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Open Call for Contributing Members of the BRIDGE Knowledge and Community Hub

Expression of interest to join
the BRIDGE contributor pool



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Call at a glance

Purpose	To establish a pool of contributing members of the BRIDGE Knowledge and Community Hub who may be invited to provide targeted input to project activities.
Who can apply	Experts and stakeholder representatives with relevant knowledge, experience or practical insight in areas relevant to BRIDGE. This may include, for example, healthcare innovation, regulation, assessment, clinical practice, healthcare delivery, implementation, patient perspectives, research or other related fields.
Contribution	Activity-based input, such as online workshops, expert discussions, interviews, surveys, written feedback, case discussions or simulation-related consultations.
Participation	Generally voluntary, flexible and based on availability. Inclusion in the pool does not guarantee involvement in a specific activity.
Application	Submit the online expression of interest form through the BRIDGE website .
Call period	Open on a rolling basis from 25 th September 2026. Any closure or temporary suspension will be announced on the BRIDGE website.
Contact	info@bridge-ihl.eu

1 Purpose of the call

BRIDGE – Breakthrough Regulatory Innovation and Development through sandbox Environments – is a European project funded by the Innovative Health Initiative (IHI). It explores how regulatory sandboxes can support responsible healthcare innovation in Europe.

Regulatory sandboxes are structured and supervised environments that can help stakeholders explore how emerging health innovations may be assessed, validated and governed when existing regulatory pathways do not yet provide sufficient clarity. They are intended to support regulatory learning, dialogue and practical problem-solving while complementing, rather than replacing, established regulatory processes.

BRIDGE is working across the full pathway from identifying emerging health innovations that may challenge existing regulatory approaches to developing practical guidance for the design and operation of regulatory sandboxes in healthcare. The project is reviewing existing sandbox experience, scanning emerging technologies and defining when the use of a regulatory sandbox may be appropriate. It is also developing MOSAIC – the Modular Operational Sandbox for Healthcare Innovation and Compliance – a flexible architecture that can be configured for different innovations, regulatory questions and stakeholder needs.

The approach will be tested and progressively refined through realistic case studies and end-to-end simulations involving relevant stakeholders. The resulting evidence, tools, resources and recommendations will support regulators, innovators and other decision-makers in developing trustworthy, proportionate and effective sandbox approaches that uphold applicable requirements for safety, quality and evidence while strengthening transparency and public trust.

External expertise and stakeholder insight are essential to ensuring that these activities and outputs reflect practical experience and the needs of the wider healthcare innovation ecosystem. Through this call, BRIDGE invites experts and stakeholder representatives to express their interest in joining the BRIDGE Knowledge and Community Hub contributor pool. The pool will enable BRIDGE to identify and contact external contributors who may provide targeted input, feedback, validation or co-creation support for specific project activities.

The call supports flexible, activity-based engagement. Admission to the contributor pool does not imply continuous involvement throughout the project and does not guarantee participation in any specific activity.

2 Who can apply

BRIDGE welcomes applications from experts and stakeholder representatives with knowledge, experience or practical insight relevant to regulatory sandboxes in healthcare and the development, assessment, regulation, implementation or use of emerging health technologies.

Relevant expertise may include, but is not limited to:

- health technology regulation, regulatory science and regulatory innovation, including regulatory readiness, scientific advice, evidence requirements, lifecycle approaches, regulatory policy and legal or ethical aspects;
- medicinal products, including pharmaceuticals, biologics, vaccines, advanced therapies and other innovative therapeutic approaches;
- medical devices and in vitro diagnostics, including software as a medical device, AI-enabled devices and digital health technologies;
- conformity assessment, certification, notified body processes, quality management and compliance;
- clinical trials, clinical investigation, clinical evaluation, performance evaluation, evidence generation and lifecycle monitoring;
- health technology assessment, payer perspectives, healthcare delivery and implementation in health systems;
- clinical practice, healthcare delivery, healthcare professional perspectives and implementation in health systems;
- patient, caregiver, citizen and civil society perspectives;
- data governance, privacy, interoperability, real-world data, research, standardisation, innovation ecosystems and stakeholder engagement.

Applicants may come from a wide range of stakeholder groups. The following examples are indicative and non-exhaustive: public authorities, regulatory bodies, HTA bodies, payers, notified bodies, healthcare organisations, clinicians and other healthcare professionals, clinical or professional associations, patient and civil society organisations, academia, research organisations, industry actors, SMEs, start-ups, innovation networks, infrastructure providers or other relevant organisations and stakeholders.

Applicants do not need to cover all areas listed above. BRIDGE is interested in both broad cross-cutting expertise and more specialised knowledge linked to specific technologies, regulatory challenges or implementation contexts. Applicants should indicate whether they wish to contribute in a personal expert capacity or as a representative of an organisation.

