regions and will be based on a multi factor approach as the best co-creative mechanism fully aligned with the pilot’s implementation.

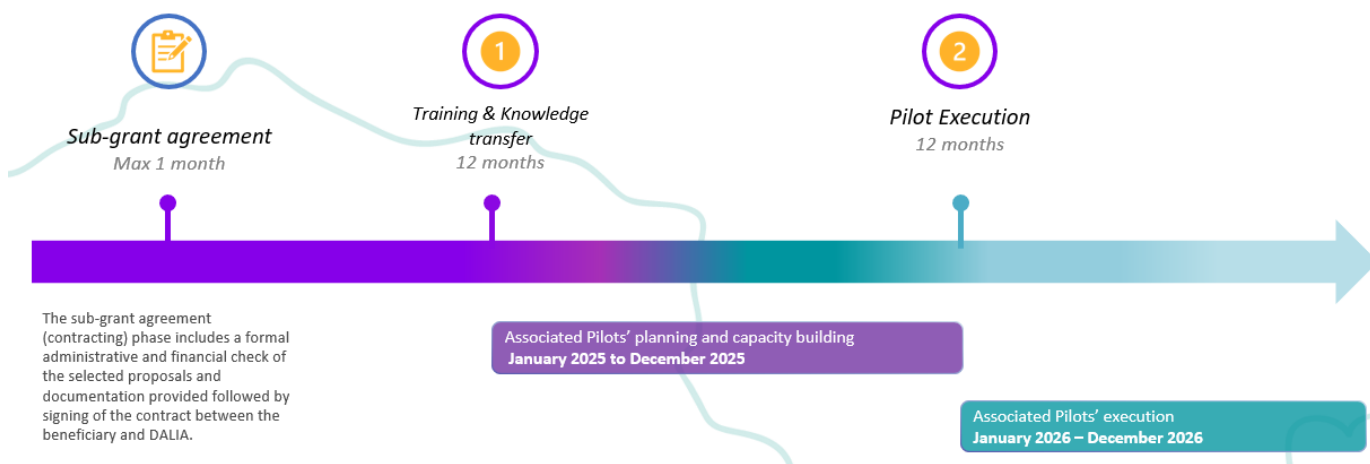


Figure 2: DALIA Associated Pilots’ Planning and Execution Timeline.

Please note that all these dates are preliminary and can be subject to change.



GENERAL INFORMATION

MEANS OF SUBMISSION

The proposal must be submitted through DALIA Knowledge Hub platform, via the following Application form: <https://kms.dalia-danube.eu/open-call/>. This will be the entry point for all proposals submission to DALIA Open Call. Submissions received by any other channel will be automatically discarded.

Documents required in subsequent phases of the DALIA programme will be submitted via a dedicated channel, which will be indicated by the DALIA consortium during the sub-granted pilots planning and execution periods.

LANGUAGE

English is the official language for DALIA Open Call. English is also the only official language during the whole execution of the DALIA programme. This means any requested submission of deliverables will be done in English.

DATA PROTECTION

DALIA Knowledge and Monitoring System prioritizes the security of your proposal data. All information submitted through the portal for the DALIA Open Call proposal submission will be processed according to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). We will only collect data necessary for the evaluation process and store it securely on our servers. Your data will not be shared with any third party without your explicit consent. You have the right to access, rectify, or erase your data at any point.

DALIA REPLICATION PROGRAMME

One of the key features of the DALIA project is to help Danube Associated Regions to overcome particular challenges by providing innovative and open environments where local systems will be connected with technology and solution providers. This will be achieved by transferring the knowledge from DALIA pilot regions (DPS) into new pilot regions with similar conditions.

Potential applicants will be able to select one or multiple activities that will be replicated in the respective associated region. **The main activity will be to replicate the selected pilot in the associated region.** This will be accompanied by a thorough documentation of the implementation, validation feedback from stakeholders and short-term, mid-term and long-term expected impacts.

For more information concerning the DALIA Knowledge Pilots (DPSs) replication please consult the information available on our [DALIA KMS platform](#).

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

All applicants must abide by all general requirements described in this section to be considered eligible for DALIA Open Call. **Therefore, please read this section carefully.**

BENEFICIARIES ELIGIBILITY

Under the DALIA Open call, the applicants must be a **Local and/or Regional Authority**.¹ The DALIA Open Call will be open to Local and/or Regional Authorities according to the Horizon Europe topic call text. Applicants may apply as **one single organisation or as a team of up to 3 partner organisations** from one or multiple eligible countries. In case of team submission, one organisation will act as lead organisation but all will need to be local or regional authorities.

