

Q&A

- Are only STEM projects eligible?

The old name "STEM programme" seemed to suggest that Innoviris only supported projects encouraging young people to choose maths, science and engineering. It did not do justice to the wide range of projects that Innoviris supports as part of its two awareness-raising missions: (1) to attract young people in Brussels to STEM fields of study and careers and (2) to encourage a scientific culture among the general public in Brussels. We have therefore chosen new names and separated SP-EVENT and SP-PROGRAM into two outreach objectives (STEM and general).

- Our organization offers a full annual programme of activities to promote science, combining both events and workshops. In which category should I submit my project?

As an organization, you will need to submit two projects: one for stand-alone events and one for the ongoing programme of activities. However, you can combine different events in the same application, as well as different series of activities in different formats (for example, workshops for schools, extra-curricular activities, and camps). If, for example, you are organizing workshops in preparation for an event, the whole thing comes under SP-EVENT.

- Our organization organizes several events a year. Do I have to submit a separate form for each event?

No. This is not necessary. You can combine several events in a single application. However, you will need to calculate a separate budget for each event. This option is also available for SP-PROGRAM. Please note that if, for example, you organize many conferences over the course of the year in a certain format, we do not consider these to be separate events, but - given their ongoing nature - they do come under SP-PROGRAM.

- Does developing a temporary exhibition often take longer, and can it also be visited over a longer period? Does this fall under SP-EVENT?

SP-EVENT includes projects that are clearly defined in terms of time and objectives. They are temporary, in the sense that they can be accessed at a given time or for a specific period, unlike SP-PROGRAMME activity programmes, which are more continuous in nature. They also have a clearly defined objective. They are publicly announced and open to all, with or without an entrance fee. An exhibition falls into this category. Please note that permanent collections or the structural expenses of museums are not covered by this grant channel.

- Which category does the development of educational material to promote science or digital content fall into?

These projects can also request support from Innoviris. As this content is permanently available, it has been hosted on SP-PROGRAMME.

If you still have questions about the reform of STEM programmes, please do not hesitate to contact our science promotion advisers: Suzana Koelet (NL/EN) or Monserrate Pascual Roca (FR).