



Call TEAM and SI 2022 – basic info

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SI and TEAM projects - Aim

SI (“Short Initiatives”) and TEAM projects aim to explore, build and deepen balanced academic collaborations focusing on a **specific sustainable development challenge** hereby **strengthening partner HE&SIs' research and educational capacities and performance** and **creating the conditions for uptake of new and relevant knowledge, applications and/or services** by academic, civil society, private and public actors.

SI and TEAM – basic info /distinctive features

	Short Initiatives	TEAM
Budget & duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • max. 2 years • max. 70.000 EUR 	max. 5 years, max. 280.000 EUR / Possibility of incentive top-up of 20.000 EUR for multiple HEI project set-up => to be motivated in concept note
Key (distinctive) features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short term • Easy access, particularly addressing new/young project promoters • Allows for differentiated aims (exploration, innovation, valorisation, etc) and approaches (education, research, policies, outreach, people, networks) • The partnership can vary in terms of size and composition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medium-term outcomes/results • Allows for medium-term capacity building, e.g. through PhD research, curriculum development, network building, focus on structural research/educational cooperation • TEAM projects can also pursue improved organisational systems, processes and structures

Short Initiatives (SI) and TEAM

For who?

- Flemish promoter: professor/lecturer/specialist at a Flemish university or university college;
- Partner promoter: employed at recognized higher education institution or national public research institute in a project partner country

Additional criteria

- Applicants (Flemish/local) can have a maximum of two ongoing SI/TEAM projects, which means they can submit a max of two projects in case they have no ongoing projects after 1 September 2022.
- At the level of the partner institutions, no further criteria apply. Former and present IUC partner institutions are fully eligible, without any restriction.

Project partner countries

Higher education and science institutions located in 17 project partner countries:

- **Africa:** Benin, Burundi, DR Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Morocco, Rwanda, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda
- **Latin America:** Bolivia, Cuba, Ecuador, Peru
- **Asia:** Indonesia, Philippines, Vietnam

How to submit a proposal?

- **Who?** An application involves a **Flemish and local promoter** but it is the Flemish promoter who submits to the ICOS of the Flemish university (association) for quality control. The ICOS will validate and submit to VLIR-UOS.
- **How?** Project applications are submitted through **online platform**.

Assessment procedure: separate calls / separate selection

- Selection per SI (Call budget for indicative 29 projects) and TEAM programme (Call budget for indicative 39 projects; 2 stage procedure, projected 50% success rate in stage 2).
- All project proposals will be assessed and selected based on **four standard selection criteria**: Relevance and coherence of the project; Quality of the project design; Implementation set-up of the project; Potential impact and sustainability.
- Project proposals are assessed by **Regional Selection Commissions** (Africa, Asia, Latin America). Selection decisions for the different stages will be communicated shortly after the ratification of the decision by the Bureau UOS.

Content 2 stage procedure TEAM

1. Concept note: focus on a **narrative description** of the context, sustainable development challenges and theory of change (project objectives with its logical flow between impact, outcome level and proposed intermediate changes) and the methodological-scientific approach (research and pedagogical methods, type of multidisciplinary and community-based approaches, vision on uptake and valorisation).
2. Fully-fledged proposal: fully elaborated ToC, intermediate changes and activities, detailed indicators, risk and stakeholder analysis and budgeting.

Peer review TEAM

1. A **peer review** system applies on TEAM project proposals that are selected for Stage 2.
2. This independent peer review focuses on the scientific/methodological quality and is applied on the selected concept note proposals.
3. The written peer review assessments per project will be made available to the applicants during the elaboration stage of the fully-fledged proposals –early May 2022- for applicants to take into account the peer review assessments when finalizing the fully-fledged proposal

Timing SI/TEAM 2022

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Timing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Call : 30 November 2021;• Deadline for submission: 18 March 2022• Selection: early May 2022	<p><u>Two-stage procedure</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Call for Concept notes:</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 30 November 2021;• Submission Concept notes: 18 February 2022• Selection: mid-March 2022• <u>Call for Fully Fledged proposals:</u> 25 March 2022 (indicative);• Peer reviews to applicants: Early May 2022• Submission Fully Fledged proposals: 2 June 2022• Selection: end of June/early July 2022
Projects	Start 1 sept 2022 onwards	Start 1 sept 2022 onwards

Next presentation: New formats and guidelines



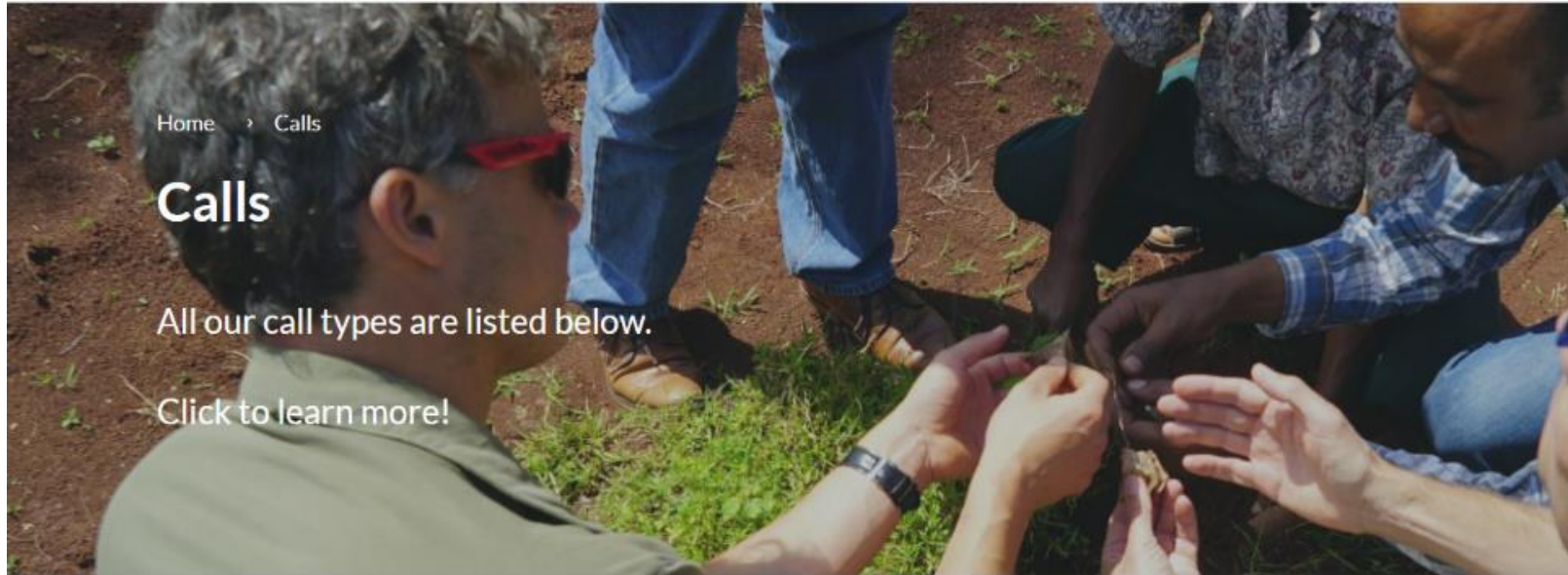
- Formats and guidelines: standardisation, simplification, digitization via a new **modular** approach
- Moving away from the logframe: ToC concept and standardised VLIR-UOS outcomes and project change domains (link with intermediate changes/indicators/activities)
- **Scholarship & financial** guidelines being updated

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