In case of eligibility doubt, DALA may request the applicant **to provide a legal document, signed by a responsible representative of the organization, stating that the applicant is recognized as a regional or local authority.**

Technical providers, SMEs, start-up, and other private companies **cannot be considered** local or regional authorities and hence cannot be recipients of the DALIA Open Call funding. The awarded applicant that has the legal status of a local or regional authority may explore ways of collaborating with such entities, e.g. through subcontracting, in conformity with all applicable national legislation and public procurement rules, to the benefit of implementing the proposed project or achieving strong impact. These collaborations should be balanced and follow the principle of complementarity.

ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES

Only applicants legally established in any of the following countries (hereinafter collectively identified as the 'Eligible Countries) are eligible²:

- The Member States (MS) of the European Union (EU), including their outermost regions,
- Horizon Europe-associated countries.

All countries of the partners of the DALIA project consortium are not eligible.

¹ DALIA defines 'Local or regional authorities' from an associated region as legal entities, including bodies representing a regional/local authority (such as regional/local agencies, regional planning bodies, regional/local port authorities, etc.), whose role is significant and relevant for showcasing the feasibility, replicability and scalability of the solutions developed in the project.

² https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/list-3rd-country-participation_horizon-euratom_en.pdf



- **Eligible:** Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Republic of Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, and Sweden. Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Faroe Islands, Georgia, Iceland, Israel, Kosovo, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, Tunisia, Türkiye, United Kingdom, Ukraine.
- **Non-eligible regions are all the countries, in which the DALIA project partners are based:** Bulgaria, Czechia, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia and Switzerland.

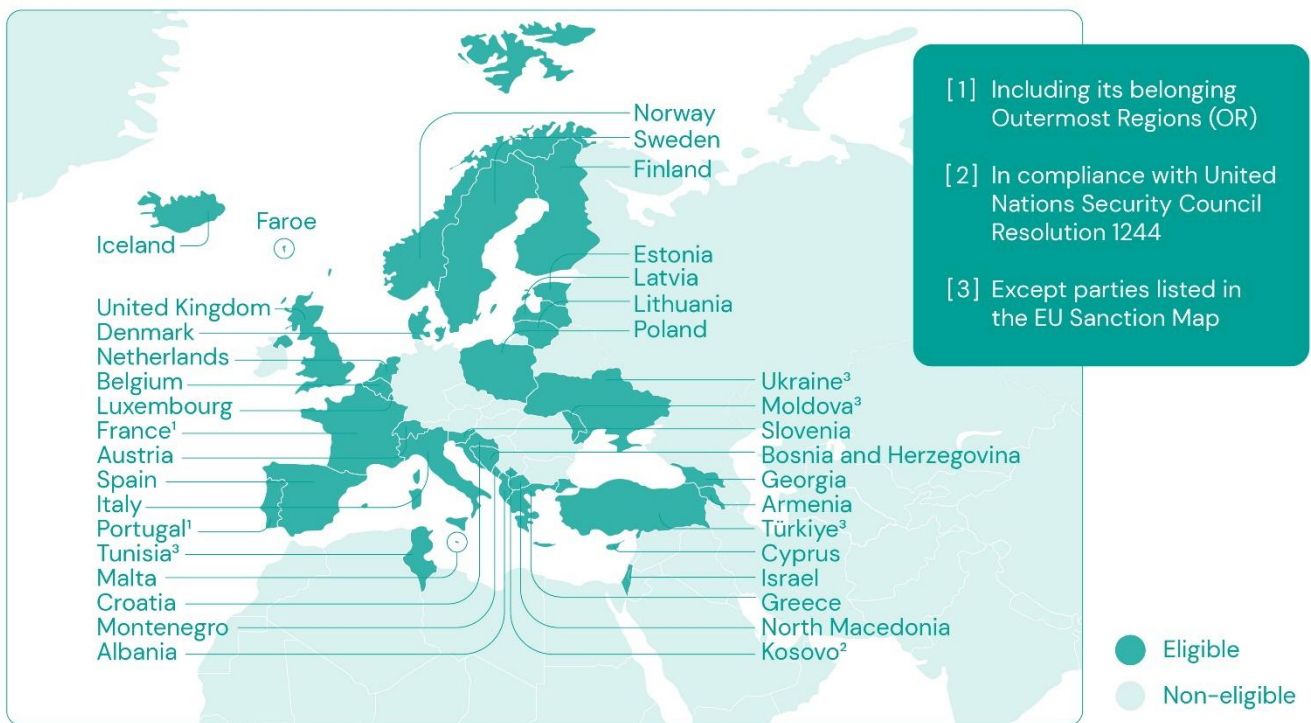


Figure 3: DALIA Eligible Countries.

