ADVANCING THE DIGITIZATION AND ANALYSIS OF DYNAMIC CULTURAL HERITAGE OBJECTS

OPEN CALL #1

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q1 Can I submit more than one proposal?

Up to two proposals per applicant (company/entity) may be considered for evaluation, unless the final Guide for Applicants states otherwise. If more than one proposal is submitted, only the best-ranked proposal from the same applicant may be accepted for funding (if any).

Q2 In what language should I write my proposal?

KINETIKA will only consider documents written in English. Documents submitted in any other language will not be considered for evaluation.

Q3 Is my company's country eligible for the KINETIKA Open Call programme?

KINETIKA Open Calls are open to applicants from countries eligible for funding under Horizon Europe rules (see this link). Applicants should consult the official Horizon Europe eligibility guidance and the KINETIKA Guide for Applicants before submission.

Q4 How many Open Calls will KINETIKA have?

KINETIKA is expected to implement two Open Calls both under the same topic, the development or adaptation of digital twin solutions/components aligned with KINETIKA objectives and Cultural Heritage Cloud platform applied in a demonstrator case.

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Q5 What support will I have during the sub-project execution?

A partner from the KINETIKA consortium will be assigned to each funded sub-project as a mentor. The mentor will act as the first point of contact, support alignment with the KINETIKA objectives, monitor progress, and review the quality and relevance of submitted outputs.

Q6 Can I apply to be an evaluator for the KINETIKA Open Calls?

Yes. Interested experts must follow the procedure defined in the KINETIKA Guide for Experts. They will be required to submit the requested information, including their CV, through the official evaluator expression-of-interest form once available.

Q7 Can the applicant be a consortium of partners or submit in partnership/collaboration with one or more SMEs?

Yes. Applications may be submitted by a consortium of partners. However, applicants should note that any financial support awarded under the KINETIKA Open Calls will be paid exclusively to the designated Lead Beneficiary of the consortium.

The internal distribution of the grant among consortium members, including any financial arrangements established through the consortium agreement, is entirely the responsibility of the consortium and falls outside the scope of KINETIKA.

Q8 Is the timeline for the launch and execution of a sub-project flexible?

No. The timelines provided in the Guide for Applicants are expected to be fixed to ensure smooth organisation, evaluation, mentoring, integration, and validation across the KINETIKA Open Calls. Applicants should plan their work according to the official calendar.

Q9 Is it mandatory to directly adopt a specific technology, such as UAV/drone technologies, for the purposes of the Open Call?

No. KINETIKA should not be framed as requiring a single mandatory technology. Applicants may propose suitable technologies, datasets, or methods if they are clearly aligned with the KINETIKA objectives, digital twin solution areas, pilot needs, and Cultural Heritage Cloud context.

Q10 Is it possible to propose a solution where data from different sources are integrated and processed together?

Yes. KINETIKA welcomes proposals that integrate and process different types of data, provided that the approach is technically feasible, clearly justified, and relevant to the KINETIKA project. The proposal should explain the data sources, processing workflow, and expected outputs, as well as how these outputs can support the KINETIKA platform or pilot activities. Proposed solutions should also ensure that their integration into the KINETIKA platform is feasible and compliant with the European Collaborative Cloud for Cultural Heritage standards.

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Q11 Are samples of datasets associated with KINETIKA solution areas available for applicants?

Applicants should be prepared to use or acquire the data required for their own proposal. The KINETIKA consortium may provide supplementary material, pilot information, or example datasets when feasible and legally possible, but applicants should not assume that complete training or validation datasets will be provided by default.

Q12 Is it possible to propose solutions related to existing KINETIKA activities or pilot needs for their improvement?

Yes. While new and innovative contributions are encouraged, KINETIKA may also consider proposals that significantly improve, extend, validate, or adapt existing KINETIKA activities, digital twin components, or pilot-related needs. Applicants should clearly explain the added value and avoid duplicating work already planned by the consortium.

Q13 Are only start-ups eligible to apply to the KINETIKA Open Calls?

No. Any eligible entity, whether private or public, may apply if it complies with Horizon Europe funding rules and the specific eligibility requirements of the KINETIKA Open Call.

Q14 Are KINETIKA solutions expected to be hardware and software, or software only?

