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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

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- ❑ 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

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- ❑ 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

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

#### Constraints

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