

SYSTEMEU — FSTP Open Call

Project Application Form

Narrative Template · Interregional Innovation Investments

Programme

SYSTEMEU / I3

Thematic areas

Healthcare · Energy · Mobility

Document

Narrative Template

Use with

Budget Template (xlsx)

How to use this template. Complete every section of this form in English. Grey boxes contain guidance text — replace them with your own content. Fields marked **★ REQUIRED** must be filled in; all others are recommended. Submit this form together with the completed SYSTEMEU Budget Template (xlsx) via platform (To be added). Maximum of 25 pages in total. Maximum word counts are indicated per narrative section. Any pages exceeding the 25-page limit will be automatically clipped and ignored by the evaluators.

PART A — Project Identification

Project Acronym ★ <i>Short name, max 20 characters</i>	
Full Project Title ★ <i>Max 130 characters</i>	
Thematic Area ★ <i>Tick primary + secondary</i>	Primary: ☐ Healthcare ☐ Energy ☐ Mobility Secondary (if any): ☐ Healthcare ☐ Energy ☐ Mobility
Project Start Date ★ <i>DD/MM/YYYY</i>	
Project End Date ★ <i>DD/MM/YYYY</i>	
Total Requested Funding ★ <i>EUR — see Budget Template</i>	€

PART B — Lead Partner

Organisation Name ★ <i>Full legal name</i>	
Organisation Type ★ <i>e.g. SME, cluster, RTO, university</i>	
SYSTEMEU Region ★ <i>Select one</i>	☐ Bayern (DE) ☐ Romania (RO) ☐ Castilla y León (ES) ☐ Norte Region (PT) ☐ Tuzla Canton (BA)
Address ★ <i>Street, city, postal code, country</i>	
VAT Number <i>If applicable</i>	
PIC Number <i>EU Participant Portal</i>	
Website <i>Organisation URL</i>	

Lead Partner — Contact Person

First & Last Name ★	
Position / Title ★	
Email ★	
Phone Number	

Conflict of Interest Declaration ★ I hereby confirm that our organisation has not been involved in any conflicts of interest with SYSTEMEU Beneficiaries (BENs) and that we have no organisational, financial, or personal relationships that could influence the evaluation of this application.	☐ Yes, I confirm the above declaration
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Lead Partner Budget ★ <i>EUR — from Budget Template</i>	Total costs: €	Requested FSTP funding: €
Plan for Additional Costs <i>How will you cover costs beyond FSTP funding?</i>		

PART C — Partner(s)

Duplicate this section for each additional partner

► Complete one copy of this section for each consortium partner beyond the Lead Partner. Copy and paste the entire section and update the partner number (Partner 1, Partner 2, etc.).

PARTNER 1

Organisation Name ★ <i>Full legal name</i>	
Organisation Type ★	
SYSTEMEU Region ★ <i>Must differ from Lead Partner</i>	☐ Bayern (DE) ☐ Romania (RO) ☐ Castilla y León (ES) ☐ Norte Region (PT) ☐ Tuzla Canton (BA)
Address ★	
VAT / PIC Number	VAT: _____ PIC: _____
Contact Person ★ <i>Name, email, phone</i>	Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____
Conflict of Interest ★	☐ I confirm this organisation has no conflict of interest with any SYSTEMEU BEN
Partner Budget ★ <i>From Budget Template</i>	Total costs: € _____ Requested FSTP funding: € _____
Additional Cost Plan	

PART D — Project Narrative

All sections mandatory

Instructions. Write in clear, concise English. Address each section separately. Use the guidance text to understand what evaluators are looking for. Narrative sections are assessed against the SYSTEMEU evaluation criteria: **Excellence**, **Impact** and **Implementation**. Do not copy guidance text into your response.

1. Project Summary

Max 500 words each

Provide a concise overview of your project: what it proposes, why it matters, for which SYSTEMEU thematic area it contributes, and what outcomes it will deliver.

Project Summary ★

Describe your project in max 500 words. This summary may be used for public communication.

2. Relevance

Max 1200 words each

Evaluators will assess how clearly the project addresses a demonstrated challenge or opportunity and how well it is aligned with SYSTEMEU priorities and the selected mission(s), and whether it is grounded in the specific industrial and innovation context of the participating regions.

2.1 Problem / Opportunity Statement ★

What specific challenge or opportunity does this project address? Provide evidence of the need (data, reports, stakeholder input).

2.2 Alignment with SYSTEMEU Mission(s) and Regional Priorities ★

Explain how the project contributes to your selected SYSTEMEU mission(s). Reference the Smart Specialisation Strategies (S3/RIS3) or innovation agendas of the participating regions.

2.3 Added Value of Interregional Collaboration

What complementary assets, capabilities or markets does each partner bring? How do the partners' assets work together to achieve the project's goal?

3. Ambition and Innovation

Max 1200 words each

Evaluators will look for evidence that the proposed solution goes beyond existing practice — whether in technology, process, business model or application. Incremental improvement should be clearly distinguished from disruptive innovation.

3.1 TRL Progress ★

How does your technical approach advance beyond existing solutions, and what concrete testing and qualification steps ensure a credible progression from TRL 6 to TRL 8 during the project?

3.2 State of the Art & Innovation Beyond

Briefly describe the current state of the art and/or market in your thematic area. What solutions already exist and what are their limitations? What is genuinely new about your approach?