In general, DALIA Open Call follows the rules applied by the EC for the R&D Programme Horizon Europe in terms of geographical coverage, eligibility, and exclusions, which take precedence. **EU restrictive measures also apply to financial support to third parties³.**

PROPOSAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Only one proposal will be accepted for funding per applicant or team members in case of team submission. In the case of a multiple submission, only the last one received (timestamp of the system) will enter into the evaluation process, the rest being declared as non-eligible. If the last submitted proposal is declared not eligible or fails to reach the thresholds of the evaluation, the other proposals submitted earlier will not be considered for evaluation in any case.

³ <https://www.sanctionsmap.eu/#/main>
Open Call Guidelines for Applicants



Only proposals submitted before the deadline will be considered. **The deadline for this open call is 16 October 2024, at 17h00 CET (Brussels time).**

If submission deadlines are changed, DALIA will immediately announce this and inform registered applicants.

DALIA OPEN CALL EVALUATION PROCESS

CHECK OF PROPOSAL ELIGIBILITY

Before assigning external evaluators, each proposal will be verified by the DALIA consortium. The consortium will verify that:

- The proposal is aligned with the goal of DALIA project and Open Call objectives and the DPS Replication selected,
- The applicants are based in EU Member States or Horizon Europe Associated Countries,
- The submission of the Proposal Technical Template (*as given in Annex 1*), with all the required sections is completed,
- The application is written in English,
- There are no multiple applications from the same consortium under DALIA Open Call,
- The same entity does not appear in multiple proposals under DALIA Open Call.

REMOTE EVALUATION

The evaluation process will be undertaken after the deadline for applying to DALIA Open Call is concluded, to ensure a fair process. DALIA Open call will execute a trustworthy evaluation procedure.

An external evaluation board with experience and high levels of knowledge in the field of innovation and in the areas associated with DALIA project, that will evaluate each received proposal, scoring it based on the following evaluation criteria:



Table 1: DALIA Open Call Remote Evaluation Criteria.

| No | CRITERION | WEIGHT | SCORE | DESCRIPTION |
|----|----------------|--------|---------|---|
| 1 | Excellence | 35% | [0 – 5] | Applicants must align with the OC objectives and the degree to which proposed solution addresses the DALIA DPS replication, including added value to the Associated Region. Quality of the proposed solution. How innovative it is (demonstrate the innovation potential compared to the existing technology and/or solutions available). Quality of the team allocate to the proposal, in terms of expertise and management experience/capacity to deliver the project in the timescales as well as comply with the proposed budget specified. |
| 2 | Impact | 35% | [0 – 5] | Level of impact in matters of: Environment, Economy, and Society. Development outcomes, business scalability/replicability, and targeted markets through a go-to-market strategy. Proposals must demonstrate impact on the DALIA ecosystem and its contribution to meeting the overall project objectives. Demonstrate a clear effectiveness of the proposed measures to exploit and disseminate the project proposal results (including management of IPR), to communicate the project proposal, and to manage research data where relevant. |
| 3 | Implementation | 25% | [0 – 5] | Applicants must define a clear set of deliverables and KPIs aligned with the objectives of the OCs. Quality of the workplan (including milestones), including appropriateness of the allocation of tasks and resources, justifications of resources. Proposals must also include a clear budget definition: clearly explain the presented budget distribution per project phases, deliverables/milestones, and consortium members (in case of a consortium application). |

Each Criterion will have a mark between 0 and 5. Half points scores are not given. For each criterion under examination, scores values will indicate the following assessment:

- **0 = Proposal fails** to address the criterion or cannot be assessed due to missing or incomplete information.
- **1 = Poor:** criterion is inadequately addressed or there are serious inherent weaknesses.
- **2 = Fair:** proposal broadly addresses the criterion, but there are significant weaknesses.
- **3 = Good:** proposal addresses the criterion well, but a number of shortcomings are present.

