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1. TRUBLO SUMMARY

As societies and human/social networks grow, people increasingly turn to digital networks for direct and far more functional ways of finding and disseminating information. In such networks, trust in the medium and disseminating information and content has inevitably to rely more and more on technologically assisted means. Blockchain technology can contribute to the evolution of Next Generation Internet towards high levels of Distributed Trust in seamless and unobtrusive ways increasing in a transparent way the trustworthiness of content shared through future media. Trust is essential to societies, and blockchain has the potential to shift trust in people and institutions to trust in the technology that is used.

In this context, TruBlo aims to invite research teams to develop projects that nurture and facilitate the creation of tools for distributed trust, by exploring and using blockchain technology. The perspective is that such work will lead to fully scalable blockchain based solutions and applications for trustable content.

TruBlo offers through 3 Open Calls, up to 4,2M€ funding and support services to empower academic teams, researchers, SMEs and startups to define and implement small scale research projects for the development of new software, platforms or tools for distributed trust.

TruBlo - Trusted and reliable content on future blockchains, is a European project funded by the European Commission under the European Union's Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Programme, and part of the European Commission's Next Generation Internet (NGI) initiative. Full information on the project can be found in <https://www.trublo.eu/>.

2. RESEARCH CHALLENGES

Blockchain technology and its products are in constant development and fruition, thus, new characteristics and attributes emerge along with new issues and challenges. The monitoring of this technological domain is very important for the accurate and efficient management of the technology by the stakeholders. The purpose of this action is to monitor such scientific and technological evolution and support the relevant research, development and financial efforts that are in progress. Through experienced methodologies and by approaching the state of the art solutions and related work, it is easier to manage and monitor such dynamic technologies, while the approach will work as a feedback loop for the next iterations of these efforts.

Full description of the TruBlo Research Challenges can be found in TruBlo website in the following address:

https://www.trublo.eu/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Annex3.2_Refining-Research-Challenges-and-Direction.pdf

3. OPEN CALL FOCUS AREAS



TruBlo has defined two use cases to create a broad frame for selectable ideas:

Use case 1: Trust and reputation models on blockchains.

This use case targets innovative applications, technologies, technical approaches and methodologies that increase trust levels in blockchain-based information exchange, especially user-generated content on the Internet and social media, as well data from IoT infrastructures.

Call topics can include:

- Engineering on level of trust (from devices to the applications and user-level)
- Reputation measuring and assessment based on transactions history
- Easy to use and understand reputation models on blockchain applications, and others.
- New ways of monetizing premium-user generated content, GDPR compliant privacy enhanced blockchains, KYC approaches on blockchains, and applications related to copyrights on user-generated content.

Use case 2: Proof-of-validity and proof-of-location.

This use case focus is on innovative mechanisms to increase transparency and trustworthiness of user-generated content. The users, as a part of the blockchain infrastructure, can apply additional verification mechanisms to increase transparency, validity and trustworthiness, such as Proof- of-Location and Proof-of Validity.

Call topics can include:

- Privacy
- Encryption
- Content Validation
- Content Location
- Fake news
- Misinformation
- Disinformation
- Verification

The open call will look for proposals for both defined use cases, meaning the teams can simultaneously contribute to both of them.

Following the spirit of the H2020 Call ICT-54 Blockchain for the Next Generation Internet, the TruBlo Research and Innovation Action encourages open source software and open hardware design, open access to data, standardisation activities, access to testing and operational infrastructure as well as an IPR regime ensuring interoperability, reusability of results, lasting and sustainable impact.

4. TRUBLO PROGRAMME

Through its open calls, TruBlo aims to stimulate technology researchers, startups and SMEs to participate in its programme, where they will have access to technology framework and support to generate new value with the initial research concepts. The TruBlo programme is 15-



month long, and it is divided into 2 stages (INNOVATION and PROGRESS), each divided into three-month sprints. Each stage is associated with a specific technology framework and services package to accelerate and enhance the development of new products and services that foster trust in internet information exchange and content.

The TruBlo open call is the entry point for access to direct funding and for integrating the TruBlo Programme.

The 3rd open call aims at initially selecting up to 20 projects, led and executed by developers, innovators, researchers, SMEs and entrepreneurs, among others, actively involved in research, development and application activities in Blockchain related technologies.

The TruBlo Open Call 3 will be open from **27 January 2022 to 30 March 2022 17:00 CET**.

In all stages, selected teams will receive technical and business support (as described in section 8 of the annex 2 'Guide for applicants').

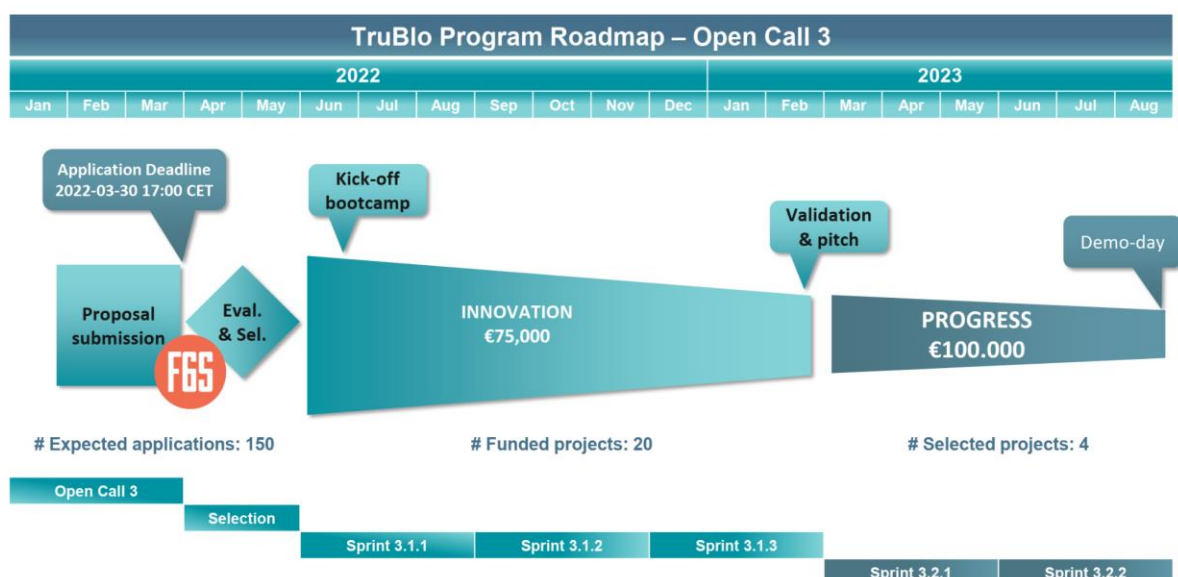


Image 1. TruBlo Program roadmap - Open Call 3

Applications must be made through the F6S platform only. Please see Annex 1 “Guide for Applicants” for more details on proposal application submission, funding, eligibility, technical and service support.

Deadline: 30 March 2022, 17:00 CET
Call identifier: TruBlo Open Call 3
Language of the proposal for submission: English

Please note that opening and closing dates of TruBlo Call can be subject to change in case of any modifications in the project's schedule.



5. SUPPORT TO APPLICANTS

The TruBlo consortium will provide information to the applicants only via info@trublo.eu. No binding information will be provided via any other means (e.g. telephone or email).

More info at: <https://www.trublo.eu/apply/>

Apply via: <https://www.f6s.com/trublo-open-call-3/apply>

Support team: info@trublo.eu (TruBlo Project and Open Call)

F6S Support team: support@f6s.com (F6S platform issues)



6. APPLICATION DOCUMENTS AND TEMPLATES

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| Overview | Open call 3 overview Overview of TruBlo project and open call 3 |
| Annex 1 | Guide for applicants Detailed information to apply to the TruBlo Open Call 3 such as an abstract of the TruBlo action, a detailed description of the TruBlo open Call 3, the modalities for application, the evaluation process, the scheme of the funding support, the IPR aspects related to TruBlo and how to prepare and submit a proposal |
| Annex 2 | Application form Export of application form available at F6S where applicants provide administrative data and upload annexes 2.1 mandatory, and 2.2 optional. This document is provided for reference, applications must be submitted online. |
| Annex 2.1 | Proposal description Template of the technical annex to describe the proposal. |
| Annex 2.2 | Additional applicants Template to describe additional applicants if the team or consortium have more than 3 members. |
| Annex 3 | Declaration of Honour Template of the declaration of honour to be submitted only during final eligibility check and contracting procedures. |
| Annex 4 | SME Declaration Template of the SME declaration where SME Status is assessed. To be submitted by SMEs only during final eligibility check and contracting procedures. |
| Annex 5 | Team Declaration of Honour Template of the declaration of honour to be submitted by teams only during final eligibility check and contracting procedures. |
| Annex 6 | Sub Grant Agreement Template of the sub-grant agreement to be signed between the project and TruBlo consortium |
| Annex 7 | Bank Account Information Template of the bank account information of sub-project consortium leader to be submitted by SMEs only during final eligibility check and contracting procedures. |
| Annex 8 | Template for H2020 Financial Support to Third Parties Carbon copy of the information on the TruBlo Open Call published on the European Commission website. |



GUIDE FOR APPLICANTS

TRUBLO OPEN CALL 3

CLOSING DATE FOR PROPOSALS:

30TH MARCH 2022, 17:00 CET



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1. THE TRUBLO PROJECT

The TruBlo project has the vision to nurture and facilitate beyond the state-of-the-art research on blockchain technology which will lead to more scalable blockchain based solutions and applications which will contribute to ensuring the exchange of trustworthy and reliable content on social networks and media. To achieve this, the TruBlo project will implement a series of open calls that will target both academic and R&D companies research teams inviting them to define and implement small scale research projects on two related use cases. TruBlo's open call process will ensure an open, inclusive, and broadly participatory innovation scheme through which the participating teams from all over Europe will have the chance to innovate on Decentralised Ledger Technologies and blockchains towards the direction of content integrity and trustworthiness, and identity/privacy management.

Selected third parties that will be chosen to continue further to the Progress Phase will advance their developments towards MVPs and innovative, disruptive business models (see Obj6), which will be further validated through the TruBlo community ecosystem (see Obj5) of stakeholders from the media industry. The two use cases of the project have been selected in such a way to allow a significant impact to both the private and public sector. By increasing the trust within the content on blockchain and finding new ways to automate trustful interaction between users and content from social media, the project will cause significant impact in providing better control of the citizens' data, more trustworthy content on the Internet, transparency and auditability of the user interactions in NGI. Through the TruBlo funding, at least 45 teams across Europe will provide high-end research results and validated MVPs in the area of blockchains bringing thus Europe in the forefront position globally. To perform this vision the project gathers six partners with complementary skills in order to implement these objectives, as described in table 1.

| Partner | Acronym | Country |
|--|----------|---------|
| WORLDLINE IBERIA SA | WLI | Spain |
| INSTITUTE OF COMMUNICATION AND COMPUTER SYSTEMS | ICCS | Greece |
| ATHENS TECHNOLOGY CENTER - ANONYMI BIOMICHANIKI EMPORIKI KAI TECHNIKI ETAIREIA EFARMOGON YPSILIS TECHNOLOGIAS | ATC | Greece |
| DEUTSCHE WELLE | DW | Germany |
| F6S NETWORK LIMITED | F6S | Ireland |
| CONSORCIO RED ALASTRIA | ALASTRIA | Spain |

Table 1. TruBlo consortium members

The TruBlo project is set to attain the following objectives:

Objective 1: To nurture and facilitate breakthrough and beyond the state-of-the-art research results on blockchain technologies in the area of social networks and media.

Objective 2: To implement a series of three open calls that will enable the selection of the most promising and scientifically excellent teams to research and innovate on blockchain technologies and applications.

Objective 3: To provide added value through consolidating the research outcomes of the open calls and to provide knowledge transfer activities within academia and industry for wider uptake.

Objective 4: To offer a set of supporting services that will contribute as added value to third parties.

Objective 5: To create an ecosystem of stakeholders who will guide the participating teams, SMEs and entrepreneurs in order to have a continuous interaction and close relation with academia, industry, standardisation bodies and development communities.

Objective 6: To enable innovative blockchain-based business models for the media industry and and provide an extensive replicability and best practices framework.

2. OVERVIEW OF TRUBLO OPEN CALLS

2.1 THE TRUBLO ACTION

TruBlo - Trusted and reliable content on future blockchains, is a European project funded by the European Commission under the European Union's Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Programme and the call topic ICT-54. As such, it is part of the European Commission's Next Generation Internet (NGI) initiative.

As societies and human/social networks grow, people increasingly turn to digital networks for direct and far more functional ways of finding and disseminating information. In such networks, trust in the medium and disseminating information and content has inevitably to rely more and more on technologically assisted means. Blockchain technology can contribute to the evolution

of Next Generation Internet towards high levels of Distributed Trust in seamless and unobtrusive ways increasing in a transparent way the trustworthiness of content shared through future media. Trust is essential to societies, and blockchain has the potential to shift trust in people and institutions to trust in the technology that is used.

It's in this context, TruBlo project was launched in September 2020 to nurture and facilitate the creation of tools for distributed trust beyond the state-of-the-art research, by exploring and using blockchain technology. The perspective is that such work will lead to fully scalable blockchain based solutions and applications for trustable content. To achieve this, the project will implement a series of three open calls which are directed at academic teams, researchers, SMEs and startups to define and implement small scale research projects on two related focus areas. This is the third and last open call in TruBlo project. A project that has a total budget of 4,2M€ to fund such projects that are designed to reply to this expressed need from contemporary society.

The Open call is focused in two thematic:

- **Topic Trust and reputation models on blockchains:** This topic targets innovative applications, technologies, technical approaches and methodologies that increase the levels of trust in blockchain-based information exchange, with emphasis on user generated content on the Internet and social media, considering also data from IoT infrastructures;
- **Topic Proof-of-validity and proof-of-location:** This topic is on innovative mechanisms to increase transparency and trustworthiness of user generated genuine content. The users, as being part of a blockchain, can apply additional verification mechanisms to increase transparency, validity, and high level of trustworthiness, such as Proof- of-Location and Proof-of Validity.

This open call, as it happened in the previews two calls, will call for proposals focused on one of these two topics. The selected projects for the Open call 3 should have potential to entail a substantial advance in the state of the art, deliver results with the potential to create higher research, social and economic impacts, combined with the potential to generate new value into the media & internet market.

Following the spirit of the H2020 Call ICT-54 *Blockchain for the Next Generation Internet*, the TruBlo Research and Innovation Action encourages open-source software and open hardware design, open access to data, standardisation activities, access to testing and operational infrastructure as well as an IPR regime ensuring interoperability, reusability of results, lasting and sustainable impact.

2.2 TRUBLO PROGRAMME

To fully leverage the potential benefits of Blockchain/DLTs to foster trust in internet information exchange and content, TruBlo aims to empower the innovation potential of European tech research teams, startups and SMEs by providing access to **specialised knowledge, technology, capital and markets**.

The TruBlo programme aims to leverage the diverse engaged communities (representing scientific and market stakeholders) potential and, through three open calls, stimulate the technology researchers, startups and SMEs to participate in the TruBlo programme where they will have access to technology framework and support to generate new value with the initial research concepts. The TruBlo programme is divided into 2 stages: INNOVATION and



PROGRESS. Each stage is associated with a specific technology framework and services package to accelerate and enhance the development of new products and services that foster trust in internet information exchange and content.

Selected applicants will enter a 9-months **INNOVATION Stage (Phase 1)**. From the initial beneficiaries of Phase 1 (up to 15 projects), a subset of 3 beneficiaries will be retained for **Progress Stage (Phase 2)** according to excellence criteria and will further elaborate the concept proposed in Phase 1, as it's illustrated on Image 1, below.

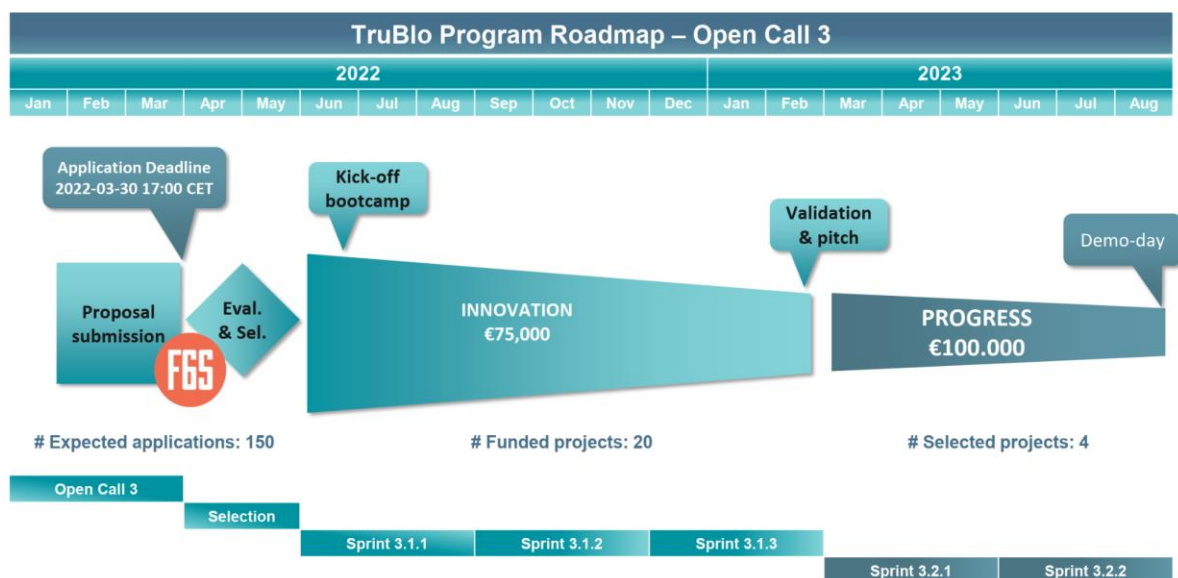


Image 1. TruBlo description of phases and sprints and correspondent budget

Each phase is detailed at the overall work plan presented in section 2.2 and section 4. Each phase comprises a set of activities that qualify for financial support. All the funds disbursed will be based on concrete results and not administrative justifications. The fund to third-parties will depend on the phase that each third-party will be able to reach.

