

Information on the possibilities of higher education institutions operated by public interest asset management foundations to apply for funds following the European Council ban

Implementing decision 2022/2506 of the European Council was adopted on 15 December 2022, according to which Hungarian higher education institutions that are operated by public interest asset management foundations are not eligible for support from direct or indirect EU grant schemes.

In an effort to address this situation, the Hungarian Government has set up the so-called Government's Own Resources Fund, a grant scheme to support the institutions concerned in order to enable them to continue to participate in these projects.

The Fund provides opportunities for proposals submitted under Horizon Europe (including COST actions), Erasmus+ and other EU programmes for education, science, research and innovation under direct and indirect management to participate in international cooperations.

As a general rule, participation in international projects is possible only and exclusively as an associated partner, but the tasks and budgets are typically broader than those normally assigned to associated partners.

An application for a grant from the Government's Own Resources Fund can be submitted either during the preparation of a proposal or for a project that has already been awarded and has a grant contract.

The NRDIO facilitates communication with foreign partners by issuing a so-called certificate; and with the annex to be completed by the coordinators about the tasks and budget of the such universities, it can provide both national sponsors and international partnerships with an assurance concerning the participation of Hungarian institutions.

For further information, see:

<https://nkfih.gov.hu/palyazoknak/kormanyzati-onero-alap>