

# Q & A LEDGER Webinar 28-01-2020

Verbatim question & answers as they were written during the webinar.

Question	Answer
what is the difference between the call of january and the one from April_	Would you be so kind an expand on this? What do you mean exactly?,no many differences. we updated the work programme but it's quite similar
How do the boot camps work? where do they take place ? who pays for the trip expenses? how long do thay last	Bootcamps are organized to help in the development process of the selected projects. They take place around Europe, in various duration based on the time in the programme. Expenses for attending the bootcamps are covered by the teams funding.,There are different ones. They last 2 to 5 days. You pay with it with the funding provided.
There is an open call that closes by the end of january, and as i understood there is a call that will bw closing in the end of april? are booth call the same or will you cahnge the call for april?	this is the only pending call in LEDGER you should be mixing information with other programme. 31st Jan is the deadline.
Could we get a copy of the grant sub agreement in order to understand better the payment mechanisms?	no, check the guide for applicant for that information
What do you mean by full time participation? Part time participation? Do these engagements have to comply with the team members current jobs? Some of our team members have a full time job but they also would like to contribute to the project.	We want to see teams working full time in the projects. We want to see at least 2 to 3 people full time
How is the training bootcamp program structured?	Bootcamps are organized to help in the development process of the selected projects. They take place around Europe, in various duration based on the time in the programme. Expenses for attending the bootcamps are covered by the teams funding.
I have sent many questions through you contact platform and i have not gotten any answer	we will review this, it may be a difficult one : ). please write to <a href="mailto:social@ledgerproject.eu">social@ledgerproject.eu</a> if we don't answer it shortly
How do payments take place?? who gets paid ? which team member? under what time of contract?	check the guide for applicants for details
What is Jury day, i am sorry i missed that?	The last 32 teams selected are going to be invited to a Jury Day where they will pitch their project. The 16 best will be selected to join the Venture Builder Programme.
the female percentage will be taking in cosideration only for the 3 coremembers or on the whole team?	whole team that is with high dedication to the project

<p>If our core research in Economic Development, then our Researcher will be in this field and not in DDG nor any other technology area. Is this Ok? Or is the Researcher expected to be in a related technology field?</p>	<p>The researcher does not have to be in a related technology field. There's going to be a dedicated slide in this webinar regarding researchers. Stay tuned, yes, it's ok. It doesn't need to be a technical researcher, Academic researchers in social and humanistic sciences are welcome and validated too</p>
<p>Looking forward to your slide defining "Researcher".. Please answer my question on References as I tried that with FundingBox but did not get a reply. Thanks so much</p>	<p>It's a very extensive question. If you have posed it on FundingBox we are going to respond shortly. Bear with us please. Thanks for understanding., I think I did above and I'm from FundingBox : )</p>
<p>I see three responses to my question on References at FundingBox but none of the answers pertain to this question. There is a glitch making replies to another question sit in that thread!!</p>	<p>Please bear with us. We will get back to you shortly. You are on the right track., please be a bit patient we are doing our best.</p>
<p>What is in slide 2 contradicts with an earlier affirmation that research need not be in DDG and or privacy by design</p>	<p>researcher doesn't need to be on technical feel but the project has to tackle decentralisation, privacy by design, data governance</p>
<p>but my project is under "economy" and our MVP is an economic paradigm shift so please confirm that slide 2 does not oblige us to focus our research on DDG &amp; privacy by design .. ref ur slide 2</p>	<p>please check the scientific and research workprogramme to understand better what we are looking for</p>
<p>If we have more than one developer, can different individuals attend different bootcamps/events by Ledger during the 12 months?</p>	<p>yes, but still we want to see the core leading project in the bootcamps</p>
<p>This is a follow question on an earlier answered one: can a core team member be changed during the year? ur answer was yes. Should this replacement person be defined upfront in the application?</p>	<p>Ideally no. It may be accepted in very particular situations</p>
<p>References please !!!</p>	
<p>Is downloading a slide presentation preferable?</p>	<p>no, but you will be able to access them in the LEDGER community</p>
<p>Sorry to be repeating this question. Please advise what References u need to see</p>	<p>not sure about the answer, write us to <a href="mailto:social@ledgerproject.eu">social@ledgerproject.eu</a></p>
<p>15% of the grant would be on hold. So in effect the budget during the 12 months must be made for Euro 150k-15% !! right</p>	<p>That's correct.</p>
<p>Is it preferable that the test of the MVP be in a EU or associate country?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Is it Ok to delay the sharing of the slide presentation to the April pitch and not include in the application?</p>	<p>once the application is closed you can't submit any other document</p>
<p>Would a slide presentation by an applicant be posted by Ledger or treated confidentially</p>	<p>Posted where? Ledger treats any application documentation confidentially., it will be posted on ledger community</p>
<p>Any easy quick answer to References</p>	<p>All the ones that you mentioned previously. It's really up to you. It's your project. Show us why you should be part of Ledger.</p>