The development of blockchain technology is young and it still must address several challenges in terms of infrastructure development of either hardware and software to reach a fully scalable blockchain based solutions and applications for trustable content.

Therefore, there is the aim to invite the teams in the proposals to dedicate time to indicate in a specific section what is their level of knowledge and understanding on the technology, either they are or not using or have use or not already a public blockchain infrastructure indicating which one and with what purpose, or a private blockchain infrastructure indicating which one and with what purpose. Moreover, the invitation is extended to highlight they scientific interest to prompt research on any topic related to the infrastructure like: onchain algorithms, cryptography, off-chain-on-chain APIs, Digital Identity, verifiable credentials or wallet development, interoperability, or any other topic related to the blockchain implementation that can drive to perform a scientific impact and a potential paper publication.

In case of lack of knowledge or experience in the technology it is important to highlight the studies done to believe that the blockchain infrastructure can lead to the envisaged application for trustable content. The program will address the needs of the team by helping to map the solution within a Framework of Research and suggest a group of assumptions to be prototyped within the development of the solution when using the infrastructure or AlastriaID.

Particularly, for the research challenges per se the teams can access "ANNEX 3.2 Refining research challenges and direction"¹ in order to obtain a deeper understanding on the pool of research areas that TruBlo is currently interested in.

2.3 TRUBLO RESEARCH FOCUS OVERVIEW

During the Innovation phase the teams are expected to deliver an architecture paper indicating the blockchain infrastructure initial that they are targeting to use. It is important to highlight the team experience and knowledge on the technology and what are the assumptions to be validated related to the infrastructure that means data sources, APIs potential need, what are the need of use on-chain transactions, how are going to be build the front-end off-chain interfaces with users if there are required, what will be the need to include APIs usage, what type of data will be required and type of smart-contracts that will be envisaged.

Within the scientific research framework, the teams will be asked to describe within written assumptions what are the expected infrastructure challenges they are targeting to validate, and what could be the expected results, and what will be the feasibility report they will make as a criteria to indicate what could be a viable product with a minimum threshold. Particularly, for the research challenges per se the teams can access "*ANNEX 3.2 Refining research challenges and direction*" in order to obtain a deeper understanding on the pool of research areas that TruBlo is currently interested in.

Therefore, at the end of this phase a plan about the prototyping exercise will be requested

That could include hardware at cloud infrastructure, software with algorithms and cryptography challenges, definition of attributes of the Alastria ID model, an UX design of the off-chain software to gain usage of the application, connectivity with sensors and with data analytics or any other off-chain software that may be required to complete the functional assumptions to deliver the final purpose of the project presented to the Open Call.

During Phase 2 Progress it will be expected to gain better understanding of the infrastructure assumptions and results of testing and implementation, documenting the research results.

Additionally, all applications must follow the "The European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity"² and provide enough information to assess compliance in the proposal description annex.

¹ https://www.trublo.eu/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Annex3.2_Refining-Research-Challenges-and-Direction.pdf

² https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/guidance/european-code-of-conduct-for-research-integrity_horizon_en.pdf

2.4 WHAT ARE THE CALL TOPICS TO BE ADDRESSED IN THE FOCUS OF TRUBLO?

TruBlo aims to showcase ground-breaking research results from selected projects that demonstrate the potential to create higher research, social and economic impacts, combined with the potential to generate new value into the media & internet market. The programme also aims to support the emergence of innovative models and disruptive solutions to communicate and transmit content and bring them closer to market. To achieve this, the project will implement a series of three open calls which are directed **at academic teams, researchers, SMEs, and startups** to define and implement small scale research projects on **one of the two focus areas**:

2.4.1 TOPIC: TRUST AND REPUTATION MODELS ON BLOCKCHAINS

When users access information and news sites in the future: Which are the sites which can be trusted based on several categories including quality, intention, bias, and factual correctness. The use case challenge here is to find mechanisms, supported by blockchain or similar concepts, which are simple and effective at the same time - thus leading to wide acceptance. Ideally, the introduction of such tools and solutions can be measured towards a gradual decline of misinformation, at least on major social and news channels.

Through the trustworthiness and tamper-proof aspect of information stored on blockchains, different multimedia and news items producers (e.g., News Agencies) can be evaluated regarding the information they produce. The evaluation process takes into consideration aspects such as quality, intention, bias, and factual correctness. The outcome of this process is to mark these producers as trustworthy or not.

Subsequently, a user can check the trustworthiness on a specific item. Furthermore, services that intend to consume multimedia items from various producers can restrict their selection range to include only trusted sources. Hence the trustability of the content is assured.

Topic Trust and reputation models on blockchains targets innovative applications, technologies, technical approaches, and methodologies that will increase the levels of trust in blockchain based information exchange. Emphasis will be put on user generated content on the internet and social media. Moreover, data from IoT infrastructures will be considered as well to ensure transparency and accountability on infrastructures created by end-users.

Call topics can include:

- Engineering new levels of trust from the device to the application and user-level, including mechanisms for measuring the trustworthiness of the media items and sources;
- Reputation measuring and assessment based on history of transactions as these are being recorded;
- Easy to use and understand reputation models applied on blockchain applications, and DApps;

- New ways of monetizing premium user generated content on media platforms through cryptocurrencies, and new solutions on getting access to trustworthy content (including paywalls);
- KYC/AML approaches on blockchains and DApps related to copyrights on user generated content.

2.4.2 TOPIC: PROOF-OF-VALIDITY AND PROOF-OF-LOCATION

This topic will focus on innovative mechanisms that will increase transparency and trustworthiness of user generated genuine content. The transactions generated by the users for sharing content (text, images, video, etc.) in the various social media form a set of interrelated interactions between users and content. This forms consequently a dynamic network (in terms of time and space dimensions) of social interactions between actors in the blockchains and the media items that are being created and shared. **The content to be considered here is mainly genuine user-generated content captured from users' mobile devices.** The users, as being part of a blockchain, can apply additional verification mechanisms that can increase transparency, validity and high level of trustworthiness: namely new Proof-of-Location and Proof-of-Validity mechanisms. While the first one has to do with intrinsic parameters that the mobile devices can provide (e.g. current location of the device when posting a specific article on social media) the Proof of validity is a human-contributed mechanism of validation whereby humans will undergo specific challenges and tests that are focused mainly on human intelligence and capabilities (e.g. recognise if a news item sounds too unrealistic and can be reported as disinformation). The applications under this topic are expected to be disseminated through the European Digital Media Observatory.

Proof-of-location

The focus here is on innovative ways to ensure that content is valid across several dimensions:

- Validity in time (data or facts presented are not old and overcome).
- Validity of content (facts are correct or if disputable marked as such).
- Validity in location for any multimedia content (videos/photos).
- Links and sources can be reached for checking.

There might be more facets for validity, potentially a bundle of elements and layers, resulting in generally valid products or information bits.

Proof-of-location is a category in its own right. From the perspective of a media company, proof-of-location applies to people working for the organisation as well as to people claiming to be from a location or at a location.

A second line relevant is that visuals such as photos or videos claiming to show a specific location have additional information, proof or metadata that the claim and the location are correct. Proof-of-location should therefore provide a mechanism to ensure that these claims are correct and valid. Proof-of-location can also apply to products, e.g., to enable trust in the claimed place of origin/production for an item.

Proof-of-validity

During the evaluation of the trustworthiness of a multimedia item, several checks are included to mark the item as trusted. These checks regard:

- Proof of time: the event described takes place in the timeframe it is described.
- Proof of content: the event described corresponds to the content.
- Proof of location: the event described takes place in a geolocation district.
- Proof of confirmation: the event described can be double checked based on reference links or additional sources.

These four parallel processes contribute to the trustworthiness of information since there is a multilayer validity check mechanism.

In a real-life example, when a user is presented with a breaking news event (which is an event taking place in a very specific place/time e.g.), the item has to satisfy all of the above criteria. The user can be informed thus that the content of the item corresponds to the event described as opposed to possible archive material of a different relevant event.

In **Topic Proof-of-validity and proof-of-location**, the focus is on innovative mechanisms to increase transparency and trustworthiness of user generated genuine content. The content to be considered here is mainly genuine user-generated content captured from users' mobile devices. The users, as being part of a blockchain, can apply additional verification mechanisms to increase transparency, validity, and high level of trustworthiness, such as Proof- of-Location and Proof-of Validity. The applications under this topic are expected to be disseminated through the European Digital Media Observatory.

Call topics can include:

- Privacy enhancing and preservation mechanisms for content creators while increasing the transparency and verification of the media item that has been generated.
- New algorithms for transparent and collaborative content verification through the use of blockchains
- Content Validation with the use of blockchains, crowdsourcing and Artificial Intelligence based techniques
- Location validation on user generated content
- Innovative uses of blockchain mechanisms and DApps to increase the transparency on media items shared on social media.
- New consensus mechanisms for blockchains that combine existing ones (e.g., Proof of Work, Proof of Stake, etc.) with crowdsourced ones (Proof of Location etc.)

- DApps for revealing and fighting misinformation and disinformation and contributing to content verification.

2.5 TRUBLO OPEN CALL 3

The **3rd open call aims at initially selecting up to 20 projects** led and executed by a critical number of developers, innovators, researchers, SMEs and entrepreneurs among others, actively involved in research, development and application activities in the fields of Blockchain related technologies. Technologies such as AI, IoT, Cloud and others related to the enhancement of the Blockchain solutions are also welcomed, but without further technical support described in 9.1.1.

Part of the action, experts in diverse fields will also provide to beneficiaries technology development guidance, working methodology as well as access to top infrastructure, training in business and data related topics, coaching, mentoring, visibility and community building support.

The call is open for submission from 27th January 2022 (12:00 PM CET) to 30th March 2022 (17:00 PM CET) and its indicative budget is € 1.900.000.

Selected applicants will enter a 9-months INNOVATION Stage (Phase 1). From the initial beneficiaries of Phase 1 (up to 15 projects), a subset of 3 beneficiaries will be retained for Progress Stage (Phase 2) according to excellence criteria and will further elaborate the concept proposed in Phase 1.

| PHASES | ACTIONS | DURATION | BUDGET PER PROJECT |
|--|--|----------|--------------------|
| Phase 1-Innovation 26th May 2022 – 28th February 2023 | To develop the proposed TruBlo project and prepare a publication (whitepaper or scientific article) describing their solution | 9 months | € 75.000 (*) |
| Phase 2- Progress 1st March 2023 – 31st August 2023 | To develop activities associated with the demonstration/ piloting as well as promotion and exploitation of their project, building an MVP as demonstrator and aiming to engage new customers and/or partners and/or investors. | 6 months | € 100.000 (*) |

Table 2: Phases length and budget

(*): Budget for Legal Entities. Budget for natural persons or groups of natural persons see section 5.1.

2.5.1 PHASE 1 INNOVATION: 26/05/2022 – 28/02/2023

Duration: 9 months, third parties work at their own facilities and occasionally participate in meetings, workshops and training organized by the consortium.

Activities and deliverables: selected teams will be developing the proposed TruBlo projects in collaboration/ connection with their networks, sector specialists and technology experts, by making use of the TruBlo blockchain infrastructure and supporting services. What they have to deliver at the end as minimum deliverables is a Whitepaper describing their solution and the impact it can have in the NGI and Media industry and a scientific publication in a prestigious open access journal with high impact.

Funding: €75,000 per third party project, being the payment associated with particular milestones defined between TruBlo and the third-party.

Evaluation to Stage Progress: analysis of development outcomes, achieved results, stage of development, collaboration with TruBlo activities and team; business potential of the solution.

| PHASE 1 INNOVATION | |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Objectives | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R&D activities from concept to validation • Participation in TruBlo kick-off bootcamp, webinars, etc. • Presentation/sharing results to community • Open software/ hardware • At least one scientific publication in prestigious and open access journal |
| Expected results and Deliverables | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Validation of a research concept in a specific environment (preferably in Alastria infrastructure and/or EDMO infrastructure but not obligatory for the participating teams) • White paper / Technical report with the description of the research result and analysis on the impact it can have in the industry • Publication of additional papers in other conferences, magazines and (scientific) journals (optional result) • Joint publication with other teams (optional result) <p>These expected results must be concreted in the below deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D1.1 Full Research and Innovation Project Proposal • D1.2 Project Solution Design and Business Applicability • D1.3 White paper or Technical report or PoC • D1.4 Scientific or business publication |
| Duration | 9 months |
| Funding | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total funding per project of €75,000 • Distributed over sprints of 3 months each (Confirmation 30%, sprint 1: 20%; Sprint 2: 30%; Sprint 3: 20%) and according to the achievement of specific defined milestones/ objectives and participation in TruBlo events/ bootcamps |

2.5.2 PHASE 2 PROGRESS: 01/03/2023 – 31/08/2023

- **Duration:** 6-months, third parties work remotely (at their space) or with potential pilot customer; and participate in several meetings and events where they can promote their project's goals and outcomes;
- **Activities and deliverables:** third parties will develop activities associated with the demonstration/ piloting as well as promotion and exploitation of their project, building an MVP as demonstrator and aiming to engage new customers and/or partners and/or investors. The third-parties will also deliver a Whitepaper describing the evaluation and potential impact of their MVP and present their results in a demo day..
- **Funding:** €100,000 per third-party, attached to the achievement of particular milestones along the 6-months and the participation of relevant TruBlo events and planned promotion/ commercial activities of this stage.
- **Evaluation of Phase Progress:** analysis of pilot results, possible customers product acceptance/ validation, business traction, participation in TruBlo activities as well as international events, potential scientific, social and economic impact.

| PHASE 2 PROGRESS | |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Objectives | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build synergies and have cross-collaboration activities with other projects and/or stakeholders • Create a Proof of Concept and Minimum Viable Product (MVP) • Validation of MVP in a specific environment (preferably in Alastria infrastructure and/or EDMO infrastructure but not obligatory for the participating teams) • Work together with potential users / customers (early adopters) • Participate in knowledge transfer events organised by TruBlo Consortium |
| Expected results and Deliverables | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MVP in form of a prototype / demonstrator • Demonstration of developed solution with users / customers • Collection of insights and assessment report • Business Model Canvas • White paper detailing the technical aspects of the MVP along with an analysis of future potential and impact • Scientific publications and jointly authored publications with other teams (optional result). <p>These expected results must be concreted in the below deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D2.1 Detailed Development Plan • D2.2 Detailed Development Plan Monitoring • D2.3 Validation Plan • D2.4 Final report of MVP • D2.5 Demonstration of developed solution with users • D2.6 White paper • D2.7 Business Plan |
| Duration | 6 months |
| Funding | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total funding of €100,000. |

- Distributed over two sprints of three months each and according to the achievement of specific defined milestones/ objectives and participation in TruBlo events/ bootcamps (Validation & Pitch: 30%, Delivery plan in sprint 1: 20%; Mentor Meeting in Sprint 2: 50%)

3. MODALITIES FOR APPLICATION

3.1 WHAT TYPE OF PROJECTS WILL BE ELIGIBLE?

Projects must be based on the TruBlo proposal template (Annex 3) and must clearly fit within one of the two focus areas aforementioned in section 2.1. **Both focus areas require advancing the state of the art, hence the participation of innovators and research groups is essential.**

Moreover, the participants should demonstrate their long-term commitment to the TruBlo research and innovation agenda. The teams will work to demonstrate that the proposed solution progresses from the beginning of the project, reaching a higher maturity level and take-up by the end of the action. Thus, projects in both focus areas must evidence substantial progress with a particular focus on the interoperability and sustainability of the outcomes. Thus, following the spirit of the H2020 Call ICT-54 Blockchain for the Next Generation Internet, the TruBlo Research and Innovation Action encourages open-source software and open hardware design, open access to data, standardisation activities, access to testing and operational infrastructure as well as an IPR regime ensuring lasting impact and reusability of results. If not, it should be duly justified.

At the eligibility evaluation stage, if a proposal is considered to better fit another focus area selected by the applicant, this latest will be contacted by the TruBlo Consortium in order to commonly agree to move the proposal to the relevant topic for evaluation.

3.2 WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS?

Immediately after the closing of the Open call (30th March 2022, 17:00h CET), the evaluation process begins (as described in detail in Section 4 of this Guide).

The project partner responsible for the process will check the eligibility of the applications and the applications considered eligible will be assigned randomly to external experts. They will evaluate the proposals and score them adequately according to the quality of the content presented and according to the criteria defined by the TruBlo project.

The goal of the process is to select up to 20 proposals, with the highest scores, under both call topics. to join the TruBlo research and innovation action. The exact number of selected projects will be subject to the quality of the proposals.

4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

All applicants will have to abide by all general requirements described in this section to be considered eligible for TruBlo. Eligibility check verifies that:

- Submissions are made **ONLY through the F6S platform** in the space enabled for the TruBlo Open Call #2 within the defined deadline: <https://www.f6s.com/trublo-open-call-3/apply>
- Applicants/team members **residents in an eligible H2020 Country**, as indicated in 4.2
- Application as well as requested documents to be provided **only in English** language
- The proposal description is **submitted according to the guidelines and template provided**
- **Readable, accessible, and printable**
- Complete application which includes the **requested administrative data, and any obligatory supporting documents** specified in the call (provided in the application link)
- Include the **research proposal description**
- **ONTOCHAIN applicants with funding cannot participate** in the TruBlo project. Partners or affiliates of ONTOCHAIN consortium cannot participate as applicants either.

A proposal is only considered eligible if its content corresponds specifically to the topics of the TruBlo Call 3, including the specific eligibility conditions set out in the relevant parts of the Guide of Applicants. The eligibility filter enables the creation of a shortlist of proposals to be evaluated.

4.1 TYPES OF APPLICANTS

The target Applicants for this call are Internet technologists; researchers and innovators; researchers and developers employed in research centres or enterprises among others SMEs, in third-level education institutes, research infrastructures, non-profit organisations and charitable (scientific) foundations.

The applicants' can apply as individuals or linked to a legal entity. Hence, the participation is possible in several ways, as a:

- **Natural person(s):**

1.1 One or more individuals (team); established in any eligible country (see section 3.2). This does not consider the country of origin, but the residence permit.

- **Legal entity:**

2.1 One or more entities (consortium); established in an eligible country (see section 3.2);

2.2 Universities, research centres, NGOs, foundations, micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (see definition of SME according to the Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC), large enterprises are eligible.