- **4 = Very good:** proposal addresses the criterion very well, but a small number of shortcomings are present.
- **5 = Excellent:** proposal successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion. Any shortcomings are minor.

For each section, **the minimum threshold is 3 out of 5 points. If a proposal receives less than 3 in any of the criteria it will be rejected automatically.**

Each proposal will be evaluated by two external evaluators. They will record their individual opinion of each proposal on an Individual Evaluation Report. The final scores of the two external evaluators that independently review the application will be compared and analysed. If these two scores given in any criterion differ by 30% or more, the external evaluators will be required to gather in a consensus meeting to find a common ground and lower the difference to less than 30%, for the sake of a more homogeneous result.

After the remote evaluation, proposals will be ranked based on overall score (average between the two evaluators scores). All proposals will receive an online interview acceptance or rejection letter together with an anonymized version of their proposal Evaluation Summary Report (ESR), informing about their overall scores and overall comments from the evaluators.

ONLINE INTERVIEW

The top 20 (tentative) ranked proposals will be invited to interview with external evaluators and the respective DPS partner(s) whose replication(s) have been selected.

The online interview aims to go into details in what it refers to as concept and innovativeness; team and engagement; and capacity and willingness to exploit experiment results. The interviews will be assessed by 2 evaluators, having F6S as moderators of the online interviews. In addition, the project DPS partners will also be present in the online interviews and will provide advice on the feasibility of the top ranked proposals.

The following criteria are to be evaluated long the interview:

Table 2. DALIA Open Call Online Interview Evaluation Criteria.

| No | CRITERION | WEIGHT | SCORE | DESCRIPTION |
|----|------------|--------|---------|---|
| 1 | Excellence | 40% | [0 – 5] | Confirmation of the proposed targets, quality of the proposed solution, and technology fit. |



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|---|----------------------------------|-----|---------|--|
| | | | | Degree to which proposed solution addresses the DALIA DPS replication, including added value to the Associated Region. |
| 2 | Impact | 30% | [0 – 5] | Level of impact in matters of: Environment, Economy, and Society. Development outcomes, business scalability/replicability, and targeted markets through a go-to-market strategy. Applicants must define a clear set of deliverables and KPIs aligned with the objectives of the OCs. Proposals must demonstrate impact on the DALIA ecosystem and its contribution to meeting the overall project objectives. |
| 3 | Implementation and Team Capacity | 20% | [0 – 5] | Quality of the workplan (including milestones); Complementarity and capacity of the team, based on proven experience to deliver the proposed solution and to commercialise it. |

After the online interviews, evaluators form a consensus regarding the evaluation and a consensus report is prepared. A final ranking meeting will be organised to select the Top 10 best proposals. All proposals will be ranked based on their interview final scores.

At the end, **DALIA expects to fund up to 10 sub-projects/pilots from at least 5 different Associated Regions**, and 5 others will remain in a reserve list in case a selected sub-project/pilot fails to enter the DALIA programme.

All applicants will be informed about the evaluation results. All proposals will receive an acceptance or rejection letter together with an anonymized version of their proposal Consensus Evaluation Report (CER).

DALIA will publish the outcomes of the calls without delay, including a description of the projects to be financed, the date of the award, the duration and the legal name and country.

REDRESS PROCESS

Within 3 working days of the delivery of a rejection letter considering the project proposal as not eligible or an ESR, a proposer may submit a request for redress if s/he believes the results of the eligibility checks have not been correctly applied, or if s/he feels that there has been a shortcoming in the way his/her project proposal has been evaluated that may affect the final decision on whether to enter the DALIA Open Call or not.

In that case, an internal review committee of the DALIA consortium will examine the request for redress. The committee's role is to ensure a coherent interpretation of such requests, and equal treatment of applicants.

Requests must be:

- Related to the evaluation process or eligibility checks,



- Clearly describe the complaint,
- Received within the time limit (3 working days) from the reception of a rejection letter considering the project proposal as not eligible or the ESR information letter delivered,
- Sent by the Consortium leader legal representative that has also submitted the project proposal.

The committee will review the complaint and will recommend an appropriate course of action. If there is clear evidence of a shortcoming that could affect the eventual funding decision, it is possible that all or part of the project proposal will be re-evaluated.

