

FAQ on UK’s eligibility for collaborative projects in Horizon Europe

Question	Answer	Reference
<p>Can UK organisations participate in collaborative Horizon Europe projects?</p>	<p>Yes. UK organisations can be part of consortia for almost every Topic in Horizon Europe. There are a very small number of Topics with restricted access, but this is always clearly stated in the Topic description.</p>	<p>From the General Annexes (page 6): “Any legal entity, regardless of its place of establishment, including legal entities from non-associated third countries or international organisations (including international European research organisations) is eligible to participate (whether it is eligible for funding or not), provided that the conditions laid down in the Horizon Europe Regulation have been met, along with any other conditions laid down in the specific call topic”</p>
<p>Is the UK an Associated Country?</p>	<p>The UK is a <u>candidate</u> Associate Country. The UK’s association to Horizon Europe was agreed in the Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the UK and the EU but this has not yet been fully implemented.</p>	<p>From the List of Participating Countries in Horizon Europe:</p> <p>Page 1: “Legal entities from associated countries can participate under equivalent conditions as legal entities from the EU Member States, unless specific limitations or conditions are laid down in the work programme and/or call/topic text”</p> <p>Page 2: “Until association agreements start producing legal effects either through provisional application or their entry into force, transitional arrangements may apply if provided for in the particular Horizon Europe Work Programme. The transitional arrangements apply with regard to the following countries and legal entities established in these countries, with which association negotiations are being processed or where association is imminent: ...United Kingdom (applicable for the entire Programme)”</p>

<p>How should UK organisations be listed in collaborative Horizon Europe proposals?</p>	<p>UK organisations should be listed as Beneficiaries in collaborative Horizon Europe proposals and request their funding from the EU. Only at the time of Grant Agreement signature, and only if the UK’s Associated Country status has not been finalised by then, should the UK organisation’s status be changed to Associate Partner and the UK organisation no longer expect to be funded by the EU.</p> <p>If UK organisations are listed as Associate Partners at the proposal stage, they would not be funded by either the EU if the UK’s association is finalised, nor the UK Government Guarantee if the UK’s association is still pending.</p>	<p>From the General Annexes, page 9: “For the purposes of the eligibility conditions, applicants established in Horizon 2020 Associated Countries or in other third countries negotiating association to Horizon Europe will be treated as entities established in an Associated Country, if the Horizon Europe association agreement with the third country concerned applies at the time of signature of the grant agreement.”</p>
<p>Can UK organisations be Coordinators?</p>	<p>Yes, UK organisations can coordinate proposals but, if the UK’s Associated Country status has not been finalised at the time of Grant Agreement signature, UK organisations cannot Coordinate projects. At this stage the Coordination of the project becomes the responsibility of another consortium member, although the UK organisation can still be the technical/scientific lead for the project.</p>	<p>From the General Annexes, page 9: “For the purposes of the eligibility conditions, applicants established in Horizon 2020 Associated Countries or in other third countries negotiating association to Horizon Europe will be treated as entities established in an Associated Country, if the Horizon Europe association agreement with the third country concerned applies at the time of signature of the grant agreement.”</p>
<p>Can UK organisations be Work Package Leads?</p>	<p>Yes, UK organisations can be Work Package leads even if their status changes from that of Beneficiary to Associated Partner at Grant Agreement signature. This can include leading Work Packages that contain tasks delivered by Beneficiaries.</p>	<p>From FAQ 18452: “Associated partners can become work package leaders, milestone leaders and lead beneficiaries in work packages in Horizon Europe projects. If this is the case, the associated partners can be selected from the list of available project partners”</p>

<p>How are UK organisations funded for Horizon Europe projects?</p>	<p>If the UK's Associated Country status has not been finalised by the time a successful consortium needs to sign the Grant Agreement, then the UK partner(s) change from being Beneficiaries, expecting to be funded by the EU, to Associated Partners and claim their grant from the UK Government making use of the Horizon Europe Guarantee.</p>	<p>From Apply for Horizon Europe guarantee funding: "The 'Horizon Europe guarantee' scheme provides funding to researchers and innovators unable to receive their Horizon Europe funding while the UK is in the process of associating to the programme."</p>
<p>I have more questions that are not answered here. Who can I contact?</p>	<p>The Horizon Europe UK National Contact Point team are public servants and between them cover all Pillars, Clusters and Thematic Priorities in Horizon Europe.</p>	<p>You can see the contact details for the NCP in your sector here: Horizon Europe funding "Find your UK National Contact Point for advice"</p>