

Head Start Proposals 2017

Call for Germany and Switzerland

Publication of call:
December 7th 2016

Submission deadline:
September 8th 2017
16:00 (CET)

Applications can be
made continuously
throughout this period

Evaluation cut off
dates:

March 3rd 2017,
16:00 (CET)

June 16th 2017,
16:00 (CET)

September 8th 2017,
16:00 (CET)

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The German EIT Health GmbH hereby invites German and Swiss organisations to submit proposals for EIT Health Head Start projects.

The Head Start call provides fast-track project opportunities with focus on *micro and small enterprises** (< 50 employees), spin-offs and start-ups (incorporated in Germany or Switzerland at project end at the latest), funded to rapidly initiate activities. The grant supports the applicants in realizing next steps towards the market to shorten time-to-market for innovative products and services. These should fit to the overall EIT Health thematic scope, "Healthy Living, Active Ageing, Improved Health Care". Head Start projects are EIT Health's tool to rapidly enable pilots, building or testing of prototypes, hiring of market experts, market analyses, patent scans, freedom to operate analyses, etc.

The projects are expected to have a high short-term impact. The applicants must describe what the next steps after the grant will be, underpinning why the grant is so important. Projects are approved at CLC level and may involve partners from only the local CLC eco-system.

A maximum EIT contribution of € 50,000 can be requested for each project. The maximum duration of a project is 12 months. The EIT contribution will be provided for a maximum of 12 months. The start of the project needs to be in 2017.

German and Swiss *micro and small enterprises** (< 50 employees), spin-offs and start-ups (incorporated in Germany or Switzerland at project end at the latest) are eligible for funding. The applicants need not to come from existing EIT Health partners, but have to become project partners in order to receive EIT Health funding.

Submission of Applications:

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Optionally, a video pitch can also be submitted.

Please submit your application by email (in Word or PDF format, max 5MB) to headstart@eit-health.de.

Resources available (provided by the German CLC office):

- Template for proposals
- Eligibility and evaluation criteria
- Advice and information for Head Start Project Proposals
- Declaration of Honour

*http://ec.europa.eu/growth/smes/business-friendly-environment/sme-definition/index_en.htm