- Any combination of the above.

In addition, the following condition apply:

- The participating organisations should not have been declared bankrupt or have initiated bankruptcy procedures.
- The organisations or individuals applying should not have convictions for fraudulent behaviour, other financial irregularities, and unethical or illegal business practices.

4.2 ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES

Only Applicants/team members legally established/residents in any of the following countries (hereafter collectively identified as the “Eligible Countries”) are eligible:

- The Member States (MS) of the European Union (EU), including their outermost regions;
- The Overseas Countries and Territories (OCT) linked to the Member States³;
- H2020 associated countries (those which signed an agreement with the Union as identified in Article 7 of the Horizon 2020 Regulation): according to the updated list published by the EC⁴;
- The UK applicants are eligible under the conditions set by the EC for H2020 participation at the time of the deadline of the call.

Please note that only individuals who are residents in an eligible H2020 country will be considered eligible (including those participating on behalf of SMEs and other legal entities). If one or more team members fail to meet this criteria, the proposal will be considered ineligible.

4.3 LANGUAGE

English is the official language for TruBlo open calls. Submissions done in any other language will be disregarded and not evaluated.

English is also the only official language during the whole execution of the TruBlo programme. This means that it’s mandatory that the submission of deliverables is done in English in order to be eligible.

4.4 PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Proposals must be submitted electronically, using the TruBlo Online Submission Service accessible via the F6S platform available at: <https://www.f6s.com/trublo-open-call-3/apply>. *Proposals submitted by any other means will not be evaluated.*

Only the description included in the application will be considered by evaluators. Only two documents, to be completed directly in the platform, are admissible:

- a form with administrative questions
- the proposal description

Both should be attached in **PDF format**. The content of the proposal description, such as its subtopics and tables, cannot be altered from the original template.

The information provided should be actual, true and complete and should allow the assessment of the proposal.

The preparation and submission of the proposal and other actions that follow this procedure (such as withdrawal) fall under the final responsibility of the applicant.

4.4.1 MULTIPLE SUBMISSIONS

This call is competitive, and applicants should focus on one specific topic, therefore only

³ Entities from Overseas Countries and Territories (OCT) are eligible for funding under the same conditions as entities from the Member States to which the OCT in question is linked

⁴https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/grants_manual/hi/3cpart/h2020-hi-list-ac_en.pdf



one proposal per applicant may be submitted to this call, whether this is a legal entity or a natural person.

In the event of multiple submissions, only the last one received (timestamp of the system) will enter into the evaluation process. Any other submitted proposals involving the same applicant will be declared non-eligible and will not be evaluated in any case.

In the case of Applicants applying as natural person (or group of individuals):

- A natural person will be selected for funding only once, as in the case of one legal entity;
- If a natural person is taking part in several teams:
 - I. The members of the other teams will be informed about the participation of a natural person in multiple teams;
 - II. The natural person participating in multiple teams will be disqualified.

Note that the regular functioning of the F6S platform limits to one application submission per F6S user in each call.

If an F6S user wishes to submit more than one application, for example on behalf of different legal entities, the F6S user should request support from the F6S support team (support@f6s.com) cc'ing info@trublo.eu **at least 10 days prior the open call deadline.**

4.4.2 COMPLIANT DUE TO A TECHNICAL ERROR OF THE TRUBLO ONLINE SUBMISSION SERVICE

If you experience any problem with the application submission system prior the deadline of the open call you should reach F6S by email through support@f6s.com cc'ing the TruBlo Team (info@trublo.eu), and explain your situation.

If you believe that the submission of your proposal was not entirely successful due to a technical error on the side of the TruBlo Online Submission Service, you may lodge a complaint by email through support@f6s.com cc'ing the TruBlo Team (info@trublo.com) and explain your situation. For the complaint to be admissible **it must be filed within 4 calendar days following the day of the call closure.** You will receive an acknowledgement of receipt, the same or next working day.

You should secure a PDF version of all the documents of your proposal holding a **timestamp** (file attributes listing the date and time of creation and last modification) that is prior to the call deadline, as well as any proof of the alleged failure (e.g., screen shots). Later in the procedure you may be requested by the TruBlo Team to provide these items.

For your complaint to be upheld, the IT audit trail (application log files and access log files of TruBlo Online Submission Service) must show that there was indeed a technical problem at the TruBlo consortium side which prevented you from submitting your proposal using the electronic submission system.

Applicants will be notified about the outcome of their complaint within the time indicated in the acknowledgment of receipt. If a complaint is upheld, the secured files (provided to the IT helpdesk) for which the investigation has demonstrated that technical problems at the TruBlo consortium side prevented submission will be used as a reference for accepting the proposal

for evaluation.

We urge every applicant to submit their application in advance. **Any technical issues for application submission sent within the 12 hours before the deadline will risk not having the timely reply** needed to comply with the defined deadline for submission.

4.5 CONFIDENTIALITY AND DEADLINE

Any information regarding the proposal will be treated in a strictly confidential manner.

Only proposals submitted before the deadline will be accepted. **After the call closure no additions or changes to received proposals will be taken into account.**

Proposals must be submitted **before 30th March 2022, 17:00 CET. The deadline hour of submission is not flexible**, as the online form will be automatically disabled at day and hour defined as deadline - Open call 3 deadline: 30th March 17h CET.

To avoid missing the deadline, **you are encouraged to submit your proposal as soon as possible.**

4.6 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Applicants shall not have any actual or/and potential conflict of interest with the TruBlo selection process and during the whole programme. They must formally notify the TruBlo coordinator without delay any situation constituting or likely to lead to a conflict of interests and immediately take all the necessary steps to rectify this situation.

All cases of conflict of interest will be assessed case by case. In particular, applicants must take all measures to prevent any situation where the impartial and objective implementation of the project is compromised for reasons involving economic interest, political or national affinity, family or emotional ties or any other shared interest ('conflict of interests').

Special mention of conflict of interest with the ONTOCHAIN project, also funded by the EU. ONTOCHAIN applicants with funding cannot participate in the TruBlo project. Partners or affiliates of ONTOCHAIN consortium cannot participate as applicants either.

If a conflict of interest is discovered and confirmed at the time of the evaluation process, the proposal will be considered as non-eligible and will not be evaluated.

4.7 OTHER

Each applicant must confirm:

- It is not under liquidation or is not an enterprise under difficulty according to the Commission Regulation No 651/2014, art. 2.18,
- Its project is based on the original works and going forward any foreseen developments are free from third party rights, or they are clearly stated.
- The project is based on work that has not been developed and offered as a commercial product or solution.
- It is not excluded from the possibility of obtaining EU funding under the provisions of both national and EU law, or by a decision of both national or EU authority.

5. OPEN CALL EVALUATION PROCESS

5.1 PROPOSAL EVALUATION AND ACCESS TO TRUBLO FUNDING

Proposals are submitted in a single stage and evaluated in one step as presented hereafter.

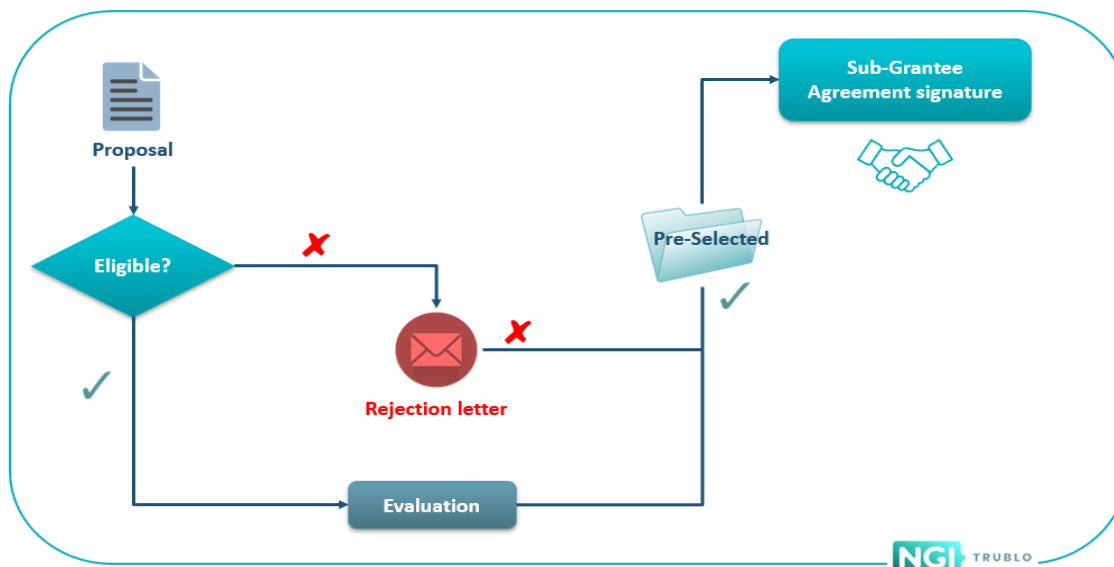


Image 2: Evaluation process

5.1.1 CHECK OF PROPOSAL ELIGIBILITY

Admissibility and eligibility criteria for each proposal are checked by the TruBlo Consortium team. A proposal may be declared ineligible or inadmissible at any stage. Eligibility check verifies that:

- Submissions are made **ONLY through the F6S platform** in the space enabled for the TruBlo Open Call #3 within the defined deadline: <https://www.f6s.com/trublo-open-call-3/apply>
- Applicants/team members **residents in an eligible H2020 Country** as indicated in section 4.2
- Application, as well as requested documents, must be provided **only in English** language
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A **proposal is only considered eligible if its content corresponds specifically to the topics of the TruBlo Call 3**, including the specific eligibility conditions set out in the relevant parts of the Guide of Applicants. The eligibility filter enables the creation of a shortlist of proposals to be evaluated.

5.1.2 PROPOSAL EVALUATION

The evaluation of proposals is carried out by the TruBlo Consortium with the assistance of independent experts. TruBlo Consortium team ensures that the process is fair and in line with the principles contained in the European Commission's rules on Proposal submission and evaluation.

First stage evaluation

Each proposal is evaluated by a set of 2 experts according to the criteria that are defined by the project TruBlo partners. These are adjusted to the identified relevant points along the project, taking in consideration lessons learned and improvement. For the OC3 the following four criteria and its sub criteria of analysis, were defined:

1-CONCEPT [0-5; min.3]

1.1 Focus, quality, and credibility of the research

Is the solution intended to be developed clearly, feasible and answer in a direct way to the proposed challenge?

1.2 Excellence/Innovation level

How innovative is the project proposal? Does the team demonstrate the innovation potential compared to the existing technology and/or solutions available on the market?

2- TECHNOLOGY [0-5; min.3]

2.1 Alignment, feasibility and focus of the proposals

Is the technology fit clearly identified? Is the solution feasible from technical perspective? Does the solution fit from TruBlo technical perspective?

2.2 SMART exploration and analyses of the proposal and its alignment with the project timeline

Is the technology implementation plan feasible for the requested deliverables are achieved, within the acceleration programme timeline?

3- IMPACT [0-5; min.3]

3.1 Coherence and effectiveness of the work plan

Is the proposal's potential scientific, social and economic impact in line with TruBlo objectives?

3.2 Sustainability and dissemination

Do the applicants plan to disseminate and exploit the new knowledge generated by the action, especially after the programme ends?

4- TEAM [0-5; min.3]

4.1 Appropriateness of the Human Resources allocated to the project

Do the team members have the required skills and experience to assure a high-quality product/service?

5- INNOVATION MANAGEMENT [0-5; min.3]

5.1 Adoption of Innovation Management process

Do applicants have formalised and adopted innovation management processes?

For each criterion there is a designated section for open comments where the evaluators/experts will indicate the **strengths and the weaknesses** identified in each of the points being assessed, these will be made based solely on the submitted project proposal.

The experts will score each criterion by equal weight, on a scale from 0 to 5 that will indicate the following assessments:

- **0 – Fail:** The proposal fails to address the criterion under examination or cannot be judged due to missing or incomplete information.
- **1 - Poor:** Criteria is inadequately addressed, or there are serious inherent weaknesses.
- **2 - Fair:** Proposal broadly addressed the criterion but there are significant weaknesses.
- **3 - Good:** The proposal addresses the criterion well, although certain improvements are possible.
- **4 - Very Good:** The proposal addresses the criterion well, but several shortcomings are present.
- **5 - Excellent:** The proposal successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion in question. Any shortcomings are minor.

For each criterion, the minimum threshold is 3 out of 5 points. The default overall threshold, applying to the sum of the individual scores is the average points attributed.

Experts perform evaluations on an individual basis, not as representatives of their employer, their country or any other entity. They are required to be independent, impartial, and objective, and to behave throughout in a professional manner. They sign an expert contract, including a declaration of confidentiality and absence of conflict of interest, before beginning their work.

All experts must declare beforehand any known conflicts of interest and must immediately inform the TruBlo Consortium team members if they detect a conflict of interest during the course of the evaluation. The expert contract also requires experts to maintain strict confidentiality with respect to the whole evaluation process. They must follow any instruction given by the TruBlo Consortium to ensure this. Under no circumstance may an expert attempt to contact an applicant on his/her own account, during the evaluation process. Confidentiality rules must be adhered to at all times before, during and after the evaluation.

Second stage of evaluation

The top ranked projects from the Remote Evaluation by external experts will be invited to participate in a Remote Interview, where teams are expected to pitch/ explain their project and answer to the jury questions. The jury is composed by the technical and business partners of the TruBlo project, being an internal process of selection. This process starts from this point with everyone in the same equal conditions.

The interview will be followed by a consensus meeting to align on evaluation results and select the final admitted to the project, within the limits of the available funding. Up to 20 projects

addressing both topics contemplated in the Open Call 3 (OC3) will be selected. The list of selected projects is going to be submitted to the European Commission for final screening.

Communication of the OC3 outcomes

The communication of the results will be made after about 2 weeks of the interviews evaluation stage, via e-mail and about 2 months after the OC3 closing date.

Each applicant will receive a letter informing of the decision whether a rejection decision or an invitation to integrate the project, as well as the following steps. All applicants will receive a report of their evaluation results, as an added value tool to contribute in a constructive way to the project development, either selected or not.

The non-eligible will also receive an email with the justification of its ineligibility, taking into account the rules set in the Guide of Applicants.

5.1.3 SCIENTIFIC MISCONDUCT AND RESEARCH INTEGRITY

Issues of scientific misconduct and research integrity are taken very seriously. In line with the Horizon 2020 Rules for Participation, appropriate action such as termination of the Grant Agreement Preparation phase or, if the Grant Agreement has been signed, the implementation of liquidated damages and financial penalties, suspension of payments, recoveries, and termination of the Grant Agreement, will be taken against any applicants/beneficiaries found to have misrepresented, fabricated or plagiarised any part of their proposal.

5.2 THE NEGOTIATION PROCESS

The objective of the negotiations is to fulfil the legal requirements between the TruBlo consortium and each selected project of the call. It covers essentially the status information of the beneficiaries. The legal requirements for legal entities and natural persons are provided in the table hereafter.

| TYPE OF APPLICANT | REQUIRED INFORMATION |
|------------------------|---|
| NATURAL PERSONS | <p>A copy of the ID-card or passport of participant(s) in the project team will be required.</p> <p>A proof for each participant in the project that (s)he is legally established and working in an eligible country (see section 3.2).</p> |
| LEGAL ENTITIES | <p>A legal existence: Company Register, Official Journal and so forth, showing the name of the organization, the legal address and registration number and, if applicable, a copy of a document proving VAT registration (in case the VAT number does not show on the registration extract or its equivalent)</p> <p>Specifically for SMEs: 1. A proof of the SME condition is required: - If the applicant has been fully validated as an SME on the Beneficiary</p> |

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| | <p>Register of the H2020 Participant Portal, the PIC number must be provided.</p> <p>- If the applicant has not been fully validated as an SME on the H2020 Participant Portal, the following documents will be required to prove the status as an SME:</p> <p>2. In the event the beneficiary declares being non-autonomous, the balance sheet and profit and loss account (with annexes) for the last period for upstream and downstream organizations is required.</p> <p>3. Status Information Form. It includes the headcount (AWU), balance, profit & loss accounts of the latest closed financial year and the relation, upstream and downstream, of any linked or partner company.</p> <p>4. Supporting documents. In cases where either the number of employees or the ownership is not clearly identified: any other supporting documents which demonstrate headcount and ownership such as payroll details, annual reports, national regional, association records, etc.</p> |
| Legal Entities & Natural persons | <p>Bank account information: The account where the funds will be transferred will be indicated via a financial information form signed by the entity, individuals, and the bank owners. The holder of the account will be the legal entity and/or all the individuals or the coordinator of the group on its own (consortium of legal entities or consortium of legal entities and natural persons) if allowed by the other team members</p> |
| | <p>Sub-grantee funding agreement: Signed between the TruBlo Consortium (represented by its coordinator WorldLine Iberia SA), and the beneficiary/ies</p> |

NOTE: The information requested by the TruBlo consortium must be provided within the indicated deadlines by the TruBlo consortium - failing to meet these deadlines may result in terminating the negotiation process.

5.3 MONITORING PROCESS OF PHASES

As part of the program timeline, there will be two phases, where the projects will be evaluated, taking into account their development. These two phases are named: Innovation and Progress.

Third parties taking part of the Innovation Phase will perform basic and applied research and have to produce beyond the *state-of-the-art* scientific results. The monitoring of the progress during the Innovation phase will be based on the completion and evaluation of deliverables (described below). A similar monitoring process will be applied for the Progress Phase. This will be mainly focused on the development of an MVP with the adequate business approach supported by the completion and evaluation of deliverables.

The applicants will be evaluated in each sprint to pass to the following phase, to monitor the progress and proper evolution of the teams. The table presented below describes the requirements defined per each phase of the process to be evaluated.

| MONITORING PROCESS | |
|----------------------|---|
| Phase 1 - INNOVATION | Completion and evaluation of the deliverables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M1: D1.1 Full Research and Innovation Project Proposal • M3: D1.2 Project Solution Design and Business Applicability • M6: D1.3 Technical Report • M9: D1.4 White paper and Scientific or Business Publication or PoC |
| Phase 2 - PROGRESS | Completion and evaluation of the deliverables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M10: D2.1 Detailed Development Plan • M12: D2.2 Detailed Development Plan Monitoring. D2.3 Validation Plan • M15: D2.4 Report of MVP. D2.5 Demonstration of developed solution with users. D2.6 White Paper. D2.7 Business Plan. |

Table 2: Monitoring process

6. FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED

The distribution of the indicative budget of the call will be proportional to the number of eligible proposals received for both topics. The amount assigned to the two phases will be distributed in payments associated with results and milestones described in 6.1 and 6.2.

