

Eurojust financial support to joint investigation teams (JITs) activities

EXTENSION OF THE ACTION PERIOD: INFORMATIVE GUIDE

**Does your JIT need more time to perform/complete the planned actions?
Now you can request an extension of the action period for an additional three months!**

What is the extension and why request it?

The extension of the action period provides additional time for JITs to perform their planned activities and make use of the awarded funds. If you decide to request an extension, you will not need to submit a new funding application for the same activities you had originally planned but could not implement during the action period, but only a simple form.

Who can apply?

- ✓ JITs that already received an Award Decision.
- ✓ Only JITs awarded as of the first Call for Proposals of 2019 (i.e. extension is not applicable to JITs awarded in 2018 and earlier).

How to apply?

If you fulfil the above-mentioned conditions, you are then entitled to submit a request for extension by e-mail to the JITs Network Secretariat (JITs@eurojust.europa.eu). The relevant [form](#) is available on Eurojust's website.

When to apply?

Any request for an extension must be submitted within the same timeframe as if you were submitting a new funding request. An extension may be requested only for the subsequent three-month period following the action period indicated in the original Award Decision. Thus, the extension request must be submitted within the open Call for Proposals with the corresponding action period that follows the period indicated in the Award Decision. The deadlines of the published Call for Proposals apply.

Call 1	Call 2	Call 3
APPLICATION FOR FUNDING	<i>Consecutive call - application possible for exceptionally urgent actions only (point 38 of the applicable Terms and Conditions).</i>	REQUEST FOR EXTENSION (FOR SAME ACTIONS) OR NEW APPLICATION (FOR NEW ACTIONS)

When and how is the extension approved?

The positive or negative decision to grant an extension will be communicated to the applicant on the award date, i.e. the date when Award/Rejection Decisions for the respective Call for Proposals are sent.

Such dates are included in the overview ([Planning](#)) published on Eurojust's website.

What are the conditions?

- ✓ Only JITs already awarded funding can apply for an extension of the action period.
- ✓ The extension can be requested only for the three months following the action period indicated in the Award Decision. The extension period commences from the day indicated in the extension decision.
- ✓ Only activities already mentioned in the original awarded application can be implemented during the extended action period, i.e. no new actions can be undertaken.
- ✓ During the extended action period, the JIT can spend only funds that were originally awarded.
- ✓ If the JIT is granted an extension for an additional three months, a new funding application for the same action period cannot be submitted. This rule is intended to prevent any risk of double-funding of the same costs.
- ✓ An extension is only valid if approved by Eurojust. The extension is granted by an Amendment to Award Decision (so-called Extension Decision).

What to keep in mind

- ✓ JITs need to carefully consider whether to request an extension (for the same activities) or submit a new application (to request funding for new activities).
- ✓ Indeed, JITs cannot request an extension of the action period while at the same time submitting a new funding application for the same action period.
- ✓ Consequently, if new developments in the investigation require additional actions to be funded, an extension might not be the best solution for your JIT, as you would need to submit a new application.
- ✓ To conclude, any JIT will need to carefully consider whether to request an extension (for the same activities) or submit a new application (to request funding for new activities) for the upcoming action period.

Can the extension request be rejected?

A request for extension of the action period can be rejected for the following reasons:

- ✓ The extension request is not submitted within the deadline applicable to the relevant Call for Proposals.
- ✓ The JIT has not been awarded funding in the regular funding procedure, i.e. no Award Decision has been issued for the particular JIT.
- ✓ The extension is requested for a period other than the period that immediately follows the action period indicated in the Award Decision.

- ✓ The extension is requested for activities that were not anticipated in the original (awarded) application.
- ✓ A new application is received from the same JIT for the corresponding action period.
- ✓ An extension is requested for exceptionally urgent actions for which funding was granted in two consecutive Calls for Proposals (point 38 of the applicable Terms and Conditions).

The extension of the action period is beneficial for JITs that need extra time to complete the activities planned in their successful application.

As an exception can only be granted to implement activities already foreseen in the original application, it should not be requested by JITs that need to perform other/new activities in the following action period.

The JITs submit to Eurojust a simple request for extension within the relevant open Call for Proposals. The request will only be assessed in terms of eligibility (see reasons for rejection above). If a request for extension is eligible, the extension will be granted.

