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Open Call for Transnational Service Provision



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The **canSERV Consortium** announces its first

“Open Call for Transnational Service Provision”.

Under the **canSERV Open Call** researchers are welcome to apply to a portfolio of services offered by canSERV to address the research needs of the entire oncology developmental pipeline.

Your research project:

- can vary from basic discovery science to translational science and translation into personalised oncology.
- is expected to address at least one of the four strategic goals of the **Cancer Mission¹** (understanding of cancer; prevention and early detection; diagnosis and treatment; quality of life for patients and their families).

If granted, you will benefit from:

- free of charge access to canSERV service(s) (equipment, expertise, resources) offered by the **canSERV consortium**.
- transnational services comprising the following fields: disease models, advanced cutting-edge imaging and structural biology technologies, biomarkers research and development, novel therapeutics developments, complex clinical trial design and support, personalised oncology implementation pipelines and recommendations, and regulatory support and tools to analyse the socioeconomic dimension of research activities. A detailed service list is available in the **canSERV Service Catalogue**.

If granted, you should:

- select the service(s) you would like to have access to from the Catalogue;
- choose services that are provided in a different country where you, or most of your research group, are based.
- agree that data generated from the chosen services will comply with FAIR principles (findable, accessible, interoperable, and reusable). This will enable rapid execution of cross-European federated analyses of cancer-related data.

The **indicative overall budget** for this call is EUR 1.000.000, which can be increased in the event of many successful applications. The Call is planned to **remain open until 4 January 2024, 2pm CET**. Similar open calls are planned for the next two years as long as funds are available.

Applications will be continuously evaluated over this period. Evaluation takes expectedly 4-14 weeks, based on the complexity of the services requested. Once an application is submitted, we will communicate the estimated time for the final decision. The evaluation criteria are based on excellence, impact, and quality of the submitted proposal.

¹ More information: https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe/eu-missions-horizon-europe/eu-mission-cancer_en

How do you gain access to your service?

All communication is conducted through our easy-to-use platform: the canSERV Common Access Management Platform (**CAMS link**).

1. **Selection:** Enter CAMS and select the services you are interested in.
2. **Submission:** After the selection step, you will be asked to fill in and submit our short application form describing your research proposal.
3. **Evaluation:** An independent review panel (IRP) will evaluate submitted applications. The final decision will be taken by the canSERV Scientific and Management Board for approval or rejection based on the IRP evaluation outcome and available budget.
4. **Service provision:** If approved, the service provision may start either immediately or as agreed with the service provider/TNA manager. Enquiries related to your application and the offered services can be addressed any time using **calls@canserv.eu** (please add subject: "*first open call*").

What is Transnational Access (TNA)?

Transnational Access allows researchers (users, applicants) free of charge access to services (equipment, expertise, resources) offered by the canSERV consortium members.

Transnational access can be:

- in person (physical access), with users visiting the research infrastructure facility/installation and receiving the service "hands-on", including the advantage of direct collaboration.
- remote (remote access), with research infrastructure resources and services offered online/remotely. This can span from just sending requested sample materials, to more comprehensive research tasks done by the research infrastructure staff on your behalf.

canSERV services are free of charge only when you (or most of your research group) are based in a country other than where the services are rendered. As an exception from this transnationality requirement, international organizations, the Joint Research Centre (JRC) or EU level multinational research infrastructures (ERICs or similar legal entities with international membership) are considered transnational actors and hence their service providing installation may be in the same country where the applicant researcher is based. If you are not sure if the services you are requesting are included in the exception, please contact us².

This opportunity is open to all European and non-European researchers.

² More information: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/wp-call/2021-2022/wp-3-research-infrastructures_horizon-2021-2022_en.pdf

Eligibility

Applications can be submitted by those individuals or organisations who meet **ALL** the following criteria:

Who can apply?

Researchers based in European and non-European countries, including junior and senior individual researchers, academic institutes, biotech/pharmaceutical SMEs, groups of scientists, networks and consortia from public and private entities.

Affiliation

Applicants must be affiliated with an organisation in or outside the European Union.

Dissemination

Results and/or data obtained from using the services provided under the canSERV Open Call must comply with the FAIR principles and might be shared initially with other ongoing initiatives within the EU Cancer Mission, EOSC4Cancer and, when established, UNCAN.eu, for the development and improvement of further services. Furthermore, the results and/or data will be reused within the canSERV project or other EU Cancer Mission initiatives at a certain time after service provision according to the canSERV user agreement. The data generated will then be included in the canSERV service list to support the canSERV Catalogue of Open Digital Research Services. If the results and/or data are published, canSERV must be acknowledged in publications. Only user groups that are allowed to disseminate the results they have generated may be eligible for access (unless the users are working for SMEs).

Transnationality

This grant only supports TNA as described above.

Evaluation process

Scientific evaluation will take into consideration the following **three criteria**:

- scientific merit and/or clinical impact of the research proposal
- justification for the solicited service
- feasibility of the proposal

Based on the evaluation outcome, the final decision will be taken by the Scientific Management Board of canSERV. Applicants will be informed within a maximum of 12 weeks after the submission deadline if their submitted proposal has been accepted.

Information

Information about the Call, proposal submission and evaluation is available on request via calls@canSERV.eu.

Submission deadline: 4 January 2024, 2pm CET.

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