6.1 INDICATIVE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

Selected teams will become part of the TruBlo programme and will go through an exhaustive sequential process which will last for best applicants 9 months (Phase 1) and 6 months (Phase 2), each divided into three-month sprints. The maximum amount of the fund will vary depending on the type of team (See Section 4.1 Type of Beneficiaries) as indicated in the table below and providing that all the 2 phases have been completed. The total amount assigned to the Innovation Phase will be distributed in payments associated with results and milestones described in 7.1 and 6.2.

| TYPE OF TEAM | Phase 1 | Phase 2 | Maximum funding |
|---|---------|----------|-----------------|
| Natural person | 37 500€ | 50 000€ | 87 500€ |
| Team of natural persons | 56 250€ | 75 000€ | 131 250€ |
| Legal entity or consortium of legal entities or combination of legal entities and natural persons | 75 000€ | 100 000€ | 175 000€ |

Table 3: Maximum funding per type of participant

For each phase, a pre-financing payment will be made during the first month and the remaining payments will be based on concrete results that will be evaluated at the end of the corresponding sprint. For the first phase, payments will be made in four instalments and for the second phase payments will be made in three instalments.

Phase 1 – Innovation

- **Start of the implementation and pre-financing:**

During the first week of the Innovation phase, each team will define with its coach the KPI's to be achieved during the Innovation phase as well as in its intermediate milestones. These KPIs will measure the technological advance, the progress in the business as well as the involvement and commitment of the teams (attendance to the meetings, fulfilling the deadlines for reporting, etc). After this KPIs definition, and the attendance to the welcome event where coaches, partners and teams will know each other, the pre-financing of 30% of the total amount will be delivered.

- **1st Sprint:**

After the first sprint of the innovation phase, the coaches will assess the percentage of execution of the project based on the fulfilment of KPI's. A 100% completion of KPIs will release the total of the 2nd payment, which is 20% of the total amount of this phase. A lower completion of the tasks will launch the proportional payment. If the KPIs are met by less than 50% the payment will be retained until the end of the Innovation Phase. If Less than 25%, the teams will be automatically disqualified from the process.

- **2nd Sprint:**

When the second sprint has been completed, a new assessment process will be done by the coaches, to review the fulfilment degree of the KPI's. Following the same model stated for the previous review, the completion of the 100% will release the total 3rd payment, 30% of the total amount of the Innovation phase. Lower completion of the task will launch the proportional payment. If the KPIs are met by less than 50% the payment will be retained until the end of the phase. If less than 25% is met, the teams will be automatically disqualified.

- **3rd Sprint:**

For the last sprint of this phase, the same logic as before will be followed. Teams will be paid according to their degree of fulfilment of KPI's. The 20% of the total amount in the case of a 100% fully completion. Only if the percentage of completion is under 25% the team will be disqualified, and no further payment released. This stage will end with a Validation and Pitch session where the teams will defend their projects before the TruBlo consortium. Two of them will be selected to continue in the Progress phase.

Phase 2 – Progress

- **Pre-financing payment:**

After the Validation and Pitch session the teams selected for continuing in the Progress phase will meet with the coaches and define the KPIs to be achieved during the Progress phase, as well as the mid-term milestones. After that, a new pre-financing of 30% of the total amount will be released to face the Progress phase.

- **1st Sprint:**

After the first sprint of the progress phase, the coaches will assess the percentage of execution of the project based on the fulfilment of KPI's. A 100% completion of KPIs will release the total of the 2nd payment, which is 20% of the total amount of this phase. A lower

completion of the tasks will launch the proportional payment. If the KPIs are met by less than 50% the payment will be retained until the end of the Progress Phase. If Less than 25%, the teams will be automatically disqualified from the process.

- **2nd Sprint:**

For the last sprint of this phase, the same logic as before will be followed. Teams will be paid according to their degree of fulfilment of KPI's. The 50% of the total amount in the case of a 100% full completion. Only if the percentage of completion is under 25% the team will be disqualified, and no further payment released.

6.2 SUMMARY OF FUNDING PER TYPE OF BENEFICIARY

| | Innovation Phase | | | | Progress Phase | | |
|--|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | Pre financing 30% of the total funding | Sprint 1.1 20% of the total funding | Sprint 1.2 30% of the total funding | Sprint 1.3 20% of the total funding | Pre financing 30% of the total funding | Sprint 2.1 20% of the total funding | Sprint 2.2 50% of the total funding |
| Indicative Dates | End M1 | End M3 | End M6 | End M9 | End M10 | End M12 | End M15 |
| A natural person | 11250€ | 7500€ | 11250€ | 7500€ | 15000€ | 10000€ | 25000€ |
| A group of natural persons | 16875€ | 11250€ | 16875€ | 11250€ | 22500€ | 15000€ | 37500€ |
| Legal Entity or combination of legal entities or combination of legal entity (ies) and individual(s) | 22500€ | 15000€ | 22500€ | 15000€ | 30000€ | 20000€ | 50000€ |

Table 4 : Funding per phase

NOTE: These numbers are indicative, detailed payment schedule and payment conditions will be settled in the Sub-grant Agreement and communicated by the TruBlo coordinator.

In the case of projects with multiple beneficiaries, the payments will be done to the coordinator. The coordinator must distribute the payments between the beneficiaries, and it will be done according to the conditions set in the Consortium Agreement and to be signed by all the beneficiaries, previous to the signature of this Sub grantee Agreement.

6.2.1 ORIGIN OF THE FUNDS

Any selected proposer will sign a dedicated Sub-Grantee Funding Agreement with the TruBlo project coordinator (on behalf of TruBlo Consortium). The funds attached to the Sub-Grantee Funding Agreement come directly from the funds of the European Project TruBlo, and the TruBlo consortium is managing the funds according to the Grant Agreement Number 957228 signed with the European Commission.

As will be indicated in the Sub-Grantee Funding Agreement, this relation between the sub-grantees and the European Commission through TruBlo project carries a set of obligations to the sub-grantees with the European Commission. It is the task of the sub-grantees to accomplish them, and of the TruBlo consortium partners to inform about them.

7. PREPARATION & SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

It is mandatory to submit the applications through the F6S platform (<https://www.f6s.com/trublo-open-call-3/apply>) which is directly linked with the TruBlo Programme. **Previously to the submission, it is required that the applicants register a profile at FS6 to be able to submit a proposal.**

The documents to be submitted are:

- **Application form:** administrative questions to be completed directly in the F6S platform: <https://www.f6s.com/trublo-open-call-3/apply>
- General questions for statistic purpose
- Tick boxes for the third parties confirming they have read the conditions and agree with the conditions defined in this document/OC;
- ANNEX 3.1 will be uploaded in case that more than 3 applicants participate as individuals (natural persons) or/and more than 3 applicants participate as organisations (Legal entities) filled with the information about the applicant(s) that do not fit in the application form.
- **Proposal description:** document in PDF format containing the description of the project. It will include three different sections:
 - (1) **Project Summary: “What is the problem you are trying to solve?”**
 - (2) **Team**
 - (3) **Concept**
 - (4) **Technology**
 - (5) **Impact**
 - (6) **Implementation**

The template is available on:

https://www.trublo.eu/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Annex3_TRUBLO-Proposal-Description-Template.docx

The project proposals must strictly follow the template provided by the TruBlo consortium via the F6S platform, which defines sections and the overall length (8 pages maximum).

8. APPLICANTS COMMUNICATION FLOW

8.1 GENERAL COMMUNICATION FLOW

Following the closing of the OC3 there will be a process of evaluation, as referred in point 5, above. The applicants will receive communications after the evaluation process ends informing them if they passed or not, by email. A communication will also be sent to applicants that were considered ineligible, not being considered for the evaluation process, including the reasons for the exclusion.

8.2 APPEAL PROCEDURE

If, at any stage of the evaluation process, the applicant considers that a mistake has been made or that the evaluators have acted unfairly or have failed to comply with the rules defined by the TruBlo open Call, and that her/his interests have been prejudiced as a result, the following appeal procedures are available.

A complaint should be drawn up in English and submitted by email to info@trublo.eu

Any complaint made should include:

- Contact details;
- Indication of the subject of the complaint;
- Argument/evidence that sustains the complaint.

Anonymous complaints or those not providing the mentioned information will not be considered. Complaints should also be made within five (5) calendar days after the announcement of the evaluation results to the applicants.

As a general rule, the TruBlo Team will investigate the complaints with a view to arriving at a decision and issue a formal notice within no more than **twenty calendar days**, from the date of reception of the complaint, provided that all the required information has been submitted by the complainant. Whenever this time limit is exceeded, the TruBlo Consortium will inform the complainant by email of the reasons for the unforeseen delay and the subsequent steps.

9. SUPPORT AND TECHNICAL INFRASTRUCTURES

The TruBlo project will provide a unique and very competitive mixture of supporting services to the funded third parties, using TruBlo technical infrastructure. The mixture contains **Technical Support Services** (including the provision of the Alastria blockchain infrastructure), **Business and Innovation Support Services** to further strengthen the innovation capacity of

the selected third-parties projects and **Technical Knowledge Support & Training Services**. This combination of support envisions to strengthen the skills of the project teams and facilitate knowledge transfer. These services are described in the following points.

9.1 TECHNICAL SUPPORT SERVICES

9.1.1 ALASTRIA NETWORK

For the TruBlo participants, Alastria will provide use two of the Blockchain networks to use: the Red-T network based on Quorum technology and the Red-B network based on Hyperledger Besu technology, both are Ethereum-type networks.

The TruBlo project will provide a Portal to request the different services that are going to be provided:

- The **Alastria Self Sovereign Identity** (AlastriaID) that will help you to understand how to incorporate your projects to use Verifiable Credentials.
- A **TruBlo GitHub repository** space(s) for your projects if you do not want to set your own spaces. This will also facilitate the open-source enhancements that TruBlo is emphasizing for the projects.
- A **Node-Requester-Mechanism*** if you want to host your own Blockchain node and just connect to the networks
- Or a **Node-As-A-Service*** if you want to Alastria to host your Blockchain node for you.
- A **TruBlo Wallet** to use the AlastriaID for your project. In the TruBlo Wallet you may incorporate the use of the services within this list.
- **Smart contracts Test Tool** to validate your Smart contracts based on Best Practices (coding) and Best Practices (security)
- **Smart contracts deployment Tool** to deploy your Smart Contracts in one of the network in a secure way) without no technical expertise
- **Storage-as-a-Service** for your project storage requirements (up to a certain limit of space based on TruBlo Credits)
- **Dashboard** mechanism for statistics of usage/activity of your project
- A mechanism for **connectivity to the European Observatory against Disinformation Verification Platform**

All these services, wallet and Portal will be available for users at the beginning of the Phase 1 (Innovation).

* **NOTE:** Node-Requester-Mechanism and Node-As-A-Service are services only available for Legal Entities.

9.1.2 EUROPEAN OBSERVATORY AGAINST DISINFORMATION PLATFORM

The European Observatory against Disinformation (<https://www.disinfobservatory.org>) is currently using its own verification and collaboration platform in order to serve its users' needs. All TruBlo beneficiaries will be provided with the option to develop applications and solutions

that can be integrated (with an API interface) to this platform and tested by a large community of users, in real life scenarios. The main operational features of the verification and collaboration platform used by the European Observatory against disinformation platform are presented as follows:

1. **Content aggregation:** Find and insert an unlimited volume of information by defining content flows from multiple social media platforms and web sources.
2. **Content curation:** Create collections and organize relevant content into collections.
3. **Robust search and filtering:** Aggregate content or search through and inside collections by using a variety of filters (keywords, date, user, location, etc.).
4. **Automated translation:** Translate content from/to any language.
5. **Content analysis:** Analyse the aggregate content with the aid of a variety of tools operated by TrulyMedia, as well as third-party providers.
6. **Editing:** Easily create content and publish it online or insert to editorial systems directly from TrulyMedia.
7. **Collaboration:** Connect with your team members or other organizations to collaboratively analyse and verify online content.

Beneficiaries will be provided with:

- Training and technical assistance to make sure that their solution can be easily integrated and tested, while meeting the user needs and technical requirements of the Observatory;
- Access to the platform services and provision of relevant cases for fact checking;
- API for accessing thematic aggregated content from SM and web sources;
- API for accessing existing fact-checked repositories;
- Service for submission of trustworthiness requests.

The API can provide verdicts about the trustworthiness of a news item from multiple sources (User generated content, social media, Newsrooms). Once the request is submitted the Disinformation Observatory evaluation mechanism provides the verdict after the conclusion of the relevant fact checking. Items can be marked as trusted or untrusted.

9.2 BUSINESS AND INNOVATION SUPPORT

The "Business and Innovation Support Services" is a broad term that covers various tasks that support innovation. In the context of TruBlo, these services aim to facilitate and enhance innovation of start-ups, research teams and SMEs, who will be selected to receive funding from the project to develop innovative prototypes and applications. BISS will be offered to the recipients, on demand, by members of the consortium.

The support is split into two key areas:

- **General business support:** Helping, guiding, and supporting to get to results. This includes innovation techniques, business modelling and guidance on user needs, feedback to development plans;

- **Communication support:** To ensure that the teams, their selection, and the work done is adequately public, can be found and used for other research and innovation efforts. Here the work is primarily to use the communication channels of the project. A special task is enabling the participants to talk to potential users, e.g. a participant working on a solution for media companies has a chance to interact with domain experts, who will provide potentially critical feedback regarding needs, features, workflows, etc.

Each supported entity, either in Phase 1 or Phase 2 of the open Call procedure, will receive an Innovation Voucher equal to 20 credits, which can be “redeemed” according to their needs in one or more of the services offered by the project. The Innovation Voucher Scheme is outlined in the following data in the table below

| | PHASE 1: INNOVATION | PHASE 2: PROGRESS |
|--|--|--|
| Innovation Feedback & Fine-tuning | Provide a thorough review and feedback on the applicants' solutions, both from the technological and the business angle, to refine its concept for better addressing current market needs and trends. | |
| Innovation Brokering | Connecting different teams and entities, working on similar or complementary technological fields to collaborate and therefore add value to their outcomes and products. This activity may also allow Phase 1 applicants to co-develop Phase 2 applications with other organisations. | |
| Innovation Funding | | Provide guidance, tips and feedback before and throughout the application process for identifying alternative European funding sources. |
| Business Modelling and Planning Support | | Guidance, tools and advisory to the application on how to develop and choose the right business model and how to draft and present a solid, according to standards, business plan. |
| Awareness Raising | Support with communications services. The project will use the communication and dissemination tools of the project: TruBlo website; newsletter; social media channels (primarily Twitter and LinkedIn). | |
| “Talk to Users” Hotline | Establish an “open” line with the end users to receive feedback on their concepts, ideas, and validate their assumptions regarding the key users needs for the software. The project will work as a bridge as the partners will assist in finding the required experts, e.g.legal, newsroom, technical | |

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|---------------------------|--|
| | infrastructure. The “Talk to Users” format will be set-up as regular business hours under the credits context, mentioned above. |
| Knowledge transfer | TruBlo will organise several webinars covering a number of thematic business growth and technical related topics (such as Sales, Operations, Business Planning, Valuation etc.), using the knowledge within the project partners. The webinars will be open for participation to all successful applicants of the calls so that they benefit from this shared knowledge and apply it to the development of their projects. |

9.3 TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE SUPPORT AND TRAINING

The following set of activities will provide the programme technical/ research logic and vision for the selected projects as well as the corresponding support. TEKSUS will be offered to the recipients, on demand, by members of the consortium.

Technical Knowledge Support: TruBlo will provide to participants the necessary technical support by answering technical questions and providing scientific content and advice on demand, whenever possible;

Technical Training & Mentoring: TruBlo will enrich the technical skills of the participants and equip them with the necessary background and baseline knowledge to support innovation, by providing links to all the necessary training material and technical toolkits. These services can include:

- **Self-paced courses;**
- **E-Classes** in which participants will be able to interact live with each other by sharing questions, experiences and solutions;
- **Coaching and mentoring sessions:** there will be a follow up along the project, of about 4 hours, per each mentor, per month for the teams. The follow up can be made up to 2 mentors per project. The mentors work as bridges and facilitators of knowledge, as a pool of mentors, from the partners of the TruBlo project, is available on several platforms of interaction. The designated mentors per team is available for one on one interaction by email and for online meetings, on a biweekly average, or upon request. This mentoring and coaching support at the technological, scientific and business level;
- **Technical Coordination:** TruBlo will ensure the thematic and technical coherence and coordination of the projects initiated by the participants as well as cross-fertilization between the projects, so that the collection of the selected projects contributes towards a significant advancement and impact in the research domain.

