

# EP Permed: Fast Track Call 2025

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

In this document you will find your most common questions answered relating to the EP Permed Fast Track call 2025. For your ease we have grouped these around common themes – if you have a question that is not covered here, please don't hesitate to reach out to us: [calls\\_eppermed@eithealth.eu](mailto:calls_eppermed@eithealth.eu)

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## Change Log

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## Eligibility & Application Process

### 1. Is the call limited to incorporated start-ups only?

No, applicants may also apply as an affiliated team (e.g., linked to an academic institution or research center) if they have not yet registered a company. However, the team must provide details of the affiliated organization in the application portal, as grant funds can only be disbursed to a legal entity.

### 2. What documents are required for the application?

Applicants must complete the application form in the Smart Simple portal. The form consists of four main sections:

- **Management Capacity**
- **Innovativeness of the Idea**
- **Co-Creation and Validation**
- **Upload and Consent**

Additionally, applicants may upload a pitch deck to further explain their solution.

### 3. Are entities based in the UK eligible to receive funding from the Fast Track Programme?

Yes, UK entities are eligible to receive funding from the Fast Track programme within the EP PerMed Project. They will be treated like all other participants from Horizon Europe member states and associated countries.

### 4. Can the same entity apply with two different projects in the same programme?

Yes, it is acceptable for the same organization to apply with two completely different solutions in personalized medicine (PM). However, the solutions and the resources allocated to each project must be entirely separate.

### 5. Is it a requirement to become a start-up in the future?

Incorporation into a start-up or spin-out is not mandatory. However, teams must provide a clear plan in the application portal outlining how they intend to bring their solution closer to the market, as this is a core aim of the Fast Track call.

**6. Are all regions within EU member states eligible to apply in the fast Track programme?**

Yes, all regions within EU member states and associated countries are eligible to apply. The Fast Track call is **100% EC-Funded Call** and do not have regional restrictions—all applicants from EU member states or Horizon Europe-associated countries are eligible.

**7. Is there a limit to the participation of multiple teams from the same institution?**

Teams affiliated with an organization are eligible to apply, and there is no restriction on the number of teams from the same institution. However, each project must be unique in terms of both solution and team composition. Please note that the funding in such cases will be disbursed to the institution, which will then allocate it to the researchers.

## Validation Center Selection

**8. Can I work with any validation center?**

Yes, as long as the validation center meets the eligibility criteria outlined in Section 10.1 of the call document and is based in an EU member state or associated country.

**9. What if I can't find a validation center before applying?**

You may apply alone, and if selected, the programme will assist in matchmaking you with a suitable validation center.

**10. Can you evaluate a specific validation center that I want to work with?**

At this stage, we cannot fully evaluate the suitability of a validation center since the fit between your solution and the validation services will be a key evaluation criterion. For preliminary guidance, please refer to Section 10.1 of the call document.

**11. Can the validation center and the applicant be from the same entity?**

No, the validation center and the applicants must be a separate entity. You cannot use your own resources to validate the solution within this programme framework.

**12. Do I need a signed agreement with the validation center before applying?**

No, for the initial application phase in the Smart Simple portal, a signed agreement with the validation center is not required. However, preselected start-ups must submit a project plan along with the budget breakdown by June 2025.

**13. Can I work with a validation center outside Europe?**

No, since the Fast Track Programme is funded by the European Commission, only validation centers located in [EU member states or Horizon Europe-associated countries are eligible](#).

## Selection Process

**14. What are the next steps after being selected?**

If selected, you will be required to:

- Finalize your project plan and the Budget Breakdown with the support of your validation center.
- Get Ethical Approval if applicable.
- Submit progress reports as required.

**15. Will applying alone impact the evaluation process of my application?**

No, applying alone will not negatively impact the evaluation. However, you will need to demonstrate a strong plan for validation, and if selected, the programme can support you in connecting with a suitable validation center.

## Budget & Costs

**16. How does the budget and reporting process work?**

The Fast Track programme follows a lump sum funding model. This means:

- Final reporting and payout are based on milestones and activities achieved, not on costs incurred.
- Invoices are not required, as the grant is disbursed directly.
- A budget breakdown is not required for the initial application phase. However, preselected start-ups will need to provide a breakdown of eligible costs in their project plan submission.