



Call for Expressions of Interest for Independent Expert Evaluators

Application Deadline:

1st Cut Off Date: Monday, 31 August 2026, 23:59 CET

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Introduction

Xjenza Malta (XM) manages and implements a multi-million portfolio of funding schemes, enabling research and innovation across a broad variety of scientific disciplines and different stages of the Technology Readiness Levels spectrum.

This call for evaluators aims to establish a pool of qualified experts to provide advisory support to XM in the systematic, transparent and objective assessment of submitted documentation, including but not limited to research project proposals and business-related reports in relation to funding schemes managed by XM. The expert appraisal of such documents must assess a projects' relevance to the call scope and objectives against a predefined set of criteria, according to XM guidelines. It is therefore fundamental for the Evaluators to ensure that all services are being tailored to the unique and specific requirements of the scheme/funding programme.

A list of active schemes can be viewed on the XM website: <https://xjenzamalta.mt/open-funding-schemes/>. Please note that this list is non-exhaustive as XM will be launching further schemes in the future.

Eligibility of Experts

Experts must show proof of at least five (5) years of professional experience in the relevant sector, if in possession of a post graduate qualification, or at least two (2) years of professional experience in the relevant sector, if in possession of a PhD or doctoral degree, in the following thematic areas:

Areas	Sub Areas												Other
Energy	Renewable energy	Energy storage and supply	Policy and economics	End-use/ efficiency	Fossil fuels	Environmental impacts	Photovoltaic materials, devices, modules, and systems		Advance energy materials				
Transport/ Mobility	Aviation		Maritime transport	Security and safety	Clean transport	Urban transport	Sustainable transport	Infrastructure	Intelligent transport systems	Logistics and multimodal transport			
Environment and Climate Change	Geoscience	Geochemistry and geophysics	Physical geography	Environmental science	Climate research	Oceanography	Hydrology	Water resource	Waste management, reuse, reduce & recycle related technologies	Geology and geography	Earth sciences		
Health	Physical health	Mental health	Public health	Social health	Medical devices	Oncology	Pharmaceutical research	Biotechnology	Other medical services	e-health	Bioinformatics		
Security	Cybersecurity	Corporate security	Environmental security	Food security	Home security	Human security	National security						
Agriculture, Fisheries, And Food	Agriculture	Fishery	Food science	Soil science	Horticulture	Viticulture	Agronomy	Plant breeding	Agri biotechnology	Animal and dairy science	Veterinary science		
Sustainable Use of Resources (Including Bioeconomy)	Good health and well-being	Clean water and sanitation	Affordable and clean energy	Industry, innovation, and infrastructure	Responsible consumption and production	Climate action	Life below water	Life on land	Waste management, reuse, reduce, and recycle-related technologies	Water resource			
Digital Technologies	Autonomous applications	Digital Trust	Fintech	Blockchain	Education technology	Quantum	Gaming	EU Digital Regulation & Governance	Big data	Internet of things	Computing	Artificial Intelligence	
Engineering Including Manufacturing	Civil engineering	Electrical and electronics engineering	Mechanical engineering	Chemical engineering	Materials engineering	Medical engineering	Environmental engineering	Industrial engineering	Nanotechnology	Advanced manufacturing technologies	Aerospace engineering	3D Printing	
Space	Astronomy, cosmology, and other space-related sciences	Geoscience (Earth sciences which include atmosphere, oceans, climate, etc.)	Satellite development and manufacturing (payload, subsystems, components, etc.)	Space surveillance and tracking (SST)	Earth observation (downstream solutions e.g., Maritime and coastal applications, agriculture, etc.)	Satellite communications and GPS (downstream solutions)	Biology and biotech in space and microgravity	Particle Physics	Space Engineering	Aerospace and avionic engineering			
Marine And Maritime	Marine Science	Aquaculture	Blue biotechnology	Maritime engineering	Services and logistics	Offshore technologies							
Social Sciences	Psychology	Educational science	Sociology	Law	Political science	Social and economic geography	Media and communications						
Business	Strategy & Business Development	Entrepreneurs hip & Start-ups	Technology Transfer	Market Analysis	Financial Planning & Investment Readiness	Intellectual Property Strategy	Internationalisation & Market Expansion	Social Entrepreneurs hip					
Cultural Heritage	Archaeology	Historical studies	Performing Arts	Museums	Digital Heritage	Religious Heritage							

Applicants may propose to provide services in more than one area of expertise.