The above services will be provided by several means. A **Learning Management System** will also be used as an online collaborative platform where participants will find all the necessary services for technical knowledge support and training. This platform will be focused on standard approaches followed in blended learning, distance education, flipped classroom and other e-learning projects in universities, workplaces and other sectors. The main features provided through this platform will be:

| SERVICE | DESCRIPTION |
|---------------------------|---|
| Training Material Lessons | The content pages will provide lessons that will support the development and innovation of the new projects |
| Wiki / Library | <p>A collection of web pages that anyone can add to or edit, which will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of relevant projects: A section where the participants will be able to quickly find tenths of other projects relevant to the field of interest of this call. A separate subsection will be provided for the presentation of the projects being funded by TruBlo; • List of relevant publications: A section where participants will be able to find (or add) publications or sources relevant to the scientific and technical interests of the participating projects; • List of tools: A section where participants will be able to find (or add) links to useful tools and the corresponding user manuals. A TruBlo code repository GitHub may be created to support this feature under https://github.io/ TruBlo and easy-accessible by the TruBlo Portal as defined in the section 8.1.1; • Glossary: A section which will enable participants to create and maintain a list of definitions, like a dictionary. |
| Forum & Chat | Means for all participants to have asynchronous and real-time synchronous discussions with mentors, trainers, and other members of the community. |
| Question Bank | This subforum will be the main place where technical knowledge support will be offered, based on questions of the participants provided through the project tools (slack channel). |
| Surveys | For gathering data e.g. from participants to help organisers learn about their “class” and to collect feedback, in order to enhance the training material and procedures. |

10. SUPORT TO APPLICANTS

For more information about the TruBlo open Calls, please check the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) section included at <https://www.TruBlo.eu/faq/>

For further information on the TruBlo Open call, namely regarding the eligibility rules, the information that is to be provided in the Application Form, or if you encountered technical issues with the Application Form, please contact TruBlo Helpdesk email: info@trublo.eu

11. TIMELINE

The table below presents **the indicative** dates during which each phase of TruBlo Open Call 3 will take place.

| ACTION | INDICATIVE TIMELINE |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Call Publication | 27th January 2022 at 12:00 PM CET |
| Call Deadline | 30th March 2022 at 17:00 PM CET |
| Evaluation Period | From 30th March to 06th May 2022 |
| Signature of Sub-grant Agreement | Until 26th May 2022 |
| Phase 1-Innovation | From 26th May 2022 to 28 th February 2023 |
| Phase 2-Progress | From 1st March 2023 to 31st August 2023 |

Table 5: Timeline

The **dates may change due to unforeseen events and situations**, therefore these are just an indication of what is initially expected - the dates are to be confirmed by the TruBlo team along the process and are not restrictive.

12. ANNEXES

Annex 2.1- Proposal Description template

https://www.trublo.eu/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Annex3_TRUBLO-Proposal-Description-Template.docx

Annex 2.2- TruBlo Additional applicants template

https://www.trublo.eu/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Annex3.1_Additional-Aplicants-template-TRUBLO.docx

Annex 3.2- Refining Research Challenges and Direction

https://www.trublo.eu/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Annex3.2_Refining-Research-Challenges-and-Direction.pdf

13. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

13.1 IPR OWNERSHIP OF THE SUB-GRANTED PROJECTS

The ownership of all IPR created by the beneficiaries, via the TruBlo funding, will remain with them. Results are owned by the Party that generates them. The Sub-Grant Agreement will introduce provisions concerning joint ownership of the results of the sub-granted projects. This will be assessed and negotiated case by case.

13.2 COMMUNICATION OBLIGATIONS

There are no IPR obligations toward the European Commission (EC). However, any communication or publication of the beneficiaries shall clearly indicate that the project has received funding from the European Union via the TruBlo project, therefore displaying the EU and project logo on all printed and digital material, including websites and press releases.

Moreover, beneficiaries must agree that certain information regarding the projects selected for funding can be used by TruBlo consortium for communication and dissemination purposes.



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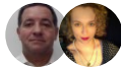
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TRUBLO OPEN CALL #3

TRUBLO Open Call #3

We are looking for the most innovative research projects which aim to develop new software, platforms or tools for distributed trust. The TRUBLO Programme invites academics and R&D research teams, startups and SMEs to develop blockchain based solutions and applications ensuring the exchange of trustworthy and reliable content on social networks and media.

The Application Form has the following mandatory sections:

SECTION 1: Proposal Description (Choose between Topic 1 and Topic 2)

SECTION 2: Administrative Data Applicant(s)

SECTION 3: Final Questions

Documents to be reviewed when preparing the application:

Guide for applicants before, defining the open call Terms & Conditions.

Available at: trublo.eu/apply

Annex 3: Proposal Template, to ensure that the important aspects of your planned work are clearly measurable with the evaluation criteria.

Available at: trublo.eu/apply

Annex 3.1: Additional Applicant(s) Template, only if your proposal involves more than 3 individuals (Natural persons) and/or more than 3 organizations (Legal entities)

Available at: trublo.eu/apply

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact the TruBlo team via info@trublo.eu

Failure to provide the required information in all sections will result in disqualification.

CONTACT PERSON (COORDINATOR)

Contact person for the proposal and coordination of the project

Notice that the result of the evaluation will be sent to this person.

1 Full Name *

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2 E-mail *

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3 Phone number (Include country code) *

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SECTION 1: SCREENING QUESTIONS

4 Acceptance of the TRUBLO Open Call Terms & Conditions Full call documents available at www.trublo.eu/apply/ *

- ☐ By ticking this box, I/we confirm that we have reviewed, accept and comply with the TRUBLO Open Call Terms & Conditions as defined in the Guidelines for applicants

5 Authorisation to apply in the name of *

- ☐ By ticking this box, I confirm the information submitted within this application is true. I am authorised to apply in the name of my entity/group of natural persons.

6 Conflict of interest avoidance with TRUBLO consortium *

- ☐ By ticking this box, I confirm the members of the team involved in the proposal are not employees of any of the TRUBLO Consortium legal partners or their associated/linked-entities.

7 Conflict of interest avoidance with the ONTOCHAIN project *

Any person or SME that have or has, in the past, being selected for ONTOCHAIN activities cannot participate in TruBlo Open Calls. This conflict of interest makes the application immediately non-eligible.

- ☐ I confirm all the people and legal entities in this proposal are not applicants with funding in the ONTOCHAIN project, neither they are employees of any ONTOCHAIN legal partners or associated entities

8 Fraudulent behaviour avoidance *

- ☐ By ticking this box, I confirm the organisation(s) or individual(s) applying do not have convictions for fraudulent behaviour, other financial irregularities, unethical or illegal business practices.

9 Bankruptcy information *

- ☐ By ticking this box, I confirm the participating organisation(s) do(es) not have been declared bankrupt or have initiated bankruptcy procedures.

10 European Commission Regulation No 651/2014, art. 2.18 *

- ☐ By ticking this box, I confirm the applicant(s) is not under liquidation or is not an enterprise under difficulty according to the Commission Regulation No 651/2014, art. 2.18,

11 Originality and freedom to operate *

- ☐ By ticking this box, I confirm the project is based on original and non-commercial works and going forward any foreseen developments are free from third party rights, or they are clearly stated.

12 Applicant(s) eligibility *

- ☐ I confirm the applicant(s) is not excluded from the possibility of obtaining EU funding under the provisions of both national and EU law, or by a decision of both national or EU authority.

13 Double funding and operational capacity *

By ticking this box, I confirm the applicant(s) has not received funding for a similar project and that the applicant(s) has enough Operational Capacity to carry out the work. In addition, the applicant(s) gives consent to the TRUBLO consortium to share the needed information (such as entities names and project details (abstract or the full proposal)) with other NGI RIAs projects for the only purpose of cross-checking that there is no double funding or operational capacity conflict.

- ☐ I agree

14 How did you hear about TRUBLO? *

- | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> News/Media | <input type="checkbox"/> Event |
| <input type="checkbox"/> E-mail | <input type="checkbox"/> NGI portal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Referral | <input type="checkbox"/> Social media |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Through a TRUBLO partner | <input type="checkbox"/> F6S Portal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> European Commission portal | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

SECTION 2: PROPOSAL IDENTIFICATION

15 There are two different topics that you can choose from to apply to TRUBLO. Please select the most relevant one *

- ☐ Trust and Reputation models in Blockchains ☐ Proof-of-Presence and Proof-of-location

16 Proposal Title *

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17 Proposal Acronym *

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18 Please explain, briefly, what is the problem you are trying to solve *

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19 Please specify any keywords that relate to your proposal: *

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20 Please upload your proposal in Portable Document Format (pdf). Use the official template available at: www.trublo.eu/apply/ Applicants using other kind of template or document structure will be automatically ineligible. (Max file size 30MB.) *[Choose a File](#)

SECTION 3: APPLICANT(S) ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

21 You are applying as: *

Please, fill all the fields in the application form for all the participants. In case there is data missing, the application will be considered non-eligible.

☐ A single individual (natural person)☐ A single organization (legal entity)☐ A group of individuals (team)☐ A group of organizations (consortium)☐ A group of individuals and organizations

APPLICANT 1 INFORMATION

22 Full legal name *

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23 Applicant type *

Select One ▼

24 ID type

Select One ▼

25 Email *

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26 Country of residence (if natural person)/Country of Headquarters (if legal entity) *

Only countries from the Horizon 2020 list are eligible for TruBlo. The official list of eligible countries can be found in: ec.europa.eu/info/research-and-innovation/statistics/framework-programme-facts-and-figures/horizon-2020-country-profiles_en

Select One ▼

27 Has been funded by other NGI project or another EC funding instrument? *

Select One ▼

28 Has recently applied to an NGI call or another EC funding instrument that is under evaluation or plans to apply to? *

Select One ▼

APPLICANT 2 INFORMATION

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Full legal name

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Applicant type

Select One ▼

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ID type

Select One ▼

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Email

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Country of residence (if natural person)/Country of Headquarters (if legal entity)

Only countries from the Horizon 2020 list are eligible for TruBlo. The official list of eligible countries can be found in: ec.europa.eu/info/research-and-innovation/statistics/framework-programme-facts-and-figures/horizon-2020-country-profiles_en

Select One ▼

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Has been funded by other NGI project or another EC funding instrument?

Select One ▼

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Has recently applied to an NGI call or another EC funding instrument that is under evaluation or plans to apply to?

Select One ▼

APPLICANT 3 INFORMATION

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Full legal name

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Applicant type

Select One ▼

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ID type

Select One ▼

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Email

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Country of residence (if natural person)/Country of Headquarters (if legal entity)

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Select One ▼

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Has been funded by other NGI project or another EC funding instrument?

Select One ▼

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Has recently applied to an NGI call or another EC funding instrument that is under evaluation or plans to apply to?

Select One ▼

Additional Applicants

https://www.f6s.com/trublo-open-call-3?ref=preview

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43 If your proposal has more than 3 applicants, please upload the Annex 3.1 – Additional Applicant(s) Template, filled with the applicant(s) information that did not fit in this form. The document is available at www.trublo.eu/apply/ (Max file size 30MB.)

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Submit application

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Top Companies

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TRUBLO OPEN CALL 3

ANNEX 2.1 PROPOSAL DESCRIPTION TEMPLATE

Closing dates for proposals: 30 March 2022, 17h00 CET

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS ON THE TEMPLATE

This template is to be used as a guide for the TruBlo Open Call 3 submission procedure. **The structure of this template MUST be followed when preparing your proposal.**

Proposals must comply with the “The European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity” available at https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/guidance/european-code-of-conduct-for-research-integrity_horizon_en.pdf, please make sure it is addressed appropriately either in the 9 pages of the core proposal description and/or in the ETHICAL/SECURITY CHECKLIST

Disclaimer: *Please be aware that the proposal will be evaluated as it was submitted, with no additional documents or links to add information beyond the defined hereby.* The proposal is a self-contained document. **Experts will be instructed to ignore hyperlinks to information that is specifically designed to expand the proposal, thus circumventing the page limit.**

It's important to take in consideration that there is no possibility for significant changes to content, budget and team composition during grant preparation.

Total page limit: 9 pages. The sections: 1; 2; 3; 4; 5 and 6, together, can not exceed 9 pages. **Only 9 pages will be evaluated**, all the subsequent ones won't be taken into consideration for evaluation. All tables, figures, references and any other element pertaining to these sections must be included as an integral part of these sections and are thus counted against this page limit. It is in your interest to **keep your text as concise** as possible, since experts rarely view unnecessarily long proposals in a positive light.

Formatting conditions:

- The **font for the body text is Arial**. The use of a different font for the body text is not advised and is subject to the cumulative conditions that the font is legible and that its use does not significantly affect the length of the proposal in number of pages compared to using the reference font (for example with a view to bypass the page limit);
- **The minimum font size allowed is 11 points;**
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Acronym of your proposal

Full title of your proposal

Indicate to which topic you are applying for (**delete the unnecessary one**)

| Topic |
|--|
| Trust and reputation models on Blockchains |
| Proof-of-presence and proof-of-location |

| | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Organisation name | Organisation name (if applicable) |
| Date of submission | dd-mmm-yyyy |
| Type of organization | University/Research Institute/SME/Industry/natural person etc. A single individual (natural person) A single organization (legal entity) A group of individuals (team) A group of individual(s) and organization(s) |
| Contact person name | Contact person name |
| Contact person telephone number | Contact person telephone number |
| Contact person e-mail address | Contact person e-mail |



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1. DIFFERENTIATOR

1.1 WHAT IS THE PROBLEM YOU ARE TRYING TO SOLVE?

(Maximum 350 words)

Briefly describe the problem you are trying to solve within the topic you have identified for your proposal.

1.2 WHAT IS THE LEVEL OF YOUR RESEARCH COMPARED TO THE STATE-OF-THE-ART?

Please describe the research potential of the problem you are trying to solve and how it contributes to the current state-of-the-art.

2. TEAM & MOTIVATION

2.1 ORGANISATION PROFILE (IF APPLICABLE)

Describe the organisation proposing the collaboration (size of organization, type of organization, how many people, capital, and market), main expertise and business area. Describe the main publications, projects, product/service portfolio, patents and relevant contributions in line with your proposal.

2.2 TEAM PROFILE

Summarise your team/team consortium involved in the project in the table below. Add lines as required.

Notice that the people in the team involved in this proposal must be later involved in the execution therefore, for eligibility matters, it's mandatory that all of them are residents in H2020 eligible countries.

TABLE 1 PROPOSED TEAM

| Name of the person | Role in the project | Link to LinkedIn profile or equivalent | Entity (If applies) |
|--------------------|---------------------|--|---------------------|
| | | | |
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| | | | |

Please provide a short overview of the relevant experience of each team member in line with the proposed research topic. Include previous project references relevant to the proposal, products, publications, participation in conferences, collaborations, community projects, etc.



Link to evidence of these records will be appreciated as they will help evaluators to assess the team experience and skills (e.g. GITHUB, LinkedIn...).

Explain how your team profile matches competences, knowledge and experience that assure the proper deployment of the project. It is important to demonstrate the team capacity to achieve the research goal.

3. CONCEPT & BREAKTHROUGH

Overall Vision Canvas.
(maximum 1 Page)

3.1 Vision statement (1-2 sentences)

3.2 Who is it for? (The solution/product)

3.3 Who is out? (target groups specifically excluded)

3.4 Needs (of target groups/users)

3.5 Barriers (which can hinder fulfillment of user needs)

3.6 Top Features (core solutions/functions)

3.7 Business Expectations (value created for company behind the solution/product)

3.8 Barriers (which can hinder the company from getting value from the solution/product).

4. TECHNOLOGY:



(Maximum 2 pages)

Explain the adopted technology and comparison with state-of-the-art.

You can indicate:

- How will the solution approach the challenge?
- Your previous experience with this solution?
- Technical capacity to achieve TRL 7-9, technical milestones (you can include them in Table 3)
- Describe how research data will be managed.

5. Ambition & IMPACT

(Maximum 1 pages)

Describe the potential scientific, social and economic impact of your proposal.

Describe how your proposal can contribute to:

- The objectives of the TruBlo project
- Add value to the TruBlo project after the proposer has finished his experiment.
- Describe potential commercialisation and how IP property is expected to be dealt with in the frame of TruBlo.
- Describe your communication and/or public engagement activities to create awareness of the performed research for different targeted audiences.

6. INNOVATION MANAGEMENT

(Maximum 1 page)

Explain the innovation management process followed by the applicant or applicants.

6.1 TO WHAT EXTENT DO YOU AGREE WITH THE STATEMENT BELOW?

“OUR TEAM/ORGANISATION/COMPANY HAS A MODEL THAT CLEARLY DEFINES INNOVATION MANAGEMENT PROCESS”

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| DISAGREE <input type="checkbox"/> | NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE <input type="checkbox"/> | AGREE <input type="checkbox"/> |
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PLEASE JUSTIFY:

6.2 TO WHAT EXTENT DO YOU AGREE WITH THE STATEMENT BELOW?

“OUR TEAM/ORGANISATION/COMPANY HAS A SET OF INNOVATION TOOLS ACROSS EACH STEP OF THE INNOVATION PROCESS, FROM NEW OPPORTUNITY IDENTIFICATION TO IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW IDEAS.”

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PLEASE JUSTIFY:

6.3 TO WHAT EXTENT DO YOU AGREE WITH THE STATEMENT BELOW?

“OUR TEAM/ORGANISATION/COMPANY CONSISTENTLY DEMONSTRATE AND DISSEMINATE INNOVATION-FOCUSED RESULTS, VALUES AND BEHAVIOURS AS PART OF OUR INNOVATION MANAGEMENT PROCESS.”

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PLEASE JUSTIFY:

6.4 PLEASE NAME THREE STRENGTHS AND THREE WEAKNESSES OF YOUR INNOVATION MANAGEMENT PROCESS:

7. IMPLEMENTATION

(Maximum 2 pages)

Please note that the maximum amount a team can receive is up to €175.000 in total.

Notice that the number of sprints in the TruBlo Programme are the following: in the Innovation stage, the first phase, will involve 3 successive Sprints (lasting 3 months each); the Progress stage is divided in to 2 successive sprints (lasting 3 months each), following a similar approach to that of the Innovation stage. Take these stages and phases into account to align this with your planning. You can refer to the stage of fundings in annex 2 "Guide for applicants" ' Section 5.

Describe the activities that you will carry out in order to implement your project for both phases. Provide an overview of your work plan tasks (if relevant). Allocated time for their execution.

Use a GANTT chart in order to help you present the requested information.

7.1 MILESTONES AND DELIVERABLES

Please add a list of deliverables and milestones (e.g. documents, reports, user manual, a tool...) using the provided table.

