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SEAL of EXCELLENCE

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Points of interest

Previous experience

Alignment of **selection criteria** and **eligible costs**

Not so wide response of enterprises

Different State aid rules between **Horizon** and **PON IC 14-20**

Lack of synchronisation between European calls (SoE) and national calls

State aid

New **Regulation (EU) 2023/1315 (GBER) art. 25 bis**, perfect alignment **art. 73.4 CPR** and **guideline Horizon Europe**

Residual relevance **art. 25?**

Seal of Excellence

Suitable for **single beneficiary** components

Possible extension to other calls in **Pillar 2?**

Is it possible to **replicate SOE** procedure with ***evaluation summary report?***

In **national calls** can we **apply State aid rules** like those provided by **GBER?**

Partnership

Can the **Seal of Excellence** also be included in **co-financed partnerships?**

Procedures and timing

SoE

Object

- ☐ Issuing an open call for tenders
- ☐ Coordinated with EIC Transition and Accelerator calls

Mirror

Object

- ☐ Issuing "replica" calls open to all with reservation for projects also applying to Horizon Europe
- ☐ Coordinated with the pending calls of Pillar 2, Clusters 4, 5, 6.

Downstream

Object

- ☐ Issuing national calls on the same topics Horizon calls with intermediate Technology Readiness Level
- ☐ Coordinated with closed or closing calls Pillar 2, Clusters 4, 5, 6

MIMIT Procedure

1. MD signature

Contents

- ☐ Matching and assumption of Horizon Europe funding modalities (cost categories, maximum amounts, methods for calculating eligible costs, form and intensity of the contribution)

Constraints

- ☐ Eligibility of SoE projects max 6/12/18 months previous

2. Control bodies: 60 days

Contents

- ☐ National procedure aligned with Horizon (expenditure categories, maximum amounts, evaluation)

Constraints

- ☐ Replication of calls with high TRL (6-8) and consistent with National Smart Specialisation Strategy (NSSS) with comparable timing
- ☐ Self-conscious projects and difficulty in acquiring the "evaluation summary report"

3. Opening DD

Contents

- ☐ Autonomous national procedure but explicitly referring to relevant Horizon Europe references

Constraints

- ☐ Timing of national thematic calls for proposals consistent with Horizon call closures