



# Bridging the Interoperability Gap of the Internet of Things

Open call II

Eligibility Criteria



## 1 Eligible subjects

The call is open to individual **European SMEs, startups, companies, universities, research institutes, public agencies, public utilities, publicly owned companies** that:

1. at the moment of the presentation of the proposal are legally registered in a member state of the European Union or in an H2020 associated country<sup>1</sup>;
2. at the moment of the submission of the proposal are not funded by or otherwise affiliated with any BIG IoT partner<sup>2</sup>. This condition will be certified by uploading a Declaration of non affiliation in the application form.

Participants not respecting the above cited rules will be considered uneligible.

Selected entities will receive funding according to the conditions of the H2020 Framework Program for Research and Innovation as third parties of Siemens AG<sup>3</sup>.

Only **one entity per proposal** will be admitted, so activities in co-operation will not be considered eligible; each participant can submit more than one application but **only one application per participant will be funded**. Documented support of other parties can strengthen a proposal. For example, a company integrating an IoT platform of a governmental institution can strengthen its proposal through documented support of that institution (e.g., in form of a letter of intent).

## 2 Eligible countries

Legal entities that fulfill the above described conditions and are established in the following countries are eligible to receive funding through the Open call:

- The Member States (MS) of the European Union (EU), including their overseas departments (based on the general H2020 rules) (4);
- The EU Associated Countries participate in Horizon 2020 under the same conditions as EU Member States. There are, as of 1<sup>st</sup> january 2017, sixteen countries associated to H2020 (5).

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<sup>1</sup> Eligibility criteria are the same as H2020 rules of participation:

[https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/legal\\_basis/rules\\_participation/h2020-rules-participation\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/legal_basis/rules_participation/h2020-rules-participation_en.pdf)

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<sup>2</sup> List of the BIG IoT partners can be found on <http://big-iot.eu/>

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.fch.europa.eu/sites/default/files/h2020-rules-participation\\_en.pdf](http://www.fch.europa.eu/sites/default/files/h2020-rules-participation_en.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> [http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/docs/h2020-funding-guide/cross-cutting-issues/international-cooperation\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/docs/h2020-funding-guide/cross-cutting-issues/international-cooperation_en.htm)

<sup>5</sup> [http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/grants\\_manual/hi/3cpart/h2020-hi-list-ac\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/grants_manual/hi/3cpart/h2020-hi-list-ac_en.pdf)