

Press Release

ECSEL JU opens its Calls for Proposals for 2020.

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Today, ECSEL JU opens 3 concurrent Calls for proposals – one for “Innovation Actions” (ECSEL-IA), one for “Research and Innovation Actions” (ECSEL-RIA), and one for an ECSEL-JU Coordination and Support Action (CSA).

The technical topics for the Calls follow the Multi-Annual Strategic Plan for 2020, which itself is derived from the common ECS Strategic Research Agenda published by the AENEAS, ARTEMIS-IA and EPoSS Industry Associations, representing the industrial and academic Electronic Components and Systems research community in Europe. In particular, the ECSEL-CSA action focuses on Digital Excellence/semantic web hosting, offering a means to provide longer-term support to many projects’ results in the Industry4.0 domain and beyond.

Additionally, a joint activity call with the IMI JU (Innovative Medicine Initiative Joint Undertaking) is planned, focusing on the new generation digital technologies for clinical trials at home. This call is being prepared and more information, as well as the opening date for this Call, will be published soon.

The ECSEL JU funding budget for these Calls (which is part of the EU’s H2020 programme) is 163 M€. Matched with a roughly equal amount of funding from the ECSEL Participating States and the investment made by the participants themselves, these Calls represent an additional potential R&I investment of around 700 M€, adding to the 4.05 B€ already realised by the programme.

ECSEL JU Executive Director Bert De Colvenaer calls to mind that “...*the Calls in 2020 are the last for the ECSEL JU, rounding off a very successful program for the whole ECS sector. We call upon our partners to once again pull together all their experience and new, challenging ideas for this last opportunity. By December this year, we will know those who are successful As for next year, we all are looking forward to a new successor program to ECSEL under the European R&I program ‘Horizon Europe’*”.

The ECSEL JU Programme is open to any organisation meeting the specific eligibility criteria relevant in each ECSEL Participating State and/or eligible to participate in the H2020 Programme (see the Call information page for details).

About ECSEL Joint Undertaking:

ECSEL JU operates an ambitious Research, Development and Innovation programme that will combine EU funding (from Horizon 2020) together with National funds from ECSEL Participating States and the Private sector, to leverage a total investment approaching 5Bn EUR over its lifetime: Electronic Components and Systems (ECS), being at the core of virtually all economic sectors, have unparalleled impact for the economy and for society and in Europe, and are therefore a Key Enabling Technology of considerable significance for Europe.

The Governing Board is the highest governance body of the JU, that has overall responsibility for the strategic orientation and the operations of the ECSEL Joint Undertaking and supervises the implementation of its activities. The Public Authorities Board is responsible for all matters related to calls for proposals and allocation of public funding, while the Private Members Board is responsible for drafting the multiannual strategic research and innovation agenda and proposes the research and innovation activities plan. The Executive Director is the chief executive responsible for the day-to-day management of the ECSEL JU in accordance with the decisions of the Governing Board.

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