KINETIKA solutions may be software-based, data-based, service-based, methodological, or may include hardware elements when justified. However, the proposal should focus on the contribution to KINETIKA objectives and should clearly explain what will be delivered, how it will be validated, and how it can connect to the KINETIKA platform, pilots, or digital twin workflows.

Q15 What does "providing datasets" mean? Does KINETIKA provide training datasets, or does this refer to the algorithms/solutions developed by applicants?

In KINETIKA, "providing datasets" may refer to different situations depending on the Open Call topic: datasets provided by the applicant, datasets generated during the sub-project, datasets used to test a method, or datasets made available by the consortium when feasible. Applicants should clearly state which datasets they will use, whether they already have access to them, any legal or ethical constraints, and what outputs will be shared with KINETIKA at the end of the sub-project.

Q16 Is it mandatory for Open Call projects to incorporate AI solutions?

No. AI may be relevant for some KINETIKA solution areas, but it should not be presented as mandatory for every proposal. Applicants may propose AI-based, non-AI, hybrid, or data-integration approaches if the proposal is technically sound and clearly contributes to KINETIKA objectives, pilot needs, and digital twin workflows.

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Q17 If my proposal does not match one example solution area exactly, can I still apply?

Yes, provided that the proposal is clearly aligned with the objectives of KINETIKA and the relevant Open Call. The example solution areas are intended to guide applicants, not to restrict innovation. Applicants should explain the relevance of their proposal to KINETIKA, the expected output, and its potential use in the platform, pilots, or Cultural Heritage Cloud ecosystem.

Q18 Will funded sub-projects need to interact with KINETIKA pilots?

Where relevant, funded sub-projects may be expected to align with KINETIKA pilot needs, validation scenarios, or demonstration requirements. Applicants should describe how their proposed output could be tested, validated, or demonstrated in a realistic KINETIKA context. The exact level of pilot interaction will depend on the proposal and consortium arrangements.

Q19 What should applicants do if some technical details, pilot requirements, or data availability are not fully clear at the time of application?

Applicants should make reasonable assumptions, clearly state them in the proposal, and explain how risks will be managed. They should avoid overclaiming and should provide a realistic plan, including dependencies related to data, integration, access to pilot information, and validation.

Q20 Can rejected proposals from Open Call 1 be submitted to Open Call 2?

Yes. Proposals that were not selected under Open Call 1 may be resubmitted to Open Call 2, provided that they comply with the eligibility criteria and fall within the scope of the relevant Open Call 2 topic. Applicants may resubmit the original proposal or submit a revised version incorporating any modifications or improvements they consider appropriate.

Q21 Does serving as an external evaluator in Open Call 1 automatically qualify me to participate as an external evaluator in Open Call 2?

No. External evaluators who participated in Open Call 1 are not automatically selected for Open Call 2. If they wish to participate in the evaluation of Open Call 2, they must submit a new application through the corresponding call for external evaluators.

Q22 Which expenses are eligible, or, failing that, which are not?

Since this is a lump sum scheme, the only factor that may affect eligibility is the total budget, that cannot be more that €60,000. The budget allocation is completely up to the applicant. Thus, there are not non-eligible expenses or establishment of indirect costs.

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Q23 What percentage of indirect costs can be applied?

Since this is a lump sum scheme, the budget allocation is completely up to the applicant. Thus, there is not establishment of indirect costs.

Q24 Is it possible to declare the cost of participation of the owners of a company when they do not have associated salaries?

The budget allocation is up to the applicant and the cost of participation of the owners can be included in the budget regardless of their percentage of participation

Q25 How should the budget be allocated among consortium members?

The allocation of the budget among consortium members is entirely the responsibility of the applicants. KINETIKA does not define, review, or manage the internal distribution of the grant within the consortium.

Applicants are expected to agree on the budget allocation and any related financial arrangements through their own internal consortium agreement. Please note that any financial support awarded under the KINETIKA Open Calls will be paid exclusively to the consortium's designated Lead Beneficiary, who will be responsible for managing the distribution of the funds among the consortium members in accordance with their internal agreement.

Q26 Where can I ask questions not covered in the FAQs?

You may submit your inquiries to the project's official email: kinetika.ocmb@usal.es

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