



Horizon IP Scan

Helping SMEs manage and valorise Intellectual Property (IP) in R&I collaborations

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17 August 2022*

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- **SMEs/start-ups involved in EU-funded collaborative R&I projects**
- **Increasing overall IP awareness and IP management knowledge**
- **Free of charge**
- **applications until November 2023**



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Approach & Scope

- Network of over **100 experts from 27 countries** able to provide the service in **22 languages**
- well-established methods and tools
- **IP-related risks** and opportunities in collaborative innovation frameworks
- Supports to efficiently manage and valorise intellectual assets
- all of the countries participating in the **Horizon programmes**

Who can apply?

- The service is open to **European Start-ups and SMEs** (according to the EC's definition) that
 - are about to sign a **Horizon Europe Grant Agreement** or
 - have recently signed one (up to six months after signature).
 - SME has been signposted by the **Horizon Results Booster** (maximum until half of the project duration)
 - SMEs that are referred to Horizon IP Scan by the Enterprise Europe Network, in view of a **planned cooperation with other entities on a R&I project**, are eligible for the service up to six months after the beginning of a project, but preferably before any agreement is signed.

Benefits for the SME beneficiarie(s)

- Increasing overall IP awareness and IP management knowledge – **leverage the company's innovation capacity**
- Get a clear picture of **existing IP** brought into the collaboration
- Better **understand, define** and **negotiate** appropriate IP clauses before the start of a collaborative R&I project (i.e. when negotiating Consortium Agreements)
- Identify potential ways to **protect intangible assets**
- Manage **jointly** created and jointly owned knowledge
- Develop a joint IP management and **exploitation strategy** with consortium partners

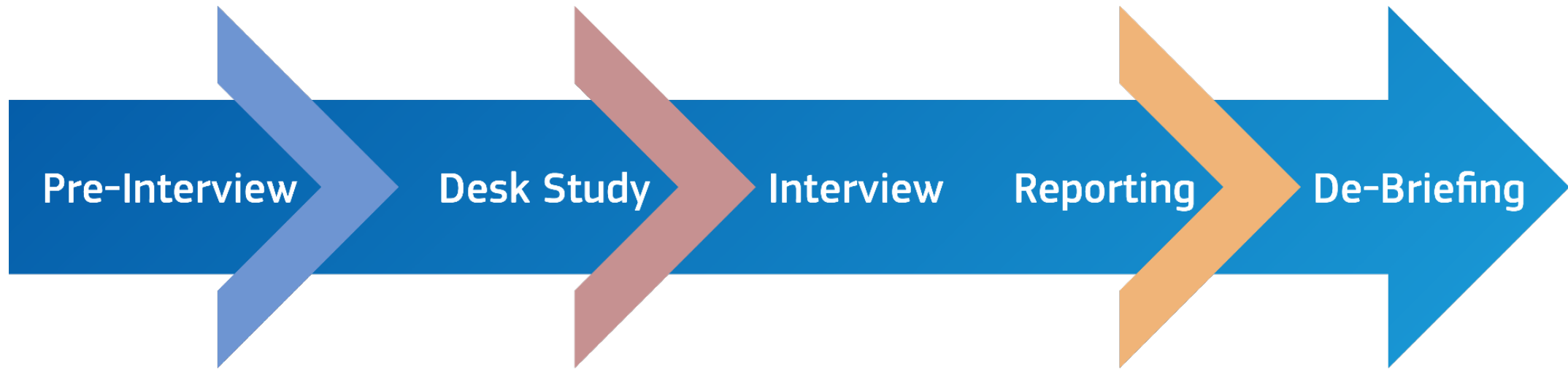
Main IP challenges in Horizon Europe collaborative projects

- Strategic approach to **define background knowledge** (IP) brought into the R&I cooperation
- Defining **opportunities** and **risks** of sharing knowledge with consortium partners
- Possibilities to **protect** IP generated in the collaborative project
- Joint ownership and the definition of relative contributions of joint-owners
- Agreements on the use of **IP rights resulting** from the project
- Defining (joint) exploitation **strategies** and **pathways**

Scope and Limits of Horizon IP Scan

- It is important to understand what the Horizon IP Scan **is** and what it is **NOT**.
- A (**free-of-charge**) service of approximately 1.5 working days cannot be considered to be a complete IP review of the company's intellectual assets and neither the IP expert nor the central coordination team can assume liability for the recommendations.
- The Horizon IP Scan services **never replaces** the services of professional representatives such as lawyers or patent attorneys.
- The experts will avoid giving advice which would refer to explicit legal solutions. In the same spirit, the service will **not** serve to draft intellectual property right applications or IP related contracts.