Please note:

- This procedure is concerned only with the evaluation and/or eligibility checking process. The committee will not call into question the scientific or technical judgement of appropriately qualified experts.
- A re-evaluation will only be carried out if there is evidence of a shortcoming that affects the final decision on whether to fund it or not. This means, for example, that a problem relating to one evaluation criterion will not lead to a re-evaluation if a project proposal has failed anyway on other criteria.
- The evaluation score following any re-evaluation will be regarded as definitive. It may be lower than the original score.

Only one request for redress per project proposal will be considered by the committee. All requests for redress will be treated in confidence and must be sent to Project Coordinator via the DALIA Knowledge Hub platform.

DALIA PROPOSALS PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION

The following chapter shows all the relevant information for a successful application to DALIA Rivers Revived Open Call.

OPEN CALL PUBLICATION

DALIA Open Call will be open from **18 July to 16 October 2024 at 17h00 CET time (Brussels time)**.

Candidate consortia are invited to submit their applications and corresponding documents on the DALIA Knowledge Hub platform. Applicants will have the following documentation to support their application:



- **DALIA Open Call Guidelines for Applicants**, this document.
- **Annex 1: DALIA Open Call Proposal Technical Template**, mandatory word document for applicants to prepare and submit proposals. It will include the following sections: Excellence, Impact, and Implementation.
- **Frequently Asked Questions & answers** published in the DALIA project website which applicants can consult. This page will be updated accordingly.

Applicants are expected to provide complete, accurate data and contact details.

PROPOSAL PREPARATION

Please follow the steps:

- For the application preparation, potential applicants are requested to apply via an application form and answers to all mandatory questions (with no exception) at: <https://kms.dalia-danube.eu/open-call/>.
- All applicants must complete and submit the **Annex 1: DALIA Open Call Proposal Technical Template**, in which they will present their respective proposal. Applicants who fail to do so will not be considered eligible.
- All applicants must accept the terms and conditions.
- Be concrete and concise. Questions have character limitations. Please examine all the open call documents and for more information please go to DALIA project website (<https://dalia-danube.eu/>).
- It is highly recommended to submit your proposal application well before the deadline. If the applicant discovers an error in the asset application, and provided the call deadline has not passed, the applicant may request the DALIA team to enable them to re-submit the asset application (for this purpose please contact us at kms@cccscs.cz). **However, DALIA is not committed that resubmission in time will be feasible in case the request for resubmission is not received by the DALIA team at least 48 hours before the call deadline.**

It is strongly recommended not to wait until the last minute to submit the asset application. Failure of the asset application to arrive in time for any reason, including network communications delays or working from multiple browsers or multiple browser windows, is not acceptable as an extenuating circumstance. The time of receipt of the application as recorded by the submission system will be definitive.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Interested applicants must go to DALIA Knowledge HUB (<https://kms.dalia-danube.eu/>), to be able to access the DALIA Open Call Rivers Revived page (<https://kms.dalia-danube.eu/open-call/>). This will be the central interface for managing the DALIA open call applications.



Submissions will be **done ONLY** via the DALIA Knowledge Hub platform on <https://kms.dalia-danube.eu/open-call/>. A full list of applicants will be drafted containing their basic information for statistical purposes and clarity (which will be also shared with EC for transparency).

The application reception will close on **16 October 2024, at 17h CET (Brussels Time)**.

DALIA FINANCIAL SUPPORT

FUNDING LIMITATION

DALIA River Revived will provide a total of EUR 1.000.000 in financial support, with each sub-project allowed to request up to a **maximum of EUR 100.000**. DALIA expects to fund up to 10 sub-projects proposals from at least 5 different regions.

List of type of activities that can receive financial support:

- Revitalisation of ecological systems
- Ecosystem monitoring and restoration
- Reconnection of floodplains
- River connectivity
- River Catchment rehydration
- Sediment management activities
- Litter clean-up in rivers and connecting ecosystems

Applicants (third party) to DALIA Rivers Revived can benefit from the financial support to third parties provided by the DALIA project only once provided the same third party has not been selected for award in the same topic call ([HORIZON-MISS-2021-OCEAN-03-01](#)) from other projects' Open calls.