We are applying as a legal entity incorporated in Europe, but two of the team members are not living in Europe. Are they required to be located in Europe?	no
How many SMEs are registered in the competition till now?	we can't comment on this. On the first open call we got around 280 applicants
Hi, just question, webinar started ?? because it is impossible to hear anything... just ghost voices...	Please check your device and try to enter the webinar again. Only some of the attendees are experiencing issues.,I think you are hearing it well now : ),Yes, the webinar has started and almost everyone is having good audio. Please leave the webinar, check you device and come back in. It has worked for another participant
4 me worked after switch to no audio and late back to computer audio	Thanks
we are a non-profit developing open source software . can we apply?	Yes,yes, you can
all three members need to be in europe for the year?	The 3 core members yes,if you apply as individuals yes, if you are applying as an entity located in Europe, not necessarily
so you said that someone from india could be a part of the team... in this case the team needs to arrange a work visa?	yes, that's on your side. we don't help with that
can you share the link of this platform?	ledgerproject.eu
is it possible to change one of the core team members throughout the year?	Yes, but is has to be reasoned and this core team member has to be replaced.
we publish our research on github. can that be accounted for?	yes
can all these questions be pasted in a document that we can access after the meeting?	Yes, thank you
and how many bootcamps?	5
is this powerpoint shared somewhere?	will be shared in ledger community, you will receive an email
Can SMEs participate which has already participating in other H2020 accelerator project?	If it's with a different project yes.
The project can be a subprojct of any other solution? i.e we develop an applciation which has elements can be delivered under NGI ledger but others are not to be shared? Is ths considered to be an other project?	You cannot be funded twice for the same or very similar project
Where will be the Jury day and is the travelling costs will be refunded?	The Jury Day location is still to be defined. It will probably take place in April, so not to worry, there's still time. The travelling costs won't be refunded.,cost is not refunded. Location is to be confirmed but Madrid may be the place
The projects members have to be hired by the project company?	Not necessarily. The project members can apply as team of individuals.,Not necessarily but we want to see a core team working full time on it and normally they would be the founders of the company

there are two videos requested, non of them compulsory?	yes, they are not compulsory
Do you see the project to fit to Decentralized finance solutions?	check the scientific workprogramme available in our site
Can the technology developed through LEDGER be in turn based upon open source solutions?	we want open sources solutions!!
Is the lack of gender diversity scored negatively? Would it affect the success of a process?	Not necessarily
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Yes	Thanks, good to hear.
One of team members should live in EU or Associated countries also? If I have all 3 team members and LLC from Ukraine is it ok?	if you apply as team of individuals all members need to be in Europe during the length of the programme
Is expert evaluation scorecard available?	check the guide for applicants for this
Is it too late? Do you still need to find 16 before 31st Jan?	It's not too late. You can apply until the 31st at 18:00 CET. Go for it!,yes
We are already working on our MVP. Funding will help but lack of funding will not stop creation of it. How does that affect criteria for applying?	It doesn't affect it in anyway but let us know why you want and need the programme for
Does the application need to be complete for the 31st. For example the video is not compulsory, but if we wanted to add that to our application when ready, could we?	The application deadline is the 31st of January at 18:00 CET.
Yes	Thanks
We have initiated R&D, PoC a couple months ago so we are already underway in designing and initializing our implementation. Is this an issue?	The goal of this Venture Builder programme is to build an MVP.,no, it's fine. We need to know what you bring to the programme and what you plan to do along the 9 month of the programme.
Can an academic researcher join the team?	Yes,every team needs an academic researcher
Can a project member be both a developer and researcher (ongoing PhD)?	no, we need to see the three profiles with three different people.
how many days are bootcamps just to estimate a commitment for team members in terms of days	on average 2 days, there's a long one taking 3 to 5 days
does co-authorship also count?	yes
Can we also accept additional private funding during the development? under the assumption of full opensource development.	yes
Is it possible to subcontract certain tasks to third parties?	Yes
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Why a 50% of gender balance is not an option in Funding Box application? (only 33% or 66%) appears	The minimum requirement are 3 core team members.

