

OFFERR Call announcement

The OFFERR project¹ funded by EURATOM announces a call for proposals. The goal is to facilitate international cooperation in nuclear research between European Union (and EURATOM associate Members) research organizations, universities, companies and their partners through financing trans-national access to key nuclear research infrastructures.

The call is open to project proposals within all disciplines and topics of research, development and innovation that are in line with the strategic research and innovation Agenda (SRIA) of the Sustainable Nuclear Energy Technology Platform (SNETP). The project proposals supported by other European associations and organizations acting within EURATOM framework will be also considered.

The beneficiaries are the organizations offering access to experimental infrastructures to selected project proposals and the research teams that are allowed to use the infrastructures for the work described within the project proposal. The applicants shall agree on the term of references upon submission of their proposals

The researchers applying for the access are expected to liaise with the organization that owns/operate the infrastructure (among those listed in the OFFERR user facility database) and agree on all the logistical and technical aspects of the proposed work. The proposals should be prepared jointly by the visiting team and the visited facility/facilities.

Two types of applications are possible:

- “fast-track project” to perform studies of limited scope which are to be completed in less than 6 months of access to the infrastructure. This type of project can be awarded a financial support up to 50 kEUR (consult the catalogue of fast-track activities),
- “complex project” to perform studies with extended scope to be completed in less than a year and a half (18 months). This second type of project can be allocated a financial support up to 1 MEUR².

The proposal submission opens on the 3rd of April 2023 and it will last until the 28th of October 2025. The cut-off dates are planned to be the following (subject to eventual adaptation):

	Fast-track projects		Complex projects	
	Cut-off dates	Selection completed	Cut-off dates	Selection completed
1	16/05/2023	1.5 month later		2.5 months later
2	30/09/2023		30/09/2023	
3	31/03/2024		31/03/2024	
4	30/09/2024		30/09/2024	
5	31/03/2025		31/03/2025	
6	30/09/2025			

After each cut-off date, the received applications will follow an eligibility check according to the European commission rules (see eligibility criteria) and then through the evaluation procedure (see evaluation criteria).

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² If the cost is above 300 kEUR, the application will not be able to be funded by Financial Support to Third Parties (FSTP) process and the infrastructure owner will need to join the OFFERR project consortium.

The selected project proposals will receive the financial support from the coordinator of the OFFERR project in compliance with the decision made by the consortium based on evaluation results, including SNETP.

Detailed information on the proposal requirements, evaluation criteria as well as reporting of the achievements are contained in the following documents:

- Terms of reference
- Eligibility criteria
- Evaluation criteria
- User facility database (including the clusters of facilities and the fast-track catalogue)
- Guidelines for applicants
- Application template
- User report template
- Infrastructure report template