# FAQ Research platform – Towards a healthcare society

## Practical aspects of the call.

**What is meant by 2 independent research organisms?**

the Research Platform Program (RPF) aims to support collaborative and multidisciplinary research projects carried out by research organizations. The research projects must be conducted by a consortium of research teams from at least **2 independent** institutions. For instance, this could involve institutions such as VUB and ULB, or any other combination of independent research organizations such as the HE Ferrer or the European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer (EORTC). However, it's possible to have three partners with only two independent research organizations, such as two UCLouvain labs collaborating with Odisee.

**What is the budget allocated for the call, and how many projects are expected to be funded?**

The total budget for the call falls within the range of 4 to 4.5 million euros. As such, the exact number of projects to be funded cannot be predetermined and will depend on the budget allocation for each project.

**Is there a higher likelihood of success if a research consortium has a mentor at level 5?**

Innoviris does not require or expect a level 5 mentorship. Project success hinges on the quality of research and the consortium. Bear in mind that the mentor of level 5 will also go through a more thorough analysis and has to do research as well.

**Can there be differences between the Expression of Interest (EOI) and the Full Proposal (FP)?**

While the overall content of the project must remain consistent between the Expression of Interest and the Full Proposal, minor changes may occur, such as updates to mentors not previously known during the Expression of Interest stage.

**Is there a limit on the number of participating mentors?** (for example, can there be up to 10 organizations involved)?

There is no set limit on the configuration of the research consortium or the number of mentors. However, the number of partners should align with the research project's ambition.

**How is a hospital classified – as a research organization or a mentor entity?**

If uncertain about whether an organization qualifies as a research entity or a mentor, inquiries can be directed to Innoviris for clarification.

**Are non-profit organization considered as economic mentor?**

According to the new code of society and association, non-profit organizations are classified as enterprises by default. Depending on their activities, they can serve as economic mentors. Guidance on this classification can be obtained by completing the relevant form found at the end of the Full Proposal submission.

## Thematic of the call based on the portfolio.

**Are applicants required to focus on a single topic within the portfolio, or is mixing topics acceptable?**

Research projects can either concentrate on a single topic from the portfolio or adopt a more transdisciplinary approach by combining multiple topics.

**Is it compulsory for the project to address one of the research questions already included in the portfolio?**

The examples of research proposals serve as a foundation for inspiration. While helpful, applicants are not obliged to include them and may propose new research questions as part of their submission. However, these new research questions must be clearly integrated into at least one of the 5 areas of the portfolio.