Experts must have a good command of English language (EU level C1/C2) both in spoken and written form.

Experts shall be evaluated on the documentation provided through this call. XM owns the rights to request additional support documentation for clarity reasons and/or updated Curriculum Vitae (CV) at any point of the contracted period.

Experts from any of the **27 EU Member States**: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic (Czechia), Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, and Sweden **or** from **European Economic Area (EEA) members**: Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway are eligible to apply. A residency declaration form must be completed and submitted with your application.

Applications must be submitted by candidates in their individual capacity and not on behalf of, or in affiliation with, any organisation, entity, or third party.

Services Requirements

The approved experts will be periodically invited to review and evaluate applications, based on specific scheme objectives and evaluation criteria which will be set by XM. A Declaration of Interest form must be signed by the Expert and submitted to XM prior to the commencement of any evaluation task, declaring their independence with the applicant/s and/or XM's funding collaborator/s if the scheme is launched in conjunction with foreign counterparts.

Nominated experts, based on their area of expertise, are required to review the application documentation, fill in the evaluation report on a template provided by XM, and submit it to XM within a stipulated period from receipt of the documentation to be evaluated. Experts might be required to participate in consensus online meetings, and possibly fulfil the role of rapporteur, which would also require the submission of a final evaluation summary report to XM. Online meetings are to be scheduled between Monday to Friday, 8am to 5pm (Malta time) or as negotiated with XM.

Remuneration

The remuneration for evaluation tasks will be paid upon submission of an invoice to XM and will be based on the following categories, depending on the complexity of the document(s) to be reviewed.

Type: A Programme value up to €30,000 Evaluating pitching session XM eApplication portal training €60.00 Excl. VAT	Type: B Programme Value up to €100,000 €150.00 Excl. VAT	Type: C Programme Value above €100,000 €200.00 Excl. VAT
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The above fees are per proposal evaluation assigned by XM and are all - inclusive of any reporting, meetings and occasional post award re-evaluations.

The above remuneration table is indicative. The type of evaluation will be communicated by XM during the invitation stage to the approved evaluators.

Duration of Contract and Conditions

The selected Evaluators will be required to sign a formal contractual agreement within two weeks of being notified of the result of the selection process. This agreement will be accompanied by terms and conditions governing the evaluation process and the performance of assignments.

The agreement shall run for one (1) year, from signatory date. The agreement can be renewed annually for a maximum of five (5) consecutive calendar years at XM's discretion.

Decisions taken by XM with regards to the allocation of assignments to the selected pool of Evaluators shall be binding and shall not be the subject of negotiation and/or discussion. However, experts can decide to temporarily decline assignment/s if they are unavailable during a specific period.

Ownership and Use of Results

All results produced, including any associated copyright and intellectual property rights, as well as any documentation shared, are the exclusive property of XM. Any unauthorised use, distribution, or disclosure to third parties is strictly prohibited and will result in a legal action.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

Personal data of experts applying for this call will be treated according to GDPR regulations and national legislation. Successful applications received under this call will be maintained for a period of five (5) years from date of call deadline. Financial records will be maintained for a period of ten (10) years. Unsuccessful applications will be deleted within six (6) months from call closing date. By submitting your application, you are giving XM your consent to process your personal data. Read further on our data handling policy here: <https://xjenzamalta.mt/data-protection-policy/>.

Clarifications Request

Any request for clarifications can be sent to evaluators.xjenzamalta@gov.mt.

Submissions

Interested Experts are to complete the application form and submit all the documentation using the following link:

<https://form.jotform.com/261540975946065>

The first deadline for submission of applications is **Monday, 31 August 2026, 23:59 CET** and the final deadline is **Sunday, 20 December 2026, 23:59 CET**. No late applications will be accepted after the final deadline.

Required Documents

- ✓ Curriculum Vitae
- ✓ Copies of relevant Qualifications, plus transcript to English language if certificate is any other language
- ✓ Declaration form and proof of residency document
- ✓ Summary of your professional background written in English language, including your thematic area of expertise. Summary must be no longer than 300 words.