TABLE 2 TABLE OF DELIVERABLES AND MILESTONES

| N° | Deliverable or milestone name | Description | Type | Delivery Month |
|----|-------------------------------|-------------|------|----------------|
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8. ANNEX: ETHICAL/SECURITY CHECKLIST

| | YES/NO |
|--|--------|
| 1. HUMAN EMBRYOS/FOETUSES | |
| • Does your innovation project involve Human Embryonic Stem Cells (hESCs)? | |
| • Does your innovation project involve the use of human embryos? | |
| • Does your innovation project involve the use of human foetal tissues / cells? | |
| 2. HUMANS | |
| • Does your innovation project involve human participants? | |
| • Are they volunteers for social or human sciences research? | |
| • Are they persons unable to give informed consent? | |
| • Are they vulnerable individuals or groups? | |
| • Are they children/minors? | |
| • Are they patients? | |
| • Are they healthy volunteers for medical studies? | |
| • Does your innovation project involve physical interventions on the study participants? | |
| 3. HUMAN CELLS / TISSUES | |
| • Does your innovation project involve human cells or tissues (other than from Human Embryos/ Foetuses)? | |
| 4. PERSONAL DATA | |
| • Does your innovation project involve personal data collection and/or processing? | |
| • Does it involve the collection and/or processing of sensitive personal data (e.g: health, sexual lifestyle, ethnicity, political opinion, religious or philosophical conviction)? | |
| • Does it involve processing of genetic information? | |
| • Does it involve tracking or observation of participants? | |
| • Does your innovation project involve further processing of previously collected personal data (secondary use)? | |
| 5. ANIMALS | |
| • Does your innovation project involve animals? | |
| 6. THIRD COUNTRIES | |
| • In case non-EU countries are involved, do the innovation project related activities undertaken in these countries raise potential ethics issues? | |
| • Do you plan to use local resources (e.g. animal and/or human tissue samples, genetic material, live animals, human remains, materials of historical value, endangered fauna or flora samples, etc.)? | |
| • Do you plan to import any material - including personal data - from non-EU countries into the EU? | |
| • Do you plan to export any material - including personal data - from the EU to non-EU countries? | |
| • In case your innovation project involves low and/or lower middle income countries, are any benefits-sharing actions planned? Are they children/minors? | |
| • Could the situation in the country put the individuals taking part in the innovation project at risk? | |



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| 7. ENVIRONMENT & HEALTH and SAFETY | |
| • Does your innovation project involve the use of elements that may cause harm to the environment, to animals or plants? | |
| • Does your innovation project deal with endangered fauna and/or flora and/or protected areas? | |
| • Does your innovation project involve the use of elements that may cause harm to humans, including innovation project staff? | |
| 8. DUAL USE | |
| • Does your innovation project involve dual-use items in the sense of Regulation 428/2009, or other items for which an authorisation is required? | |
| 9. EXCLUSIVE FOCUS ON CIVIL APPLICATIONS | |
| • Does the proposal involve clinical trials of ICT implants? | |
| 10. MISUSE | |
| • Does your innovation project have the potential for misuse of innovation project results? | |
| 11. OTHER ETHICS ISSUES | |
| • Are there any other ethics issues that should be taken into consideration? | |
| If yes, please specify: | |
| I CONFIRM THAT NONE OF THE ABOVE ISSUES APPLY TO MY PROPOSAL | YES/NO |

If you have entered “YES” in any of the mentioned ethic issues in the table, you are complied to:

- Submit an ethics self-assessment, which:
 - describes how the proposal meets the national legal and ethical requirements of the country or countries where the tasks raising ethical issues are to be carried out;
 - explains in detail how you intend to address the issues in the ethical issues table, in particular as regards:
 - ❖ research objectives (e.g. study of vulnerable populations, dual use, etc.);
 - ❖ research methodology (e.g. clinical trials, involvement of children and related consent procedures, protection of any data collected, etc.);
 - ❖ the potential impact of the research (e.g. dual use issues, environmental damage, stigmatization of particular social groups, political or financial retaliation, benefit-sharing, malevolent use, etc.).
 - Provide the documents that you need under national law (if you already have them), e.g.:
 - an ethics committee opinion;
 - the document notifying activities raising ethical issues or authorizing such activities.
- ⚠ If these documents are not in English, you must also submit an English summary of them (containing, if available, the conclusions of the committee or authority concerned).
- ⚠ If you plan to request these documents specifically for the project you are proposing, your request must contain an explicit reference to the project title.



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ANNEX 2.2

ADDITIONAL APPLICANT(S) TEMPLATE

CALL FOR PROPOSALS



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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS ON THE TEMPLATE

If your proposal has more than 3 applicants participating as individuals (Natural persons) or/and more than 3 applicants participating as organisations (Legal entities), please upload to SECTION 3 of your application this Annex, filled with the information about the applicant(s) that did not fit in the F6S form.

The structure of this template must be followed when preparing your proposal. Applicants using other kinds of template/ document structure will be automatically ineligible.

Only applicant(s) that successfully address all the required aspects will have a chance of being funded.

There is no page limit for this document. Please respect the structure of each table. The minimum font size allowed is 11 points. The page size is A4, and all margins (top, bottom, left, right) should be at least 25 mm.

If you attempt to upload a document with other content than the requested, it will not be taken into consideration.

Please delete this page when submitting the document.



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Acronym of your proposal

Full title of your proposal

1. ADDITIONAL APPLICANT(S) PARTICIPATING AS INDIVIDUAL(S) (NATURAL PERSON)

| Information type | Fill this column |
|---|------------------|
| Name: | |
| Surname: | |
| E-mail: | |
| ID type of document: | |
| ID number: | |
| Country of residence/work: | |
| Has it been funded by the European Commission through H2020 before? (Grant or subgrant) (Yes/No) | |
| Have you received funding from other NGI projects or another EC funding instrument? (Yes/No) If yes, please indicate which was the project (with GA number) and explain in bullet points the overlaps and differences with the current proposal. | |
| Has recently applied to an NGI call or another EC funding instrument that is under evaluation or plans to apply to? (Yes/No) If yes, please indicate which one and explain the overlaps and differences with the current proposal. | |

Copy and add as many tables as applicants participating as natural persons which do not fit in the F6S form.



2. ADDITIONAL APPLICANT(S) PARTICIPATING AS ORGANISATION(S) (LEGAL ENTITY)

| Information type | Fill this column |
|---|------------------|
| Entity legal name | |
| Legal status of your organisation (Indicate only one type) 1. Secondary or Higher education establishment 2. Research organisation 3. Large enterprise 4. Small or medium enterprise 5. Public body 6. A non-profit organisation, association, NGO 7. Foundation 8. International organisation 9. Other | |
| VAT number | |
| Incorporation year | |
| Contact person email | |
| Country | |
| Has the legal entity been funded by the European Commission through H2020 before? (Grant or subgrant) (Yes/No) | |
| Has the legal entity been funded by other NGI projects or another EC funding instrument? (Yes/No) If yes, please indicate which one and explain the overlaps and differences with the current proposal. | |
| Has recently applied to an NGI call or another EC funding instrument that is under evaluation or plans to apply to? (Yes/No) If yes, please indicate which one and explain the overlaps and differences with the current proposal. | |

Copy and add as many tables as applicants participating as legal entities which do not fit in the F6S form.



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ANNEX 3 SME DECLARATION OF HONOR



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Applicant Declaration of Honor

Title of the proposal:

On _____ behalf _____ of _____ (Company name) established/based in _____, (Official SME address), SME VAT number _____,¹ represented for the purposes of signing and submitting the proposal and the Declaration of Honor by _____ (Name of legal representative),

By signing this document, I declare that

- 1) I have the power of legally binding the above mentioned SME on submitting this proposal.
- 2) The above mentioned SME has not submitted any other proposal under TruBlo Open Call 3. In case the above-mentioned SME has submitted more than one proposal in this Open Call, all associated proposals will be automatically excluded from the evaluation process.
- 3) I and the above SME that I legally represent are fully aware and duly accept all TruBlo rules and conditions as expressed in TruBlo Open Call documents and all Annexes, and will fully respect any evaluation decision and proposal selection under TruBlo Programme activities.
- 4) The information included in the Annex 5: SME Declaration document is true and legally binding.
- 5) All provided information in this declaration is true and legally binding.

SME Legal representative Contact Information:

| | |
|-------------------------|--|
| Title (Mr, Mrs, Dr.) | |
| Name | |
| Surname | |
| Position in the company | |
| Full Address | |

¹ VAT is mandatory during the contract preparation. Failure to provide a valid VAT of the specific SME will result in automatic rejection of the proposal.



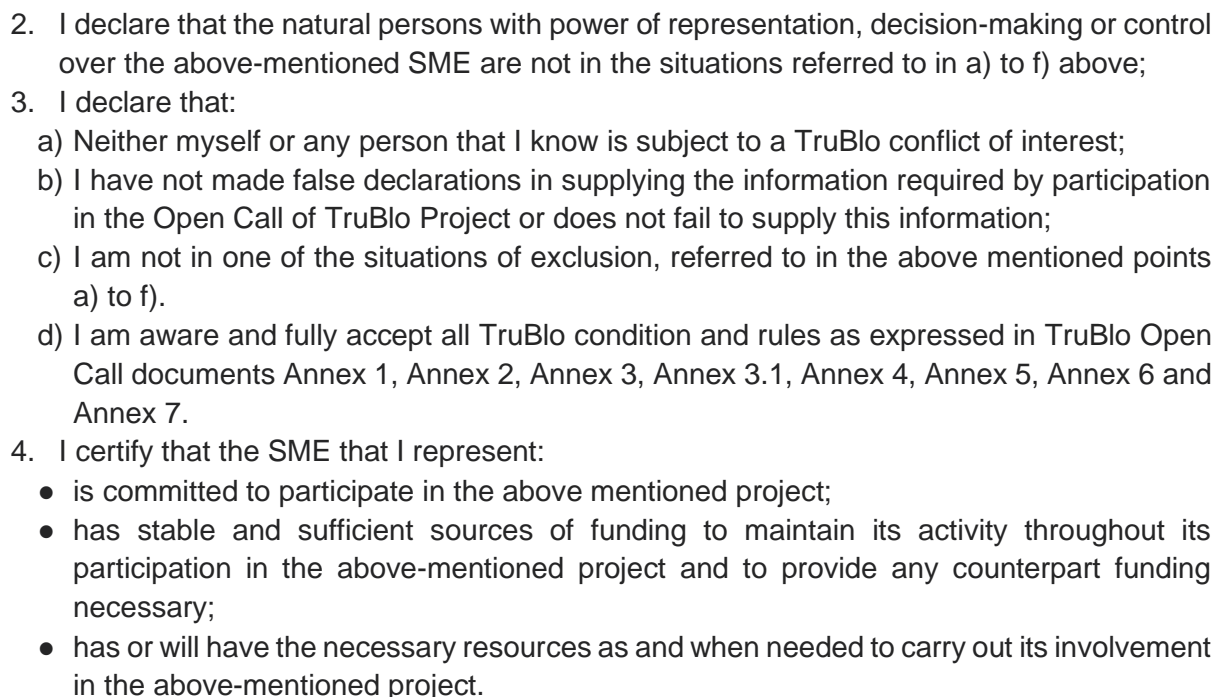
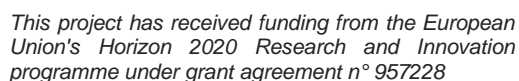
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| Country | |
| Email Address | |
| Telephone | |
| Mobile | |
| Signature and stamp | |

Declaration of Honor on exclusion criteria and absence of conflict of interest

By signing this declaration of honour, I declare that all provided information below is true and legally binding both for me and for the SME that I legally represent:

1. I declare that the mentioned SME is not in one of the following situations:

- a) it is bankrupt or being wound up, is having its affairs administered by the courts, has entered into an arrangement with creditors, has suspended business activities, is the subject of proceedings concerning those matters, or is in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure provided for in national legislation or regulations;
- b) it or persons having powers of representation, decision making or control over it have been convicted of an offence concerning their professional conduct by a judgment which has the force of res judicata;
- c) it has been guilty of grave professional misconduct proven by any means which the contracting authority can justify including by decisions of the European Investment Bank and international organizations;
- d) it is not in compliance with its obligations relating to the payment of social security contributions or the payment of taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which it is established or with those of the country of the contracting authority or those of the country where the contract is to be performed, to be proved by the deliverance of official documents issued by the local authorities, according to the local applicable rules;
- e) it or persons having powers of representation, decision making or control over it have been the subject of a judgment which has the force of res judicata for fraud, corruption, involvement in a criminal organization or any other illegal activity, where such illegal activity is detrimental to the Union's financial interests;
- f) is subject to an administrative penalty for being guilty of misrepresenting the information required by the contracting authority as a condition of participation in a grant award procedure or another procurement procedure or failing to supply this information or having been declared to be in serious breach of its obligations under contracts or grants covered by the Union's budget.



| | |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| Full name: _____ | Signature and stamp (if applicable) |
| On _____ behalf _____ of SME: _____ | |
| Done at (place) _____ the (day) _____ (month) _____ (year) | |



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ANNEX 4

TRUBLO SME DECLARATION



*This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020
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Declaration on information on the SME qualification

Precise identification of the applicant enterprise

Name or Business name

.....

Address (of registered office)

.....

Registration / VAT number

.....

Names and titles of the principal director(s)

.....

Type of enterprise (see explanatory note)

Tick to indicate which case(s) applies to the applicant enterprise:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Autonomous enterprise | In this case the data filled in the box below result from the accounts of the applicant enterprise only. Fill in the declaration only, without annex. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Partner enterprise | Fill in and attach the annex (and any additional sheets), then complete the declaration by copying the results of the calculations into the box below. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Linked enterprise | |

Data used to determine the category of enterprise

Calculated according to Article 6 of the Annex to the Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC on the SME definition.

| Reference period (*) | | |
|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Headcount (AWU) | Annual turnover (**) | Balance sheet total (**) |
| | | |

(*) All data must be relating to the last approved accounting period and calculated on an annual basis. In the case of newly-established enterprises whose accounts have not yet been approved, the data to apply shall be derived from a reliable estimate made in the course of the financial year

(**) EUR 1 000.

Important:

☐ **No**



Compared to the previous accounting period there is a change regarding the data which could result in a change of category of the applicant enterprise (micro, small, medium-sized or big enterprise).

☐ **Yes** (in this case fill in and attach a declaration regarding the previous accounting period).

Signature

Name and position of the signatory, being authorised to represent the enterprise:

.....
.....

I declare in my honour the accuracy of this declaration and of any annexes thereto.

Done at

Signature



EXPLANATORY NOTE ON THE TYPES OF ENTERPRISES TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT FOR CALCULATING THE HEADCOUNT AND THE FINANCIAL AMOUNTS

I. TYPES OF ENTERPRISES

The definition of an SME¹ distinguishes three types of enterprise, according to their relationship in terms of holdings of capital or voting rights or the right to exercise a dominant influence².

Type 1: Autonomous Enterprise

This is by far the most common type of enterprise.

It applies to all enterprises which are not one of the two other types of enterprise (partner or linked).

An applicant enterprise is autonomous if it:

- does not have a holding of 25%³ or more in any other enterprise,
- and is not 25%³ or more owned by any enterprise or public body or jointly by several linked enterprises or public bodies, apart from some exceptions⁴,
- and does not draw up consolidated accounts and is not included in the accounts of an enterprise which draws up consolidated accounts and is thus not a linked enterprise⁵.

¹ Henceforth in the text, the term "Definition" refers to the Annex to Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC on the definition of SMEs.

² Definition, Article 3

³ In terms of the share of the capital or voting rights, whichever is higher is applied. To this percentage should be added the holding in that same enterprise of each enterprise, which is linked to the holding company (Definition, Article 3 paragraph 2)

⁴ An enterprise may continue being considered as autonomous when this 25% threshold is reached or exceeded, if that percentage is held by the following categories of investors (provided that those are not linked with the applicant enterprise):

- a) public investment corporations, venture capital companies, individuals or groups of individuals with a regular venture capital investment activity who invest equity capital in unquoted businesses ("business angels"), provided the total investment of those business angels in the same enterprise is less than EUR 1 250 000,
- b) universities or non-profit research centres,
- c) institutional investors, including regional development funds,
- d) autonomous local authorities with an annual budget of less than EUR 10 million and less than 5000 inhabitants.

(Definition, Article 3 paragraph 2, second sub-paragraph)

⁵ - If the registered office of the enterprise is situated in a Member State which has provided for an exception to the requirement to draw up such accounts pursuant to the Seventh Council Directive 83/349/EEC of 13 June 1983, the



Type 2: Partner Enterprise

This type represents the situation of enterprises which establish major financial partnerships with other enterprises, without the one exercising effective direct or indirect control over the other. Partners are enterprises which are not autonomous, but which are not linked to one another.

The applicant enterprise is a partner of another enterprise if:

- it has a holding or voting rights equal to or greater than 25% in the other enterprise, or the other enterprise has a holding or voting rights equal to or greater than 25% in the applicant enterprise,
- the enterprises are not linked enterprises within the meaning defined below, which means, among other things, that the voting rights of one in the other do not exceed 50%,
- and the applicant enterprise does not draw up consolidated accounts which include the other enterprise by consolidation, and is not included by consolidation in the accounts of the other enterprise or of an enterprise linked to it⁵.

Type 3: Linked Enterprise

This type corresponds to the economic situation of enterprises which form a group through the direct or indirect control of the majority of the voting rights (including through agreements or, in certain cases, through natural persons as shareholders), or through the ability to exercise a dominant influence on an enterprise. Such cases are thus less frequent than the two preceding types.

In order to avoid difficulties of interpretation for enterprises, the Commission has defined this type of enterprise by taking over – wherever they are suitable for the

enterprise should nevertheless check specifically whether it does not meet one or other of the conditions laid down in Article 3 paragraph 3 of the Definition.

- There are also some very rare cases in which an enterprise may be considered linked to another enterprise through a person or a group of natural persons acting jointly (Definition, Article 3 paragraph 3).

- Conversely, there are very few cases of enterprises drawing up consolidated accounts voluntarily, without being required to do so under the Seventh Directive. In that case, the enterprise is not necessarily linked and can consider itself only a partner.

To determine whether the enterprise is linked or not, in each of the three situations it should be checked whether or not the enterprise meets one or other of the conditions laid down in Article 3 paragraph 3 of the Definition, where applicable through a natural person or group of natural persons acting jointly.



purposes of the Definition – the conditions set out in Article 1 of Council Directive 83/349/EEC on consolidated accounts⁶, which has been applied for many years.

An enterprise thus generally knows immediately that it is linked, since it is already required under that Directive to draw up consolidated accounts or is included by consolidation in the accounts of an enterprise which is required to draw up such consolidated accounts.

The only two cases, which are however not very frequent, in which an enterprise can be considered linked although it is not already required to draw up consolidated accounts, are described in the first two indents of endnote 5 of this explanatory note. In those cases, the enterprise should check whether it meets one or other of the conditions set out in Article 3 paragraph 3 of the Definition.