In the last call we got low points from “source software” and “licence” sections. We however were going to use Open Software License v. 3.0 (OSL-3.0) and Apache Licence in our technical approach. Could you specify which licence would be preferable for the final product under the program?	After you application you will be able to choose the license based on the needs of your project and technology used. You will be able to access the legal experts to help you in the process.
Does a potential use-case/customers for the product being developed be located outside the EU?	it's not ideal but should not be a big problem
yes	Thanks
We have developed a peer-to-peer Open standard platform to MVP level. It allows the user to store their encrypted data in an encrypted database. Lower energy and zero trust architecture, The individual controls who they send data to via the concept of a private secure database. We can include machines in this network too! Tested on Win 10. We we did this with just two people. It complies with the goals of Ledger, but goes not use Blockchain. How do we progress with the NGI? <a href="http://www.littlesister.se">www.littlesister.se</a>	You don't need to use blockchain. You should not bring a project completed we expect the projects to be developed along the programme. you can still apply thinking in your next stage of development
I have worked in industry research in 5 European countries but I am not an academic. I do not have a masters but I have trained engineers for Nokia and filed a patent with Nokia, is this valid for the researcher profile?	Any publication in magazine or journal? you have the minimum required to be considered in the slide
Thanks for your answers!	
for informal groups at the beginning, sorry if it has been asked before: do only at least three core members need to commit themselves to found a company? at which stage, if any, should they formally commit themselves?	not, it can be more team members, you need these 3 profiles to overcome the eligibility. If you get to the second stage of the programme you will need to form a company
we have 8 members in the team. at what stage do we have to mark/say who the core members are?	When you apply
sorry, I meant 127.500 euros above	
did you say that merely holding a phd qualify you as academic researcher? what about people with masters' degree but having only presented posters at a conference?	You must have published in an academic journal as well., <a href="https://spaces.fundingbox.com/spaces/ledger-q-a/5ca5e63ba25b0f0864d62d4e">https://spaces.fundingbox.com/spaces/ledger-q-a/5ca5e63ba25b0f0864d62d4e</a>
yes	Thanks
Can you confirm whether Israel is/isn't considered as part of Europe?	it's an associated country, there's a particular slide about it
One member of our team is from Israel - would he have to move?	it depends if you apply as a team of individuals, in that case yes.
What happens if during the review process, a member of the team left, for whatever reason - would we be disqualified, or could the member be replaced?	The member would have to be replaced., it could be disqualified we don't want to see changes in the team during the evaluation phase

How many applications are you expecting to receive? (ballpark)	In the first open call we received around 280
Can we have 4 core profiles, or is it mandatory for them to be 3?	3 core members is the minimum requirement. The rest is entirely up to you.
If all core members are male, how big of a disadvantage is that?	Not too big but having a balanced team will be positively assessed
How many people can be in the team if an entity applies? do we need to identify them?	No limitations but a minimum of 3. Identify all key members
Is there a regulatory and/or legal sandbox environment to work in?	nothing specifically provided but your researcher in residence can advise on that if you get in the programme
If we apply as two legal entities, who owns the results of the project that are not open source?	That's part of your legal agreement but take into account that we encourage open source software
if we have two women on the marketing and design side, but not on the core three roles, isn't it considered gender balanced?	yes, if they are really part of the team.
Do we need to be necessarily under trl5 or can it be trl6 as well?	we want software development and mvp building, to present products already on place may penalise you
We are applying as a legal entity incorporated in Europe, but two of the team members are not living in Europe. Are they required to be located in Europe.	no if the entity is in Europe
can a research institute apply?	yes
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Can one of the applicants be a research center?	yes
Is open core licence assimilable with open source?	For references about FOSS licences we suggest to use <a href="https://www.gnu.org/">https://www.gnu.org/</a>
In Excellence, description of research means research to be performed during the project or previous research that we use?	research that you are going to do, include references from previous work
what is the profile of the business developer/entrepreneur?	<a href="https://spaces.fundingbox.com/spaces/ledger-qa/5ca5e720a25b0f0864d62d4f">https://spaces.fundingbox.com/spaces/ledger-qa/5ca5e720a25b0f0864d62d4f</a>
what is the business developer/entrepreneur?	someone with experience as entrepreneur (building a business) or someone who has worked as an employee helping to grow a business
What non mandatory fields in the application are more important to fill (1 minute video, projected amount to raise etc.)	The more info you give us about your project the better
what you mean exactly with privacy-by-design?	please do your research and read the scientific research work programme available in our side
If our project has a B2B business model, is it accepted?	Yes

<p>our core tech is A.I DLT is on Hyperledger. Could we submit ?</p>	<p>of course. Every technology you are developing can be submitted. Just keep in mind that we are searching for Human-centric and Open-source based projects.</p>
<p>we are part of a H2020 project dealing with GDPR and a blockchain based platform, in which we see problems in scalability. The h2020 at its end and there is no space for a new solution. could we used this ledger call to develop this solution?</p>	<p>yes, but double funding is prohibited, we won't fund things that have been already funded</p>
<p>if you submit the proposal under "public services" the MVP can be the strategy toward a service and not toward a product right?</p>	<p>Yes, Not sure about the question but you would need to develop an open source MVP</p>