

Annex 1: Details for innovation partnerships

Approval of applications for pioneers and visionaries:

The ECB aims to accommodate as many applications as possible, although it may, at its own discretion, reject applications that do not comply with certain formal requirements. These would include being submitted after the deadline, substantially incomplete or not written in English.

Contractual agreement for pioneers:

Each participant will receive a standardised contract.

The contracts will be issued via direct awards and will be subject to the ECB's general contract terms ([Annex 3](#)) and specific contract terms ([Annex 4](#)).

The partnership is a cooperative exercise and will not be remunerated by the ECB.

The ECB will not pay for any information provided or reimburse administrative costs. Participants must cover all expenses.

The contractual obligations defined by the ECB include provisions on the right to disclose information to the public on the partnership. These provisions are as follows.

- The ECB will publish a list of the participants.
- The ECB reserves the right to publish the results of the partnerships.
- Participants can disclose their participation without disclosing any detailed content of the work (e.g. technical specifications).
- On request, the Eurosystem may grant participants permission to publish their findings after a review.
- Technical specifications given to participants will be published after the partnerships have ended. This will guarantee fair competition for any possible future partnerships.

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Indicative timeline for innovation partnerships

