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Hi [REDACTED], you probably are already aware of these developments (as below) tired of money applications, as well as COVID, but if coordinated developments are to be built on some existing platforms, anything to cook for EVD-LABNet community?

Cheers, [REDACTED]

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@helsinki.fi>  
**Subject:** Horizon Europe – Health Cluster funding for COVID-19 research  
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Dear colleagues,

Please find below and attached information received from the Finnish Academy about a Covid-19 related special work programme currently in preparation within the Horizon Europe Health cluster.

Please note, as mentioned in the text below, that **the draft is still confidential, and may not be shared or distributed publicly.**

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]  
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Research Funding Services  
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**Subject:** Horizon Europe – Health Cluster funding for COVID-19 research

Dear Researcher,

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you that a special work programme on COVID-19 is rapidly being prepared in the Horizon Europe Health cluster. 90 M€ is reserved for this programme and due to the emergency of the topic, the call deadline is planned to be already in May 2021. The call will be in the form of an RIA (Research and Innovation Action) with respective regulations applied, e.g. consortia including organisations from at least three different member states or associated countries are eligible to apply. The coordinating entity must be from a member state.

At this moment we only have a draft of the work program (included). This text is not to be considered final as it may still be modified before the final version is presented tentatively on **8 April 2021**, when the Commission is planning to arrange a webinar to share information on the call.

We would like to underline that the draft of the work programme is still **confidential, it may not be shared or distributed publicly.** However, as the time to apply will be very short, we want to inform Finnish researchers in the field already now.

The Academy of Finland will follow this initiative closely and strive to keep you informed.

Short summary of the work programme:

- **Expected Impact:** Proposals should set out a credible pathway to contributing to one or several of the following expected impacts: Health care providers are able to better tackle and manage diseases (infectious diseases, including poverty-related and neglected diseases, non-communicable and rare diseases) and reduce the disease burden on patients effectively thanks to better understanding and treatment of diseases, more effective and innovative health technologies, better ability and preparedness to manage epidemic outbreaks and improved patient safety.
- **Expected Outcome:** Project results are expected to contribute to the following expected outcome: Allow the European Union to respond to Public Health Emergencies.
- **Scope:** Support for the development of large scale, COVID19 cohorts and networks beyond Europe's borders, forging links with European initiatives as a global response to the pandemic

Conduct of vaccine & therapeutic trials to boost prevention and further inform public health policy and clinical management.

Questions may be directed to [redacted] ( [redacted] @aka.fi) or [redacted] ( [redacted] @aka.fi)

Best wishes,

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