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Association to Horizon Europe Information Webinar

14th September 2023

Welcome

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Agenda

- Introduction: Ewa Bloch, Head of Europe and European Programmes, Innovate UK
- Horizon Europe – update on the Association agreement: Cathy Alexander, Deputy Director, Research Talent and EU Programmes, Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT)
- Support available for UK organisations
 - Dr Branwen Hide, National Contact Point for ERC, MSCA and Widening Participation (WIDERA), UKRO
 - Louise Mothersole, National Contact Point for Mobility, Innovate UK
- Q&A session

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What is Horizon Europe?



- Horizon Europe is the current EU's Framework Research and Innovation funding programme.
- It is the largest R&I funding programme in the world, with a budget of over £81bn for 2021-27.
- The programme is divided into **three main parts - Pillars**:
 - Pillar I supports excellence in science;
 - Pillar II focuses on solving global challenges through collaborative research & innovation; and
 - Pillar III supports business growth and competitiveness.
- Other parts of Horizon also include support for research infrastructure and widening participation.
- Key priority areas include food, bioeconomy, climate change, health, digital, transport and mobility, space, energy, industry, civil security and humanities. The programme is open to all types of organisations of all sizes.
- We have a team of **UK National Contact Points** who are appointed to offer expert advice on the different aspects of the programme and provide support to UK organisations on how to get involved and apply.

Update on the Association agreement

- On 7th September, the Prime Minister announced a new UK- EU agreement on the UK's association to Horizon Europe and Copernicus.
- UK applicants are eligible to apply to Horizon Europe calls, now and in the future. The government strongly encourages researchers to do so.
- As set out in the EU/UK Joint Statement of 7 September, all calls within Horizon Europe work programme 2024 and beyond will be funded by the UK's association to Horizon Europe.
- The UK government Horizon Europe guarantee has been extended to cover all remaining Horizon Europe grant calls that are funded under work programme 2023 irrespective of the call closing or grant signature date.



Press release

UK joins Horizon Europe under a new bespoke deal

UK to associate to Horizon Europe and Copernicus programmes through a bespoke new agreement

From: [Prime Minister's Office, 10 Downing Street, Department for Science, Innovation and Technology](#), [The Rt Hon Michelle Donelan MP](#), and [The Rt Hon](#)
Published 7 September 2023
Last updated 7 September 2023 — [See all updates](#)



News story

Joint Statement by the European Commission and the UK Government on the UK's association to Horizon Europe and Copernicus

The European Commission and the UK Government have reached an agreement in principle on the association of the UK to Horizon Europe and Copernicus.

From: [Prime Minister's Office, 10 Downing Street](#)
Published 7 September 2023



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Guidance

Horizon Europe and Copernicus programmes: 2023 UK-EU agreement explainer

Guidance for applicants and grant holders about the Horizon Europe and Copernicus programmes and the new UK agreement with the EU, September 2023.

From: [Department for Science, Innovation and Technology](#)
Published 8 September 2023

Pillar I - Excellent Science



- Promotes the creation and diffusion of scientific excellence
- Enables and supports the next generation of science, technology, research, and innovation
- Contributes to solving global social, environmental, and economic challenges
- Promotes access to and the development of world-class research infrastructures
- Boosts the training and mobility of researchers
- Mostly bottom-up approach with no pre-determined topic areas
- Open to the academic and non-academic sectors
- Involvement of industry strongly encouraged

Pillar II - Global Challenges and European Industrial Competitiveness

- Challenge driven – must solve the problem posed – not bottom-up idea driven
- Work Programme with one, or usually two, years' worth of competitions published annually
- Specific Topics with own budget, scope and expected outcomes. Proposals compete with each other within the Topic.
- Common for multiple projects per Topic to be funded but not always



- Collaborative projects with at least 3 different legal entities from 3 different eligible countries. One must be from an EU Member State (UK is an eligible country from 2024 Work Programme onwards)
- Consortium partners often very varied – right people for the task and from any legal entity
- Project size varies from less than €1m to €10's m – common to see projects between €4m to €20m

Pillar III - Innovative Europe

- Focuses on support for innovators and innovative SMEs.
- It aims to support high-risk innovations with a potential to create new markets and contribute to tackling societal challenges where the risk cannot be borne by the market alone.
- It also aims to support the rapid development of technologies and the scale-up of companies (start-ups, spinouts, SMEs) to bring their ideas to market.
- UK organisations eligible for grant support under the European Innovation Council



UK National Contact Points (NCPs)

Team of national advisors, appointed by the Government to support UK organisations to successfully participate in Horizon Europe by:

- Raising Awareness of the programme
- Helping you find the right Topic
- Identifying the best ways to find partners
- Navigating the European proposal submission portal
- Developing the proposal
- Answering any other Horizon related questions



<https://www.gov.uk/business-finance-support/horizon-europe-funding>

Upcoming Sessions

- Introduction to Horizon Europe
- Theme- and cluster– focused webinars
- How to find partners and build consortia
- How to apply and coordinate proposals
- Business and academia networking and brokerage events

Sign up to get regular newsletters and updates from UK NCPs <https://eufunding.ukri.org/subscribe>



Q & A session