SME Access Pilot

Terms and conditions

General

1. Information about Euro-BioImaging: Euro-BioImaging is a pan-European research infrastructure that offers open access to selected imaging facilities, called Nodes, across its member states and one international organization, as well as training and image data services. Euro-BioImaging was established as an ERIC (European Research Infrastructure Consortium) on 29 October 2019, according to European Council Regulation (EC) 723/2009, Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/1854. The Euro-BioImaging Hub is the coordinating center of Euro-BioImaging, composed of the Statutory Seat, the Bio-Hub and the Med-Hub. Finland is the Statutory Seat and responsible for the overall coordination and administration of Euro-BioImaging, as well as hosting the Euro-BioImaging Web Portal. The Bio-Hub hosted by EMBL and the Med-Hub hosted by Italy are responsible for coordination and support of community specific activities of the infrastructure.

Application submission

2. By submitting your application for the SME Access Pilot to Euro-BioImaging via innovate@eurobioimaging.eu, you represent, warrant and covenant that:
    a. you have the legal right and authority to accept these terms and conditions;
    b. you are the owner of the material or content and/or have all the necessary rights, consents, permissions and licenses which are required for you to submit the application;
    c. the content does not (whether in its submission, subsequent use in accordance with the applicable license or otherwise) infringe the intellectual property rights of any third party;

Data and data privacy

3. During the application process, Euro-BioImaging will collect and process personal data in accordance with the EU General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679). By submitting your application, you consent to such collecting and processing, and you warrant that all data provided by you is accurate. Euro-BioImaging will only use your personal data on relevant lawful grounds, will never sell your personal data and will only share it with third parties that Euro-BioImaging works with, when such sharing is necessary. Euro-BioImaging always strives to maintain the privacy and security of your data. Full details are given in the Euro-BioImaging Privacy Policy.

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4. Your application will be shared with the Euro-BioImaging Access Managers, potential service providers (Nodes), two reviewers per proposal and additional Euro-BioImaging staff as necessary for the evaluation and implementation of the SME Access Pilot. Application data will be stored for 5 years in the primary Euro-BioImaging database, which is located on a server of the University of Turku in Turku, Finland. During the review process, some of your data might be temporarily stores in computers and emails systems used to process it. However, such storage is temporary and access to the data is password-limited to those individuals who have legitimate access to the computer or email account in question. All temporary data will be deleted immediately after the completion of the evaluation of the SME Access Pilot applications.
5. The user(s) own(s) and have full rights to the data they have produced during a technology access visit to a Euro-BioImaging Node.
6. Image data produced during a technology access visit to a Euro-BioImaging Node is managed and analyzed using the solutions, conventions and regulations of the Node in question, and/or the user(s)' own solutions. Euro-BioImaging accepts no responsibility for the quality, correctness, storage, analysis transfer or loss of data produced during technology access visits to Nodes. It is recommended that the user(s) discuss(es) data management solutions with the Node prior to visit.

Access provision

7. Confirmation of feasibility during the application by the service provider and award of funding does not guarantee scientific success of the project.
8. When visiting a Euro-BioImaging Node, the user(s) shall
    a. comply with the rules and regulations of the facility you are visiting, including health and safety requirements;
    b. be subject to the authority of the manager of the facility they visit; and
    c. treat the facilities, instruments and equipment with due care and protect them against loss or damage.
9. The Node hosting the user during a technology access visit shall bear responsibility for ensuring the agreed work or service is delivered in accord with the regulatory and safe working practices required by the host institution, including ensuring appropriate permissions and training are in place before work commences. Euro-BioImaging shall not be liable for any accidents or infringements arising from a visit.
10. It is the responsibility of the applicant to stipulate any foreseen requirements for additional agreements, such as, but not limited to, Material or Data Transfer Agreements,

regulatory or ethics permissions during the application process. Relevant agreements will be set up directly between the service-providing Node and the successful applicant.

Pilot Project Implementation

11. Pilot projects, including physical or remote access, data analysis services and data transfer, need to be completed between 1 January and 30 June 2027. In case of projects with costs exceeding EUR 5.000,- and co-funded by the applicant's own resources, the services reimbursed through the SME Access Pilot project need to be completed no later than 30 June 2027. Co-funded activities may continue beyond the timelines of the pilot.
12. Euro-BioImaging Access Managers and Euro-BioImaging Service Providers ('Nodes') reserve the right to reschedule consultations or technology access visits within the timelines for completion of the application process or pilot access respectively.
13. In case that an unforeseen operational issue prevents timely completion of the SME Access Pilot (before 30 June 2027), the Euro-BioImaging Access Manager should be notified immediately at innovate@eurobioimaging.eu to discuss possible mitigation measures.

Access costs

14. Project costs will be reimbursed directly to the service providing facility. Facilities need to report the project costs to Euro-BioImaging no later than 31 July 2027. Failure to report the project costs will not result in any financial liability of the awarded applicants.

Reporting

15. Each awarded applicant for the SME Access Pilot will need to complete a feedback survey and submit a short, non-confidential report within 1 month of project completion, but no later than 31 July 2027. Should the service access continue beyond the initial pilot or result in follow-up activities such as longer term collaboration, only activities funded under the SME Access Pilot need to be reported.
16. Euro-BioImaging may publish the summary and testimonial from the report on the Euro-BioImaging webpage or other communication channels. The section for publishing is clearly marked in the reporting template. No other project information will be published.
17. Euro-BioImaging will share anonymized statistics of the SME Access Pilot (number of submitted proposals, business sector of applicants, requested imaging technology, TRL, average duration of access etc.) with the European Commission as the responsible funding agency as part of their reporting obligations for the EVOLVE project.