3 What participation involves

Contributing Hub members may be invited to support specific BRIDGE activities where their expertise is relevant. Involvement will be flexible and activity-based, depending on the match between the contributor's profile, the topic, the timing and the type of input needed by the project.

Possible forms of contribution may include participation in online workshops, expert discussions, interviews, surveys or consultation exercises; provision of written feedback on draft materials; discussion of selected case examples or sandbox-related scenarios; input on practical, regulatory, clinical, methodological, ethical or implementation challenges; or sharing of relevant experience, examples and lessons learned.

Before any activity, BRIDGE will provide relevant information on the purpose of the request, the expected contribution, the format of engagement, the indicative time commitment and any practical conditions that apply. Contributors will be free to decide whether they are available to contribute to a given activity.

Input from contributors will be used to inform, test and improve BRIDGE outputs. Final responsibility for project outputs remains with the BRIDGE consortium. Unless otherwise agreed, contributor input may be summarised or integrated into project work in an aggregated or non-attributable form.

4 How to apply and how applications will be reviewed

The call will remain open on a rolling basis. Interested applicants may submit an expression of interest at any time while the call is open by completing the online form available on the BRIDGE website. The form must be completed in English. Any decision to close the call, temporarily suspend applications or revise the profiles sought will be communicated on the BRIDGE website.

Applicants will be asked to provide basic contact details, information on their professional background or stakeholder perspective, their areas of expertise, their motivation for contributing to BRIDGE, and any relevant affiliations or interests that should be taken into account. Where applicants intend to contribute on behalf of an organisation, they should confirm that they are authorised to do so.

Applications will be assessed using the predefined BRIDGE Knowledge and Community Hub Contributor Admission Scorecard. The full scorecard, including the detailed scoring scales, can be downloaded [here](#). Two members of the BRIDGE consortium will independently assess each application. Their scores for each criterion will be averaged and compared with the applicable minimum thresholds. The same scorecard will be applied to all applications received throughout the rolling call. The review will consider the following assessment criteria:

Criterion	What will be considered
Relevance to BRIDGE scope	Whether the applicant’s background fits the subject matter of BRIDGE
Applied expertise, experience or stakeholder perspective	Whether the applicant has relevant applied expertise, professional or lived experience, or stakeholder insight that could make their contribution helpful to BRIDGE
Transparency of affiliation and interests	Whether the applicant has made sufficiently clear whether any relevant affiliations or interests should be considered

Applicants who meet the threshold for each individual assessment criterion will be admitted to the contributor pool. Applicants who do not meet one or more thresholds will not be admitted. Where information is incomplete or requires clarification, BRIDGE may contact the applicant before reaching a final decision. All applicants will be informed of the outcome after the review process has been completed.

Admission to the contributor pool does not guarantee involvement in a specific BRIDGE activity. When external input is required, the Hub Coordination Group, in consultation with the responsible work package lead, will identify contributors whose profiles most closely match the expertise, experience, stakeholder perspective, declared affiliations and interests, and availability relevant to the activity concerned. Only those contributors selected for the activity will be invited to participate.

5 Practical conditions

Participation as a contributing Hub member is generally expected to take place on a voluntary basis. Contributors may decide case by case whether they are available to participate in a specific activity.

Most engagement activities are expected to take place online, for example through virtual workshops, interviews, expert discussions, surveys or written feedback. Physical meetings are not expected to be the standard format. Where an activity would require travel or more substantial involvement, this will be clarified separately in advance.

Remuneration or reimbursement is not provided automatically. It may be considered only on a case-by-case basis and in exceptional circumstances, for example, where a specific activity requires substantial preparation or written input. Any such arrangement will depend on the nature of the activity, available project budget, applicable project rules and prior approval by the relevant BRIDGE governance structure.

Contributors may be asked to respect confidentiality where they are invited to comment on non-public draft outputs, case-study material, simulation-related information or other sensitive project content. Depending on the activity, contributors may also be asked to declare relevant affiliations, interests or potential conflicts of interest.

BRIDGE will process personal data submitted by applicants and contributors only for purposes related to the management of the call, stakeholder engagement, activity coordination, documentation and follow-up, in accordance with applicable data protection requirements and the relevant BRIDGE privacy notice.

Accepted contributors will be included in the BRIDGE Knowledge and Community Hub contributor pool and may be contacted when their expertise or stakeholder perspective is relevant to a specific activity. Contributors may update their information or withdraw from the pool at any time by contacting the BRIDGE team.

6 Further information and contact

BRIDGE website	www.bridge-ihl.eu
Call page	https://bridge-ihl.eu/contributor-pool
Scorecard	https://bridge-ihl.eu/wp-content/uploads/BRIDGE_Scorecard.pdf
Governance notice	https://bridge-ihl.eu/wp-content/uploads/BRIDGE_Governance_Notice.pdf
Privacy notice	https://bridge-ihl.eu/privacy-statement-eu/?cmlz_region_redirect=true
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