

Participation of Corvinus University of Budapest in Direct EU Funding Programmes

This note explains how Corvinus University of Budapest currently participates in Horizon Europe, Erasmus+, and other direct EU funding programmes, and clarifies what this means in practice for project coordinators and partners. (Document updated in January 2026)

Restrictions

Under Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/2506, as of 16 December 2022, new EU Grant Agreements cannot be signed with certain Hungarian institutions, including Corvinus University. Previously signed projects have not been affected and continue to receive EU funding according to their original terms. The measures taken are temporary and will remain in force until further notice from the EC.

Replacement Fund

While this restriction is in place, Corvinus can participate in new EU projects with support from the Hungarian Government's Replacement Fund, receiving funding up to an amount equivalent to that foreseen in the proposal and acting as an Associated Partner during project implementation. Under this framework, Corvinus cannot act as project coordinator but may serve as a work package (co-)leader or task leader.

For Horizon Europe and Erasmus+ projects, the replacement funding is allocated automatically, while in the case of other direct EU programmes, financial support is only provided if R&I relevance is demonstrated.

Corvinus has implemented so far **10 EU projects supported by the Replacement Fund**, making this a well-established and reliable mechanism. To avoid financial or implementation risks for consortia, the Hungarian funding authority disburses the full allocated budget upfront as pre-financing at the start of the project.

Proposal Preparation

Corvinus is eligible to participate in new proposals either as a Beneficiary or as an Associated Partner:

1) Applying as a Beneficiary

Corvinus may join a proposal as a Beneficiary, with EU funding requested. If the proposal is successful and the EU restrictions are still in place at the time of Grant Agreement preparation, the University's status will be changed to Associated Partner. The EU budget share originally foreseen for Corvinus will remain with the EU, while its activities will be financed through the Hungarian Replacement Fund. Tasks and budgets of other consortium partners are not affected; at the same time, proposals should continue to meet the minimum eligibility criteria even without Corvinus as a Beneficiary.

Exceptionally, in Erasmus+ lump sum projects, the EU budget and tasks of Corvinus may be redistributed among consortium partners. In such cases, Corvinus becomes an Associated Partner and brings in additional national funding, performs agreed additional tasks, and supports project implementation.

2) Applying as an Associated Partner from the outset

Corvinus may also participate directly as an Associated Partner at application stage without requesting any EU budget line, instead indicating within the application that it will be bringing its own national funding in the form of 'Financial contributions' under 'Other sources of financing'.

At Corvinus, 9 out of the 10 projects implemented with the national Replacement Fund followed the first model: participation as a beneficiary at proposal stage. Only 1 project included Corvinus as an Associated Partner from the proposal phase. Given that proposal evaluation and Grant Agreement preparation can take considerable time, and that the EU restriction may be reconsidered in the future, Corvinus generally prefers participation as a beneficiary at proposal stage, leaving its final status to be determined at the contracting stage.

Links:

- [Council Implementing Decision \(EU\) 2022/2506](#)
- The [Q&A on the EC's FAQ page](#) on the Funding & Tenders portal underlining the possibility to participate in the proposal process as beneficiary.
- About the Replacement Fund (currently only [in Hungarian](#))
- Latest EU projects with Corvinus as AP, funded through the Replacement Fund: [RM Framework](#), [CITADELS](#), [LOESS](#), [Hort2thefuture](#), [MAPS](#), [ProTest](#), [WISER](#), [CatalySD](#), ENLARGE, T2M

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