4. Work Plan for Piloting and Demonstration

Max 1500 words each + milestone table

This section should demonstrate that the project has a realistic, structured plan to deliver a concrete pilot or demonstration within the project's duration.

4.1 Pilot / Demonstration Description ★

Describe the pilot or demonstration activity in detail. What will be tested? Where? At what scale? What infrastructure or facilities will be used?

4.2 Ambition of Objective ★

What does success look like? Why is your approach the best method for achieving success?

4.3 Work Package Overview ★

List the main work packages (WPs), their objectives, lead partner and timing. Minimum 3 WPs and maximum 5 WPs-Recommended. Example structure: WP1 Coordination, WP2 Preparation, WP3 Piloting, WP4 Dissemination.

No.	Milestone / Deliverable	Description	Lead Partner	Due (Month)
M1				
M2				
M3				
M4				
M5				
M6				

5. Risk Analysis

#	Risk Description	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigation Measure
R1		H / M / L	H / M / L	
R2		H / M / L	H / M / L	
R3		H / M / L	H / M / L	
R4		H / M / L	H / M / L	

6. Team and Network

Max 400 words each

6.1 Team Competence ★

Describe the key staff members who will carry out the project. What is their relevant experience? How do partner organisations complement each other? How are gender balance and diversity reflected in the team composition and leadership roles?

6.2 Network and Stakeholder Engagement

Who, beyond the consortium, is engaged or committed to the project (industry, municipalities, investors, end-users)? What is their role?

7. Impact

Max 500 words each

7.1 Regional Economic Impact ★

Describe the expected regional economic benefits: local value creation, strengthening of regional supply chains, competitiveness of regional SMEs, attraction of investments, and long-term economic resilience for the involved regions.

7.2 Social Impact

Describe expected social benefits: job creation, skills development, inclusion, community engagement, gender equality considerations or other relevant social dimensions.

8. Business and Broader Impact (Exploitation)

Max 300 words each

8.1 Dissemination and Replicability ★

How will project results be communicated and shared with key stakeholders (dissemination), and what strategies are planned to replicate, scale, or commercially exploit the outputs?

8.2 Market Opportunity and Commercialisation Pathway

Who is the target market? What is the business model? What is the estimated market size or revenue potential?

PART E — Ethics Self-Assessment

The ethics self-assessment is a standard requirement under the Horizon Europe framework. Disclosing an ethical issue does not disqualify your application. Failure to disclose a relevant issue may do so. Tick all boxes that apply to your project and explain how you will address each one.

Ethical consideration		Applies?
1.	The project involves personal data or data from individuals (privacy / GDPR considerations)	☐ Yes ☐ No
2.	The project involves human participants in pilots, tests or surveys	☐ Yes ☐ No
3.	The project involves dual-use technologies or security-sensitive applications	☐ Yes ☐ No
4.	The project involves environmental risks beyond those mitigated in Section 7	☐ Yes ☐ No
5.	The project involves animal testing or biological materials	☐ Yes ☐ No
6.	The project may have negative social impacts on vulnerable groups	☐ Yes ☐ No
7.	The project involves artificial intelligence (AI), automated decision-making or algorithmic tools.	☐ Yes ☐ No
8.	Other ethical considerations not listed above	☐ Yes ☐ No

If you ticked 'Yes' to any item above, explain here ★

For each ticked item, describe the nature of the ethical issue and how you plan to address it (max 200 words per item).

PART F — Compulsory Requirements and Final Declarations

All items mandatory

Compulsory Requirement	Confirmed?
The lead partner is an eligible legal entity in an EU Member State / associated country.	☐ Yes ☐ No
The consortium consists of at least 2–3 organisations from different SYSTEMEU regions.	☐ Yes ☐ No
The application includes a concrete pilot/demonstration activity.	☐ Yes ☐ No
The project budget has been prepared using the official SYSTEMEU PartG Budget Template (xlsx)	☐ Yes ☐ No
The proposal is submitted in English.	☐ Yes ☐ No

Final Declaration

Accuracy & Consent: All provided information is accurate, complete, and updated, and all applicants have explicitly consented to participate.

Eligibility & Capacity: All partners comply with all call eligibility criteria, possess the required operational/financial capacity, and will sign the FSTP sub-grant agreement if selected.

Conflict of Interest: No partner is subject to any conflict of interest regarding SYSTEMEU entities or the evaluation process.

Funding Integrity & IP: The work is original, respects third-party IPR, relies on civil applications, and does not involve double funding or parallel EU grant submissions for the same activities.

Compliance & Ethics: The project complies with applicable EU/national legislation, ethical principles, State aid rules, AI transparency, and cross-cutting priorities (DNSH, Gender, Open Science).

Audits & Terms: We accept the Open Call Manual Terms & Conditions, including audit and record-keeping obligations, and acknowledge that false statements lead to exclusion or grant termination.

Final Declaration by Lead Partner ★

I, the undersigned authorised representative of the Lead Partner, hereby declare that: (i) all information provided in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge; (ii) our organisation is eligible to receive FSTP funding under the SYSTEMEU project; and (iii) we accept the terms and conditions of the SYSTEMEU FSTP Open Call.

Name: _____

Position: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Submission checklist. Before submitting, confirm you have included: (1) *this completed narrative template*; (2) *the completed SYSTEMEU FSTP Budget Template (xlsx)*; (3) *any supporting annexes referenced in the narrative (letters of support, CVs, etc.). Incomplete applications will not be evaluated.*