SELECTED SUB-PROJECTS PAYMENTS

DALIA funding is results-driven, provided in a lump sum way. As such, there is no need for a traditional administrative-justification system (e.g., counting hourly dedication or calculating workload), but getting the funding is associated with the full achievement of the relevant milestones and KPIs.

The requested funding will be granted in three (3) payments, along the sub-project (pilots) execution period.



Each selected sub-project will receive the first payment (M1) corresponding to a total of 40% of the sub-projects budget, at the start of the sub-project execution period, after the official DALIA Rivers Revived kick-off.

One interim payment of a maximum 40% of the eligible costs, will be associated with a positive assessment of the mid-term report/deliverable submitted by **M6** of the execution period.

One final payment, consisting of the remaining part of the approved eligible costs incurred by the sub-project for the implementation of the pilot, associated with a positive assessment of the final report submitted by **M12** of the execution period.

SUBCONTRACTING PRINCIPLES

If resorting to subcontracting to implement the proposed actions in the application, it should cover only a limited part of the proposed project activities and must be performed by third parties (not by the applicant). The applicants need to explain clearly why they are not able to carry out certain tasks included in the proposal and why these tasks need to be subcontracted to another entity. The applicants, nevertheless, maintain the full responsibility for the implementation, according to the application (including the timeline and quality), and will be the owners of the deliverables, as well as the main contact with the experts and the DALIA project.

Subcontracting is recommended up to a maximum of 30% of the total project budget. In any case subcontracting must be duly justified in the application with regard to the objectives and outcomes of the proposed actions, the expected impact on the Associated Region, the public interest, and the sustainability of the achieved results.

Subcontractors implementing limited parts of the action are not subject to the eligibility rules (i.e. they do not have to comply with the rules for geographical location and they do not have to be local/regional authorities). However, the geographical location of the implemented activities (as defined by the eligibility criteria for the OC) has to be respected during the implementation of the action. For example, the subcontractor may be from a non-eligible country, but the implementation of the activity/service has to be in the country/region of the applicant.

The selection of the subcontractor has to be fully documented (in case of audits from the EC) and should be implemented strictly in compliance with the public procurement legislation applicable to the organization submitting the proposal in this DALIA Open Call (i.e. national procedures for tendering and national public procurement rules apply). It is the responsibility of the DALIA Open Call beneficiaries to avoid conflict of interest when awarding subcontracts.

DALIA partner organizations cannot be subcontractors in any of the project proposals submitted in DALIA Open Call, as they cannot benefit from the Open Call grant, directly or indirectly. These collaborations based on subcontracting principles must be balanced and follow the principle of complementarity.

NEGOTIATION PROCESS TO ACCESS DALIA PROGRAMME

After the Open Call evaluation conclusion and project proposals selection, the DALIA coordinator (OVF) will start the Sub-Grant Agreement (Contract) preparation in collaboration with the proposals' coordinator that have been evaluated. The Sub-Grant Agreement (Contract) preparation will go via an administrative and financial checking (and potentially into technical or ethical/security negotiations) based on evaluators' comments. The objective of the Sub-Grant Agreement (Contract) preparation is fulfilling the legal requirements between the DALIA consortium and every beneficiary's consortium of the DALIA Open Call. There will be an inclusion of the comments (if any) in the Consensus Evaluation Report of the project proposal and mapping to the Sub-Grant Agreement (Contract).

Through the Sub-Grant Agreement, DALIA will ensure the contractual obligations of beneficiaries under the following articles 12 (conflict of interest), 13 (confidentiality and security), 14 (ethics), 17.2 (visibility), 18 (specific rules for carrying out action), 19 (information) and 20 (recordkeeping) also apply to the third parties receiving the support (recipients). The beneficiaries must also ensure that the bodies mentioned in Article 25 (e.g. granting authority, OLAF, Court of Auditors (ECA), etc.) can exercise their rights also towards the recipients.

CONTACTS

The DALIA consortium will provide information to the applicants via the DALIA Knowledge Hub platform, making the information available and visible to all participants (questions and answers).

Apply via: <https://kms.dalia-danube.eu/open-call-form/>

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DALIA KMS Registration: <https://kms.dalia-danube.eu/accounts/login/>

DALIA KMS support: kms@cccscs.cz

More info at: <https://kms.dalia-danube.eu/open-call/>

DALIA Coordinator (for contractual aspects and payments): lakatos.boglarka@ovf.hu, kelemen.gergely@ovf.hu