Service Implementation Process



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- Application
 - Filing the online application (e.g. Registration number, national tax number, PIC number, grant agreement number)
- Eligibility
 - Horizon IP Scan team checks whether the applicant is eligible.
- Pre-selection of 3 experts (depends the country)
 - CCT pre-selects and proposes 3 expert profiles to the applicant.
- Selection of expert
 - SME applicant selects the local expert who will provide the service.
- Pre-interview
 - The appointed expert gets in touch with the company and arrange the pre-interview. During the pre-interview the expert detects the needs, questions and doubts of the SME.

Service Implementation Process

- Desk study
 - Local expert examines provided background information.
- Main interview
 - The main interview is scheduled to discuss the main challenges and major issues.
- Expert report
 - Local expert prepares a detailed report including the points discussed and the recommendations made.
- Individual debriefing
 - An individual debriefing is scheduled with the SME to ensure that there are no outstanding doubts left.
- Group debriefing
 - In case there are other Horizon IP Scan SME beneficiaries in the project, who are interested in holding a joint discussion, a group debriefing is conducted with the participation of all the SME partners and the experts.

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The service is open to European start-ups and [SMEs](#) that are about to sign a Horizon (2020/Europe) Grant Agreement or have recently signed one (up to six months after signature). It also caters to SMEs signposted by the [Horizon Results Booster](#) (maximum until half of the project duration).


In addition, SMEs that are referred to Horizon IP Scan by the [Enterprise Europe Network](#) in view of a planned cooperation with other entities on a R&I project, are also eligible for the service up to six months after the beginning of a project, but preferably before any agreement is signed.

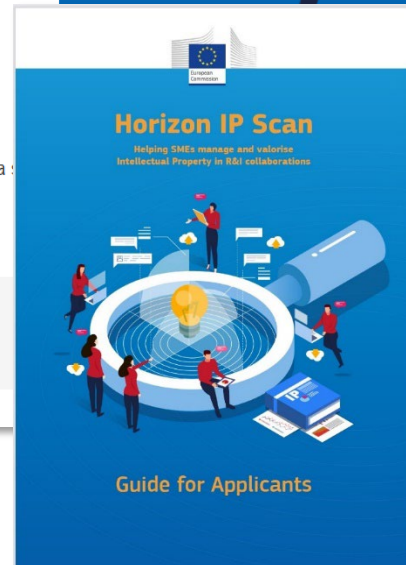
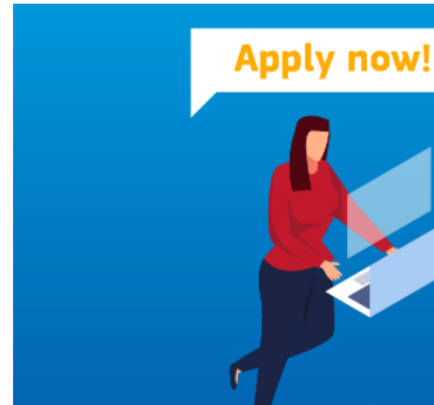
You can apply for the Horizon IP Scan at any time. Please take a look at our [Guide for Applicants](#) (available for download below) and fill in our [service request form](#). This will only take a few minutes. All of the information you provide will be treated strictly confidentially, and will only be processed for the purpose of delivering the service. You may read our full [privacy statement](#) [here](#).

We will carefully review your service request and notify you about the outcome of the application process as soon as possible.

Our [Guide for Applicants](#) covers all you need to know about submitting a service request and provides you further insights into the actual provision of the service.

[Submit your Horizon IP Scan service request](#)

 **Horizon IP Scan Guide for Applicants**
English (1.52 MB - PDF)



Horizon IP Scan – Service Request Form

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COMPANY DESCRIPTION

Company Details

* Name of the Company

* Address

* Country

* Registration Number

* National Tax number

* Business Sector

Please specify major fields of business activities

* Business Character
 Profit Non-profit

Contact Details of the Person Submitting the Service Request

Prefix

* Name

* Position in the Company

* Email

* Phone

Next

SMEs interested in the Horizon IP Scan service can apply at any time until November 2023 via an online **service request form**:

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We are also happy to help with an individual info session, just send us a short email - we will get back to you as promptly as possible.

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Thank you.

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