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1. What is a citizen social challenge?

A **challenge can be seen as a particular problem with a societal, industrial, business or environmental impact** that can be solved utilising AI (Artificial Intelligence) technologies and Earth Observation (EO) data in addition to other types of data.

2. What kind of citizen-driven social challenges are we looking for?

AI4Copernicus is looking for **citizen-driven social challenges based on AI (Artificial Intelligence) technologies and Earth Observation (EO) Data**. These should aim to **help for example individuals, vulnerable communities, the environment, as well as business and the public sector**, to deliver innovative services to their customers and citizens of Europe and the World.

3. What is AI4Copernicus?

AI4Copernicus is a EU-funded (H2020) project which aims to enable innovation by bringing together the AI (Artificial Intelligence) and EO (Earth Observation) communities. AI4Copernicus will make the AI4EU AI-on-demand platform the platform of choice for users of Copernicus data along the value chain (scientists, SMEs, non-tech sector), bringing together the knowledge, algorithms, tools and resources available in domains of high economic and societal impact, such as in Agriculture, Energy and Security.

4. Why should I apply?

Within AI4Copernicus 2nd Round of Open Calls, we will identify up to 2 social challenges in specific social themes/social causes that can be subsequently solved using Artificial Intelligence and Earth Observation Data.

5. Who can apply?

The 2nd open call for citizen social challenges is addressed to the following type of applicants:

- **Individuals (age 18 years or older)**
- **EU Countries citizens**
- **Associated EU Countries citizens**

Only beneficiaries external to the consortium will be funded.



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6. Which are the Eligible Countries?

Only individuals from the EU member states, Associated Countries¹ (hereafter collectively identified as the 'Eligible Countries') and UK will be eligible to participate in the AI4Copernicus 2nd Round of Open Calls.

Please find the list of Associated Countries [here](#).

7. What's the Benefit For You?

The 2 best challenges that will be selected will:

- (a) receive **an Award in cash** and will be
- (b) be **addressed by SME Consortia** under the 4th Round of Open Calls for Use-Cases based on the Citizen-driven Social Themes (based on the selected citizen-themes of the 2nd Open Call).

Award in cash:

- **€ 5.000 for the each of the best 2 Challenges**

Non-Financial Support benefits the Citizen-driven Social Challenge Owners (Winners):

- Visibility through **AI4Copernicus digital channels and website**
- A dedicated presentation of the **winning ideas and Social Challenge Owners in the AI4Copernicus Website**

8. Any requirements for the 2nd Round of Open Calls?

The **2nd Round of Open Calls** focus on driven citizen **social problems/challenges** that can be subsequently solved using Artificial Intelligence and Earth Observation Data, by SMEs that will be selected in the 4th Round of AI4Copernicus Open Calls for Use-Cases based on the Citizen-driven Social Themes.

¹ Iceland, Norway, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey, Israel, Moldova, Switzerland, Faroe Islands, Ukraine, Tunisia, Georgia, Armenia



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9. Can AI4Copernicus consortium members apply to this call?

No, AI4Copernicus consortium partners cannot be funded by the Call.

10. What is the funding per project (2nd Round of Open Calls)?

For the **2nd Round of Open Calls** each selected social challenge will get **€5.000**.

11. How long does it take to fill in the application?

The estimated time is quite short 1-2 working day (at most), once a specific project idea is formulated. Please, take into consideration that specific character limits have been established in each field of the online application form, so we encourage you to keep your proposal focused on the requested information, keeping in mind the AI4Copernicus concept and the requirements gathered in the Guide for Applicants for this call. We also recommend you start the submission process quite in advance before the deadline in order to avoid last minute circumstances.

If you have any questions feel free to let us know at info@ai4copernicus-project.eu

12. Do I have any conflict of interest?

Are you directly linked with an AI4Copernicus Partner or a member of the Advisory Board?

If you answered NO then there is no conflict of interest² and you can submit a proposal in the 2nd Round of the AI4Copernicus Open Calls.

13. Will I be able to modify my proposal before final submission?

Multiple submissions are available until deadlines.

14. Will I be able to modify my proposal after the submission?

After the submission of your application, no modification is acceptable. Please, be aware that your application is completed before you proceed with its submission.

² Please note that, AI4Copernicus may withdraw an application in the event the participant is directly linked with an AI4Copernicus Partner or a member of the Advisory Board.



15. Can I submit more than 1 proposal in the same Call?

Yes, an individual is able to submit more than 1 proposal.

16. I am a company. Am I eligible for the 2nd Round of Open Call?

No, only individuals/citizens can be funded.

17. What type of support is available for preparing the proposal?

The **'Guidelines for Applicants'** is the main reference document. It provides detailed information about the requirements of the evaluation and selection process, and the Support Program offered by AI4Copernicus.

All the information needed will be provided to applicants via the following digital channels:

- Project's website (more info): <https://ai4copernicus-project.eu/>
- Apply via: <https://ai4copernicus-project.eu/open-call-info/>
- AI4Copernicus Support team: info@ai4copernicus-project.eu

18. What is the payment schedule and payment condition?

The maximum award amount to be granted per selected social challenge is 5.000€ and individuals will receive the total funding in one-time payment.

19. What will happen to the proposal related data?

If you have submitted a proposal, your proposal related information needs to be stored on our servers until the payment of balance of the AI4Copernicus project, for potential reporting purposes towards the European Commission.

After this date all information will be deleted from our servers but will still be part of the statistics of the European Commission.

20. Is there any personal data processing?

AI4Copernicus do need certain types of your personal data, necessary in order to proceed with your application. These personal data types are: a) name, b) address (physical address and email), (c) teleph. Your personal data will be kept strictly during the Open Call term, solely for the purposes of Open Call and will not be shared with any third party. For any inquiry



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regarding your personal data and your related rights you may contact to info@ai4copernicus-project.eu.

21. Can I become part of the AI4Copernicus network and community?

Yes, you can join our community!

AI4Copernicus aims at developing a vibrant community of peers for knowledge exchange, networking and further collaboration processes in an open space format.

You can join us by: info@ai4copernicus-project.eu

In the event you opt to become part of this community you will be asked to fill in an online consent form.

Do you have any additional questions that are not covered in this document?

If yes, please let us know:

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The logo for AI4 Copernicus, featuring the text 'AI4' in orange and 'copernicus' in white lowercase letters.

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