II. THE HEADCOUNT AND THE ANNUAL WORK UNITS⁷

The headcount of an enterprise corresponds to the number of annual work units (AWU).

Who is included in the headcount?

- The employees of the applicant enterprise,
- persons working for the enterprise being subordinate to it and considered to be employees under national law,
- owner-managers,
- partners engaging in a regular activity in the enterprise and benefiting from financial advantages from the enterprise.

Apprentices or students engaged in vocational training with an apprenticeship or vocational training contract are not taken into account in the headcount.

How is the headcount calculated?

⁶ Seventh Council Directive 83/349/EEC of 13 June 1983, based on Article 54(3)(g) of the Treaty and concerning consolidated accounts (OJ L 193, 18/7/1983, p. 1), as last amended by Directive 2001/65/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 283, 27/10/01, p. 28).

⁷ Definition, Article 5.



One AWU corresponds to one person who worked full-time in the enterprise in question or on its behalf during the entire reference year. The headcount is expressed in AWUs.

The work of persons, who did not work the entire year, or who worked part-time - regardless of its duration - and seasonal work is counted as fractions of AWU.

The duration of maternity or parental leaves is not counted.



ANNEX TO THE DECLARATION CALCULATION FOR THE PARTNER OR LINKED TYPE OF ENTREPRISE

Annexes to be enclosed if necessary

- Annex A if the applicant enterprise has at least one partner enterprise (and any additional sheets);
- Annex B if the applicant enterprise has at least one linked enterprise (and any additional sheets).

Calculation for the partner or linked type of enterprise⁸ (see explanatory note)

Reference period⁹:

| | Headcount (AWU) | Annual turnover (*) | Balance sheet total (*) |
|--|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Data ⁹ of the applicant enterprise or consolidated accounts (copy data from box B(1) in annex B ¹⁰) | | | |
| 2. Proportionally aggregated data ⁹ of all partner enterprises (if any) (copy data from box A in annex A) | | | |
| 3. Added up data ⁹ of all linked enterprises (if any) – if not included by consolidation in line 1 (copy data from box B(2) in annex B) | | | |
| Total | | | |

(*) EUR 1 000.

The data entered in the "Total" row of the above table should be entered in the box "Data used to determine the category of enterprise" in the declaration.

⁸ Definition, Article 6 paragraphs 2 and 3

⁹ All data must be relating to the last approved accounting period and calculated on an annual basis. In the case of newly-established enterprises whose accounts have not yet been approved, the data to apply shall be derived from a reliable estimate made in the course of the financial year (Definition, Article 4).

¹⁰ The data of the enterprise, including the headcount, are determined on the basis of the accounts and other data of the enterprise or, where they exist, the consolidated accounts of the enterprise, or the consolidated accounts in which the enterprise is included through consolidation.



ANNEX A

Partner enterprises

For each enterprise for which a 'partnership sheet' has been completed (one sheet for each partner enterprise of the applicant enterprise and for any partner enterprises of any linked enterprise, of which the data is not yet included in the consolidated accounts of that linked enterprise), the data in the 'partnership box' in question should be entered in the summary table below:

BOX A

| Partner enterprise (name / identification) | Headcount (AWU) | Annual turnover (*) | Balance sheet total (*) |
|---|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. | | | |
| 2. | | | |
| 3. | | | |
| 4. | | | |
| 5. | | | |
| 6. | | | |
| 7. | | | |
| Total | | | |

(*) EUR 1 000.

(attach sheets or expand the present table, if necessary)

Reminder:

This data is the result of a proportional calculation done on the 'partnership sheet' for each direct or indirect partner enterprise.

The data entered in the "Total" row of the above table should be entered in line 2 (regarding partner enterprises) of the table in the Annex to the declaration.

PARTNERSHIP SHEET



1. Precise identification of the applicant enterprise

Name or Business name

.....

Address (of registered office)

.....

Registration/VAT number¹¹

.....

Names and titles of the principal director(s)¹²

.....

2. Raw data regarding that partner enterprise

| Reference period | | | |
|------------------|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| | Headcount (AWU) | Annual turnover (*) | Balance sheet total (*) |
| Raw data | | | |
| (*) EUR 1 000. | | | |

Reminder: These raw data are derived from the accounts and other data of the partner enterprise, consolidated if they exist. To them are added 100% of the data of enterprises which are linked to this partner enterprise, unless the accounts data of those linked enterprises are already included through consolidation in the accounts of the partner enterprise¹³. If necessary, add “linkage sheets” for the enterprises which are not yet included through consolidation.

¹¹ To be determined by the Member State according to its needs

¹² Chairman (CEO), Director-General or equivalent.

¹³ Definition, Article 6 paragraph 3, first sub-paragraph



3. Proportional calculation

- a) Indicate precisely the holding¹⁴ of the enterprise drawing up the declaration (or of the linked enterprise via which the relation to the partner enterprise is established) in the partner enterprise to which this sheet relates:

.....
.....
.....

Indicate also the holding of the partner enterprise to which this sheet relates in the enterprise drawing up the declaration (or in the linked enterprise):

.....
.....
.....

- b) The higher of these two holding percentages should be applied to the raw data entered in the previous box. The results of this proportional calculation should be given in the following table:

'Partnership box'

| Percentage: | Headcount (AWU) | Annual turnover (*) | Balance sheet total (*) |
|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Proportional results | | | |
| (*) EUR 1 000. | | | |

These data should be entered in Box A in Annex A.

¹⁴ In terms of the share of the capital or voting rights, whichever is higher. To this holding should be added the holding of each linked enterprise in the same enterprise (Definition, Article 3 paragraph 2 first sub-paragraph).



ANNEX B

Linked enterprises

DETERMINE THE CASE APPLICABLE TO THE APPLICANT ENTERPRISE:

☐ **Case 1:** The applicant enterprise draws up consolidated accounts or is included by consolidation in the consolidated accounts of another enterprise. (Box B(1))

☐ **Case 2:** The applicant enterprise or one or more of the linked enterprises do not establish consolidated accounts or are not included in the consolidated accounts. (Box B(2)).

Please note: The data of the enterprises, which are linked to the applicant enterprise, are derived from their accounts and their other data, consolidated if they exist. To them are aggregated proportionally the data of any possible partner enterprise of that linked enterprise, situated immediately upstream or downstream from it, unless it has already been included through consolidation¹⁵.

CALCULATION METHODS FOR EACH CASE:

In case 1: The consolidated accounts serve as the basis for the calculation. Fill in Box B(1) below.

| Box B(1) | | | |
|----------|---------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| | Headcount (*) | Annual turnover (**) | Balance sheet total (**) |
| Total | | | |

(*) Where in the consolidated accounts no headcount data appears, the calculation of it is done by adding the data from the enterprises to which the enterprise in question is linked.

(**) EUR 1 000.

The data entered in the "Total" row of the above table should be entered in line 1 of the table in the Annex to the declaration.

¹⁵ Definition, Article 6 paragraph 3, second sub-paragraph



Identification of the enterprises included through consolidation

| Linked enterprise (name / identification) | Address (of registered office) | Registration / VAT number (*) | Names and titles of the principal director(s) (**) |
|--|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| 1. | | | |
| 2. | | | |
| 3. | | | |
| 4. | | | |
| 5. | | | |
| 6. | | | |
| 7. | | | |
| Total | | | |

(*) To be determined by the Member State according to its needs

(**) Chairman (CEO), Director-General or equivalent.

Important: Partner enterprises of such a linked enterprise, which are not yet included through consolidation, are treated like direct partners of the applicant enterprise. Their data and a 'partnership sheet' should therefore be added in Annex A.

In case 2: For each linked enterprise (including links via other linked enterprises), complete a "linkage sheet" and simply add together the accounts of all the linked enterprises by filling in Box B(2) below.

Box B(2)

| Enterprise No.: | Headcount (AWU) | Annual turnover (**) | Balance sheet total (**) |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. (*) | | | |
| 2. (*) | | | |
| 3. (*) | | | |
| Total | | | |

(*) attach one "linkage sheet" per enterprise

(**) EUR 1 000.

The data entered in the "Total" row of the above table should be entered in line 3 (regarding linked enterprises) of the table in the Annex to the declaration.



LINKAGE SHEET

(only for linked enterprises not included by consolidation in Box B)

1. Precise identification of the applicant enterprise

Name or Business name

.....

Address (of registered office)

.....

Registration/VAT number¹⁶

.....

Names and titles of the principal director(s)¹⁷

.....

2. Data on enterprise

| Reference period | | | |
|------------------|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| | Headcount (AWU) | Annual turnover (*) | Balance sheet total (*) |
| Total | | | |
| (*) EUR 1 000. | | | |

These data should be entered in Box B(2) in Annex B.

Important: The data of the enterprises, which are linked to the applicant enterprise, are derived from their accounts and their other data, consolidated if they exist. To them are aggregated proportionally the data of any possible partner enterprise of that linked enterprise, situated immediately upstream or downstream from it, unless it has already been included through consolidation¹⁸.

Such partner enterprises are treated like direct partner enterprises of the applicant enterprise. Their data and a 'partnership sheet' have therefore to be added in Annex A.

¹⁶ To be determined by the Member State according to its needs

¹⁷ Chairman (CEO), Director-General or equivalent.

¹⁸ If the data of an enterprise are included in the consolidated accounts to a lesser proportion than the one determined under Article 6 paragraph 2, the percentage rate according to that article should be applied (Definition, Article 6 paragraph 3, second sub-paragraph).



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ANNEX 5

TEAM DECLARATION OF HONOR



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Applicant Declaration of Honor

Title of the proposal:

- *[if an SME]:*

On _____ behalf _____ of _____ (Company name) established/based in _____, (Official SME address), SME VAT number _____, represented for the purposes of signing and submitting the proposal and the Declaration of Honor by _____ (Name of legal representative),

[if research team: team of natural persons acting jointly]:

On behalf of _____ (team name) established/based

[NAME_SURNAME], a self-employee/natural person, with ID [ID_NUMBER] established in [ADDRESS and COUNTRY],

[NAME_SURNAME], a self-employee/natural person, with ID [ID_NUMBER] established in [ADDRESS and COUNTRY],

[NAME_SURNAME], a self-employee/natural person, with ID [ID_NUMBER] established in [ADDRESS and COUNTRY], and

[NAME_SURNAME], a self-employee/natural person, with ID [ID_NUMBER] established in [ADDRESS and COUNTRY],

represented for the purposes of signing and submitting the proposal and the Declaration of Honor by _____ (Name of legal representative),

By signing this document, I declare that

- 1) I have the power of legally binding the above mentioned SME/team on submitting this proposal.
- 2) The above mentioned team/SME has not submitted any other proposal under TruBlo Open Call #1. In case the above-mentioned team/SME has submitted more than one proposals in this Open Call, all associated proposals will be automatically excluded from the evaluation process.
- 3) I and the above team/SME that I legally represent are fully aware and duly accept all TruBlo rules and conditions as expressed in TruBlo Open Call documents and all Annexes, and will fully respect any evaluation decision and proposal selection under TruBlo Programme activities.
- 4) The information included in the Annex 5: SME Declaration document is true and legally binding.
- 5) All provided information in this declaration is true and legally binding.



Team/SME Legal representative Contact Information:

| | |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Title (Mr, Mrs, Dr.) | |
| Name | |
| Surname | |
| Position in the company | |
| Full Address | |
| Country | |
| Email Address | |
| Telephone | |
| Mobile | |
| Signature and stamp | |

Declaration of Honor on exclusion criteria and absence of conflict of interest

By signing this declaration of honour, I declare that all provided information below is true and legally binding both for me and for the SME that I legally represent:

1. I declare that the mentioned team/SME is not in one of the following situations:

- a) it is bankrupt or being wound up, is having its affairs administered by the courts, has entered into an arrangement with creditors, has suspended business activities, is the subject of proceedings concerning those matters, or is in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure provided for in national legislation or regulations;
- b) it or persons having powers of representation, decision making or control over it have been convicted of an offence concerning their professional conduct by a judgment which has the force of res judicata;
- c) it has been guilty of grave professional misconduct proven by any means which the contracting authority can justify including by decisions of the European Investment Bank and international organizations;
- d) it is not in compliance with its obligations relating to the payment of social security contributions or the payment of taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which it is established or with those of the country of the contracting authority or those of the country where the contract is to be performed, to be proved by the deliverance of official documents issued by the local authorities, according to the local applicable rules;
- e) it or persons having powers of representation, decision making or control over it have been the subject of a judgment which has the force of res judicata for fraud, corruption,



- involvement in a criminal organization or any other illegal activity, where such illegal activity is detrimental to the Union's financial interests;
- f) is subject to an administrative penalty for being guilty of misrepresenting the information required by the contracting authority as a condition of participation in a grant award procedure or another procurement procedure or failing to supply this information or having been declared to be in serious breach of its obligations under contracts or grants covered by the Union's budget.
2. I declare that the natural persons with power of representation, decision-making or control over the above-mentioned team/SME are not in the situations referred to in a) to f) above;
3. I declare that:
- a) Neither myself or any person that I know is subject to a TruBlo conflict of interest;
 - b) I have not made false declarations in supplying the information required by participation in the Open Call of TruBlo Project or does not fail to supply this information;
 - c) I am not in one of the situations of exclusion, referred to in the above mentioned points a) to f).
 - d) I am aware and fully accept all TruBlo condition and rules as expressed in TruBlo Open Call documents Annex 1, Annex 2, Annex 3, Annex 3.1, Annex 4, Annex 5, Annex 6 and Annex 7.
4. I certify that the team/SME that I represent:
- is committed to participate in the above mentioned project;
 - has stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain its activity throughout its participation in the above-mentioned project and to provide any counterpart funding necessary;
 - has or will have the necessary resources as and when needed to carry out its involvement in the above-mentioned project.

| | |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Full name: <input type="text"/> | Signature and stamp (if applicable) |
| On <input type="text"/> behalf <input type="text"/> of <input type="text"/> team/SME: <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> | |
| Done at (place) <input type="text"/> the (day) <input type="text"/> (month) <input type="text"/> (year) | |



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ANNEX 6 SUB-GRANT AGREEMENT



*This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020
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CONTRACTING PARTIES

The **WLI Legal Name**, a private organization organized under the laws of Spain, established in **XXX**, with VAT number **XXX**, duly represented by **FULL NAME**, **Position**, hereinafter referred as the “Contractor”. The **WLI Full name** acts on behalf of the TruBlo Consortium.

- *[if an SME]:*

[Name of SME], with VAT number [...], organized under the laws of [...], established in [address], duly represented by [Name of legal representative and Position], hereinafter referred as the “**Beneficiary**”.

[if research team: team of natural persons acting jointly]:

[NAME_SURNAME], a self-employee/natural person, with ID [ID_NUMBER] established in [ADDRESS and COUNTRY],

[NAME_SURNAME], a self-employee/natural person, with ID [ID_NUMBER] established in [ADDRESS and COUNTRY],

[NAME_SURNAME], a self-employee/natural person, with ID [ID_NUMBER] established in [ADDRESS and COUNTRY], and

[NAME_SURNAME], a self-employee/natural person, with ID [ID_NUMBER] established in [ADDRESS and COUNTRY],

hereinafter together referred as the “**Beneficiaries**”

Hereinafter collectively referred as the “**Contracting Parties**”.

The Contracting Parties AGREE to the following terms and conditions including those in the following Annexes, which form an integral part of this Sub-grant Agreement (hereinafter referred as the “**Contract**”).

GENERAL PROVISIONS

The European Commission (hereinafter referred as the “EC”) and the Contractor on behalf of the TruBlo Consortium have signed the Grant Agreement no. 957228 for the implementation of the project *Trusted and reliable content on future blockchains* (“TruBlo”) within the framework of the European Union’s Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation programme (the “Grant Agreement”).

The Beneficiary has received the favourable resolution by the external evaluators and therefore is entitled to receive funding and services according to the terms and conditions set out under this Contract and in accordance with the Guide for Applicants of TruBlo open call (Article 2).

The Contract aims at defining the framework of rights and obligations of the Contracting Parties for the development of the Project as defined in Annex 1.



The funds received by the Beneficiary are owned by the EC. The Contractor is a mere holder and manager of the funds.

ARTICLE 1 – ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE CONTRACT AND TERMINATION

This Contract shall enter into force on the day of its signature by the last Contracting Party.
The termination of the Contract will be subject to the terms and conditions set out in Annex 3 – Guide for Applicants.

ARTICLE 2 – OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BENEFICIARY

The obligations and responsibilities of the Beneficiary are defined in detail in the Article 2 - Guide for Applicants.

Additionally, the Beneficiaries shall take every necessary precaution to avoid any risk of conflict of interest relating to economic interests, political or national affinities, personal or any other interests liable to influence the impartial and objective performance of the Project. In case the Beneficiary is involved in a conflict of interest or in a risk of conflict of interest, the Beneficiary must formally notify this situation to the Contractor without delay and immediately take all the necessary steps to rectify this situation.

ARTICLE 3 – BREACH OF CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

In the event the Contractor identifies that the Beneficiary:

- i. Breached its obligations under the Contract, including the lack of impartial or objective performance of the Project because of conflicts of interest;
- ii. Stopped to carry out its business object of this Contract and therefore is not able or willing to continue the Project;
- iii. Is engaged in a bankrupt or receivership process.

The Contractor will give written notice requiring that such breach to be remedied within 30 days.

In case the Beneficiary has not brought remedies from the notice, the Contractor may decide to terminate the contract unilaterally.

Moreover, in the event the breach of the contractual obligations has been manifestly intentioned or with gross negligence, the Contractor may request the Beneficiary the refund of the payments made to date.

ARTICLE 4 – FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION AND FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

4.1 MAXIMUM FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION



The maximum financial contribution to be granted by the Contractor to the Beneficiary shall not exceed the amount of One Hundred Thousand Euros (175,000€).

4.2 DISTRIBUTION OF THE FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

The financial contribution to be granted to the Beneficiary shall be calculated and distributed in accordance with the provisions of the Guide for Applicants (Annex 5).

In any case, the financial grant to be paid will always be subject to:

- a successful delivery of indicated deliverables associated with each phase of the TruBlo programme
- the availability of funds in TruBlo bank account during the relevant payment period
- The prior written notice to the Beneficiary of the date and amount to be transferred to its bank account (Annex 4 - Bank account information form), giving the relevant references.
- Payments to the Beneficiary will be made by the Contractor. In particular:
 - The Contractor reserves the right to withhold the payments in case the Beneficiary does not fulfil with its obligations and tasks as per Article 1 - Guide for Applicants.
 - Banking and transaction costs related to the handling of any financial resources made available to the Beneficiary by the Contractor shall be covered by the Beneficiary
- Payments will be released no later than fifteen (15) natural days after the notification by the Contractor
- The Beneficiary is responsible for complying with any tax and legal obligations that might be attached to this financial contribution.

4.3 PAYMENTS SCHEDULE

The payment schedule is directly linked to the relevant phase of the Project as per the Guide for Applicants (Article 5).

| | Innovation Phase | | | | Progress Phase | | |
|------------------|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | Pre financing 30% of the total funding | Sprint 1.1 20% of the total funding | Sprint 1.2 30% of the total funding | Sprint 1.3 20% of the total funding | Pre financing 30% of the total funding | Sprint 2.1 20% of the total funding | Sprint 2.2 50% of the total funding |
| Indicative Dates | End M1 | End M3 | End M6 | End M9 | End M10 | End M12 | End M15 |



| | | | | | | | |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| One natural person | 11250€ | 7500€ | 11250€ | 7500€ | 15000€ | 10000€ | 25000€ |
| Group of natural persons | 16875€ | 11250€ | 16875€ | 11250€ | 22500€ | 15000€ | 37500€ |
| Legal Entity(es) or combination of legal entities or combination of legal entity (ies) and individual(s) | 22500€ | 15000€ | 22500€ | 15000€ | 30000€ | 20000€ | 50000€ |

The Beneficiary is entitled to receive exclusively those payments allocated to each specific stage of the Project provided that the conditions under Article 4.2 are met.

4.4 USE OF THE FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION AND RECOVERY

The Beneficiary commits to a proper use of the funding, for the purposes of carrying out the Project in compliance with the KPIs, in accordance with Article 1.3 – Guide for Applicants.

If, on the basis of an audit, Article 11 of this document, the EC seeks to recover contributions from the Contractor, of financial contributions made to the Beneficiary under this Contract, due to a misuse of the funding received, the Beneficiary agrees to repay such amounts to the Contractor.

ARTICLE 5 – LIABILITY OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

The Beneficiary is responsible for any act or omission that causes damage to the Contractor and/or the EC in relation to this Contract. If the Beneficiary is a single researcher/team of researchers/SMEs, all its members will be jointly responsible for the damages caused.

The Beneficiary shall bear sole responsibility for ensuring that their acts within the framework of this Contract do not infringe third parties rights.



Neither the Contractor, nor the EC can be held liable for any acts or omissions of the Beneficiary in relation to this Contract.

There is no joint liability between the Contracting Parties.

ARTICLE 6 – CONFIDENTIALITY

6.1 PRINCIPLES

With respect to all information of whatever nature or form as is disclosed between the Contracting Parties in connection with the Project and identified in writing as confidential, the terms of this Article shall apply.

6.2 OBLIGATIONS

The Contracting Parties agree that such information is communicated on a confidential basis and its disclosure may be prejudicial to the owner of the information, and each of the *receiving Party* undertake that:

- i. It will not, during the term of the Project and for a period of five (5) years from the expiration date of the TruBlo Project on **XXX DATE**, use any such information for any purpose other than in accordance with the terms of the Contract.
- ii. It will, during the term of the Project and for a period of five (5) years from the expiration date of the TruBlo Project on **XXX DATE**, treat the same as (and to procure that the same be kept) confidential, provided always that such agreement and undertaking shall not extend to any information which the receiving Party can show:
 - a. Was, at the time of disclosure to the concerned Contracting Party, published or otherwise generally available to the public;
 - b. has, after disclosure to either of the Contracting Parties, been published or become generally available to the public otherwise than through any act or omission on the part of the receiving Party;
 - c. was already in the possession of the receiving Party, without any restrictions on disclosure, at the time of disclosure; or
 - d. was rightfully acquired from others without any undertaking of confidentiality; or
 - e. is subsequently independently developed by the receiving Party without use of the information provided by the disclosing party.
- iii. it will, during the term of the Project and for a period of five (5) years from the expiration date of the TruBlo Project on **XXX DATE** take the appropriate measures to guarantee the confidentiality of the information provided and the Contractor may request at any time information about these measures and their compliance.
- iv. it may disclose confidential information to their personnel or third parties involved in the action only if they:
 - a. need to know to implement the Contract, and
 - b. are bound by an obligation of confidentiality.

In case of breach of the confidential rules hereinabove set, the Contracting Party breaching the confidentiality will remain solely liable towards possible claims.



ARTICLE 7 – DATA PROTECTION

7.1 DATA PROTECTION OBLIGATIONS

The Contracting Parties have the obligation to abide by the Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation – GDPR) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data.

The processing of personal data shall be carried out lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner, collected for specified purposes and adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary in relation to the purposes for which it is processed.

The Beneficiary will use and process the data only for the purposes of this Contract and during the length of the Contract. Any unauthorised use is forbidden. In any event, the Contractor will not be held responsible for any abusive use of data incurred into by the Beneficiary.

The Beneficiary shall not try to re-identify anonymised data. In the event that re-identification occurs, the Beneficiary commits not to use such data.

7.2 NEW DATA PRODUCED

The Beneficiary acknowledges that he/she will be the “data controller” of any new dataset of piece of personal information that the Beneficiary may produce in the course of the TruBlo project.

ARTICLE 8 – INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

8.1 RESULTS OF THE PROJECT

The results developed during the Project shall be exclusively property of the Beneficiary.

ARTICLE 9– FORCE MAJEURE

“Force Majeure” shall mean any unforeseeable exceptional situation or event beyond the Contracting Parties’ control, which prevents either of them from fulfilling any of their obligations under the Contract, which was not attributable to error or negligence on their part and which proves to be inevitable in spite of exercising all due diligence. Any default of a service, defect in equipment or material or delays in making them available, unless they stem directly from a relevant case of force majeure, as well as labour disputes, strikes or financial difficulties cannot be invoked as force majeure.

The Contracting Parties shall take the necessary measures to limit any damage due to force majeure. They shall do their best to resume the implementation of the action as soon as possible.

No Contracting Party shall be considered to be in breach of its obligations and tasks if such breach is caused by force majeure. A Contracting Party will notify the other Contracting Parties of any force majeure as soon as possible. In case the Beneficiary is not able to overcome the consequences of Force Majeure within thirty (30) calendar days after such notification, the



Contractor and the Data Provider will decide accordingly including the termination of the Contract.

ARTICLE 10 – INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION

10.1 INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TOWARDS THE EC

The Beneficiary shall, throughout the duration of the Project, take appropriate measures to engage with the public and the media about the project and to highlight the financial support of the EC. Unless the EC requests otherwise, any publicity, including at a conference or seminar or any type of information or promotional material (brochure, leaflet, poster, presentation etc.), must specify that the project has received research funding from the EC and display the European emblem.

In particular, the Beneficiary must include the following text: For communication activities: “This project has received funding from the European Union’s Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No 957228”. For infrastructure, equipment and major results: “This [infrastructure][equipment][insert type of result] is part of a project that has received funding from the European Union’s Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No 957228”.

When displayed in association with a logo, the European emblem should be given appropriate prominence. This obligation to use the European emblem in respect of projects to which the EC contributes implies no right of exclusive use. It is subject to general third-party use restrictions which do not permit the appropriation of the emblem or of any similar trademark or logo, whether by registration or by any other means. Under these conditions, the Beneficiary is exempted from the obligation to obtain prior permission from the EC to use the emblem.

Any publicity made by the Beneficiary in respect of the project, in whatever form and on or by whatever medium, must specify that it reflects only the author’s views and that the EC is not liable for any use that may be made of the information contained therein.

The EC may use, for its communication and publicising activities, information relating to the action, documents notably summaries for publication and public deliverables as well as any other material, such as pictures or audio-visual material received from any beneficiary (including in electronic form). The right to use a beneficiary’s materials, documents and information includes: (a) use for its own purposes (in particular, making them available to persons working for the EC or any other EU institution, body, office or agency or body or institutions in EU Member States; and copying or reproducing them in whole or in part, in unlimited numbers); (b) distribution to the public (in particular, publication as hard copies and in electronic or digital format, publication on the internet, as a downloadable or non-downloadable file, broadcasting by any channel, public display or presentation, communicating through press information services, or inclusion in widely accessible databases or indexes); (c) editing or redrafting for communication and publicising activities (including shortening, summarising, inserting other elements (such as meta-data, legends, other graphic, visual, audio or text elements), extracting parts (e.g. audio or video files), dividing into parts, use in a compilation); (d) translation; (e) giving access in response to individual requests under Regulation No 1049/200127, without the right to reproduce or exploit; (f) storage in paper,



electronic or other form; (g) archiving, in line with applicable document-management rules, and (h) the right to authorise third parties to act on its behalf or sub-license the modes of use set out in Points (b), (c), (d) and (f) to third parties if needed for the communication and publicising activities of the EC.

The Beneficiary shall ensure that all necessary authorisations for such publication have been obtained and that the publication of the information by the EC does not infringe any rights of third parties (including personnel of the Beneficiary).

Upon a duly substantiated request by the Contractor on behalf of the Beneficiary, the EC may agree to forego such publicity if disclosure of the information indicated above would risk compromising the Beneficiary's security, academic or commercial interests.

10.2 INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION AMONG THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

Any notice to be given under this Contract shall be in writing to the addresses and recipients listed above.

Any change of persons or contact details shall be notified immediately to the Contractor. The address list shall be accessible to all concerned.

ARTICLE 11 – FINANCIAL AUDITS AND CONTROLS

The EC may, at any time during the implementation of the Project and up to five years after the end of the TruBlo project (foreseen for 19/10/2021), arrange for financial audits to be carried out, by external auditors, or by the EC services themselves including the European Anti-Fraud office (OLAF) and the European Court of Auditors (ECA), on the Beneficiary. The audit procedure shall be deemed to be initiated on the date of receipt of the relevant letter sent by the EC. Such audits may cover financial, systemic and other aspects (such as accounting and management principles) relating to the proper execution of the Grant Agreement. They shall be carried out on a confidential basis.

The Beneficiary shall make available directly to the EC all detailed information and data that may be requested by the EC or any representative authorised by it, with a view to verifying that the Grant Agreement is properly managed and performed in accordance with its provisions and that costs have been charged in compliance with it. This information and data must be precise, complete and effective.

The Beneficiary shall keep the originals or, in exceptional cases, duly authenticated copies – including electronic copies - of all documents relating to the Contract until at least two years after the project ends (2023). These shall be made available to the EC where requested during any audit under the Grant Agreement.

In order to carry out these audits, the Beneficiary shall ensure that the EC's services and any external body(ies) authorised by it have on-the-spot access at all reasonable times, notably to the Beneficiary's offices, to its computer data, to its accounting data and to all the information



needed to carry out those audits, including information on individual salaries of persons involved in the project. They shall ensure that the information is readily available on the spot at the moment of the audit and, if so requested, that data be handed over in an appropriate form.

On the basis of the findings made during the financial audit, a provisional report shall be drawn up. It shall be sent by the EC or its authorised representative to the beneficiary concerned, which may make observations thereon within one month of receiving it. The EC may decide not to take into account observations conveyed or documents sent after that deadline. The final report shall be sent to the beneficiary concerned within two months of expiry of the aforesaid deadline.

On the basis of the conclusions of the audit, the EC shall take all appropriate measures which it considers necessary, including the issuing of recovery orders regarding all or part of the payments made by it and the application of any applicable sanction.

The European Court of Auditors shall have the same rights as the EC, notably right of access, for the purpose of checks and audits, without prejudice to its own rules.

In addition, the EC may carry out on-the-spot checks and inspections in accordance with Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96 of 11 November 1996 concerning on-the-spot checks and inspections carried out by the EC in order to protect the European Communities' financial interests against fraud and other irregularities.

ARTICLE 12 – ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTING

The Beneficiary shall not assign or transfer in whole or in part any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the Contractor and the Data Provider express prior written consent.

ARTICLE 13 – LANGUAGE

This Agreement is drawn in English, language which shall govern all documents, notices, meetings and processes relative thereto.

ARTICLE 14 – AMENDMENTS

Amendments or changes to this Contract shall be made in writing and signed by the duly authorized representative of the Contracting Parties.

Nevertheless, In the event the EC modifies the conditions, the Contractor will amend the Contract accordingly.

ARTICLE 15 – APPLICABLE LAW

This Contract shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of Belgium.

ARTICLE 16 – SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

If the Contracting Parties are unable to resolve a dispute amicably, such dispute will be finally settled under the Rules of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce by one arbitrator in Brussels.



The Contracting Parties to the dispute may, by agreement, nominate the sole arbitrator for confirmation. If the parties fail to nominate a sole arbitrator within fourteen (14) days from the date when the claimant's Request for Arbitration has been received by the other party, the sole arbitrator shall be appointed by the Court.

The seat of arbitration shall be Brussels.

The Contracting Parties agree that the language of the arbitration, including oral hearings, written evidence and correspondence, shall be English.

A duly rendered arbitration award shall be final and binding on the Contracting Parties to the dispute. Each Contracting Party to the arbitration conducted in accordance with this section hereof shall bear its own expenses incurred in connection with such arbitration, including fees of its legal counsels. All other costs and expenses shall be apportioned between the Contracting Parties to the arbitration in accordance with the decision of the arbitrators.

Nothing in this Contract shall limit the Contracting Parties right to seek injunctive relief or to enforce an arbitration award in any applicable competent court of law.

AS WITNESS:

The Contracting Parties have caused this Contract to be duly signed by the undersigned authorized representatives in three (3) copies the day and year first above written:

For [ORGANISATION_NAME]
Mr/Ms [NAME SURNAME]
[POSITION_IN_ORGANISATION] (if organisation)

Signature

Done at [Place] on [Date]

For [ORGANISATION_NAME]
Mr/Ms [NAME SURNAME]
[POSITION_IN_ORGANISATION] (if organisation)

Signature

Done at [Place] on [Date]



ANNEXES TO THE SUB GRANT AGREEMENT

1. Open call overview
2. Guide for applicants
3. Application form
4. Additional applicant(s) document
5. Proposal description
6. Bank account information



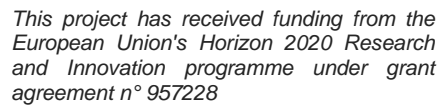
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Annex 7

Bank Account Information



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Bank account information form

ACCOUNT HOLDER INFORMATION

| | |
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| Account Name Holder | |
| The name or title under which the account has been opened and NOT the name of the authorized agent | |
| Holder's Address | |
| Postcode | |
| Town/City | |
| Country | |
| | |
| Contact Person | |
| It does not need to be an authorised agent. | |
| Telephone | |
| Phone | |

BANK ACCOUNT INFORMATION

| | |
|---|--|
| Bank Name | |
| Branch Address | |
| Postcode | |
| Town/City | |
| Country | |
| IBAN number / Account number Format example: ES76 2077 0024 0031 0257 5766 | |
| SWIFT code 8 to 11 characters | |

| | |
|---|---|
| BANK STAMP + SIGNATURE OF BANK REPRESENTATIVE | |
| | DATE + SIGNATURE OF ACCOUNT HOLDER (OBLIGATORY) |
| The bank stamp + signature of bank representative can be substituted by the attachment of a recent bank statement (less than 2 months). | |



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Annex 8

Template for H2020 Financial Support to Third Parties



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To publish a call on the Participant Portal (PP), the Project Officer must send to the PP team at least the following information:

| | |
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| Call Title: | TruBlo Open Call 3 |
| Full name of the EU funded project: | Trusted and reliable content on future blockchains |
| Project acronym: | TruBlo |
| Grant agreement number: | H2020 - 957228 |
| Call publication date: | 27 January 2022 at 12:00 CET |
| Call deadline: | 30 March 2022 at 17:00 CET |
| Expected duration of participation: | 15 months programme split in 2 phases (9 + 6 months) |
| Total EU funding available: | € 1.900.000 |
| Task description: | <p>TruBlo will nurture the beyond the state-of-the-art research on blockchain technology and foster the development of new software, platforms or tools for distributed trust.</p> <p>The objective of the TruBlo Open Call is to stimulate research teams led by developers, innovators, researchers, SMEs, entrepreneurs and academia to define and implement small scale research projects on one of the two topics: Topic Trust and reputation models on blockchains; Topic Proof-of-validity and proof-of-location.</p> <p>In order to empower the innovation potential of European research teams, TruBlo aims to provide access to specialised knowledge, technology, capital and markets through a 15-month support programme, divided into 2 stages: INNOVATION and PROGRESS. Each stage is associated with a specific technology framework and services package to accelerate and enhance the development of new products and services that foster trust in internet information exchange and content.</p> <p>Through participation in the TruBlo programme, the selected projects should have potential to entail a substantial advance in the state of the art, deliver results with the potential to create higher research, social and economic impacts, combined with</p> |

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| | the potential to generate new value into the media & internet market. |
| Submission & evaluation process: | <p>The open call is broken down in 2 phases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase 1. Innovation (9 months), • Phase 2. Progress (6 months). <p>For phase 1, up to 20 projects will be selected to conceptualize a research project for 1 of the 2 focus areas (first Top ranked proposals will be retained).</p> <p>Then, for phase 2, from the initial pool of 20 projects, a subset of 4 projects will be retained based on their quality to elaborate the concept proposed in phase 1 and prepare design specifications of the solutions to be implemented with potential users / customers.</p> <p>The evaluation of proposals is carried out by the TruBlo Consortium with the assistance of independent experts.</p> <p>The maximum amount of funding that each beneficiary may receive during the TruBlo call 3 is subject to the legal status of the applicant (cf. Annex 2 “Guide for applicant”).</p> <p>The submission will be done via the F6S platform:</p> <p>https://www.f6s.com/TruBlo-open-call-3/apply</p> <p>The applicants are required to register first a profile at FS6 to be able to submit their proposal.</p> |
| Further information: | Further details are available at: https://www.trublo.eu/apply/ |