

Building a Strong Future for European Science: Brexit and Beyond

Wellcome's recommendations from the Future Partnership Project

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Brexit and UK science

← Policy projects

The UK has decided to leave the EU. The decisions made now – during the post referendum negotiations and beyond – will determine the future trajectory of the UK and the people that live here.

The Royal Society has [produced evidence about the relationship between UK research and the European Union](#) to inform these decisions. We are engaging with policymakers and partners in the UK and internationally to ensure that the implications and opportunities for research and innovation are considered throughout the process.

The UK government has [stated its ambition](#) to: “agree a far-reaching science and innovation agreement with the EU that establishes a framework for future collaboration” and [the Prime Minister has stated](#) that “The United Kingdom would like the option to fully associate ourselves with the excellence-based European science and innovation programmes”

Science is a fundamentally collaborative and global enterprise and therefore the UK should seek arrangements that:

- enable scientists based in the UK to continue to be part of the shared European research endeavour and have the best possible access to international funds and the collaborations they support;
- create the lowest possible barriers to practising scientists seeking to move across borders;
- provide clarity and certainty, including through regulation and governance, consistently signalling that the UK remains a great place to practice great science.

The Society has published a set of [principles that should shape this future relationship](#) and some factsheets that provide more information about why these arrangements are important for scientific research and innovation. The factsheets focus on [People \(PDF\)](#), on [a shared vision for European research \(PDF\)](#), and on [regulation that supports research and innovation and earns public confidence \(PDF\)](#).



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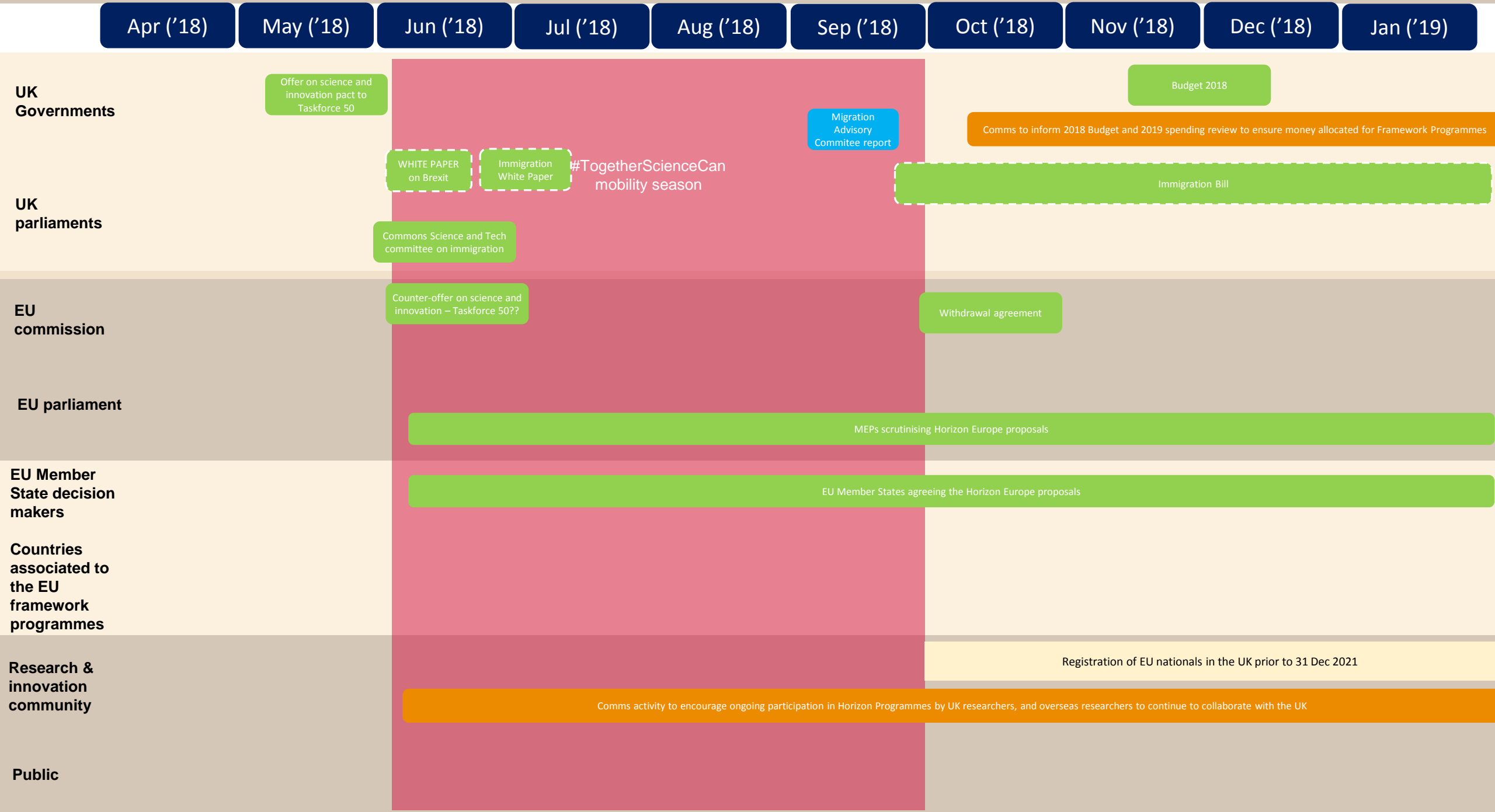
Downloads

[Factsheet: UK research and the EU – People](#)
PDF, 1.3mb

[Factsheet: UK research and the EU - A shared vision for European research](#)
PDF, 1.6mb

[Factsheet: UK research and the EU – Regulation](#)
PDF, 1.4mb

EU Network of Networks - timeline



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Audiences Feb ('19) Mar ('19) Apr ('19) May ('19) Jun ('19) Jul ('19) Aug ('19) Sep ('19) Oct ('19) Nov ('19)

Fellowship UK Spending Review

UK Governments and parliaments Inform 2019 spending review to ensure money allocated for Framework Programmes

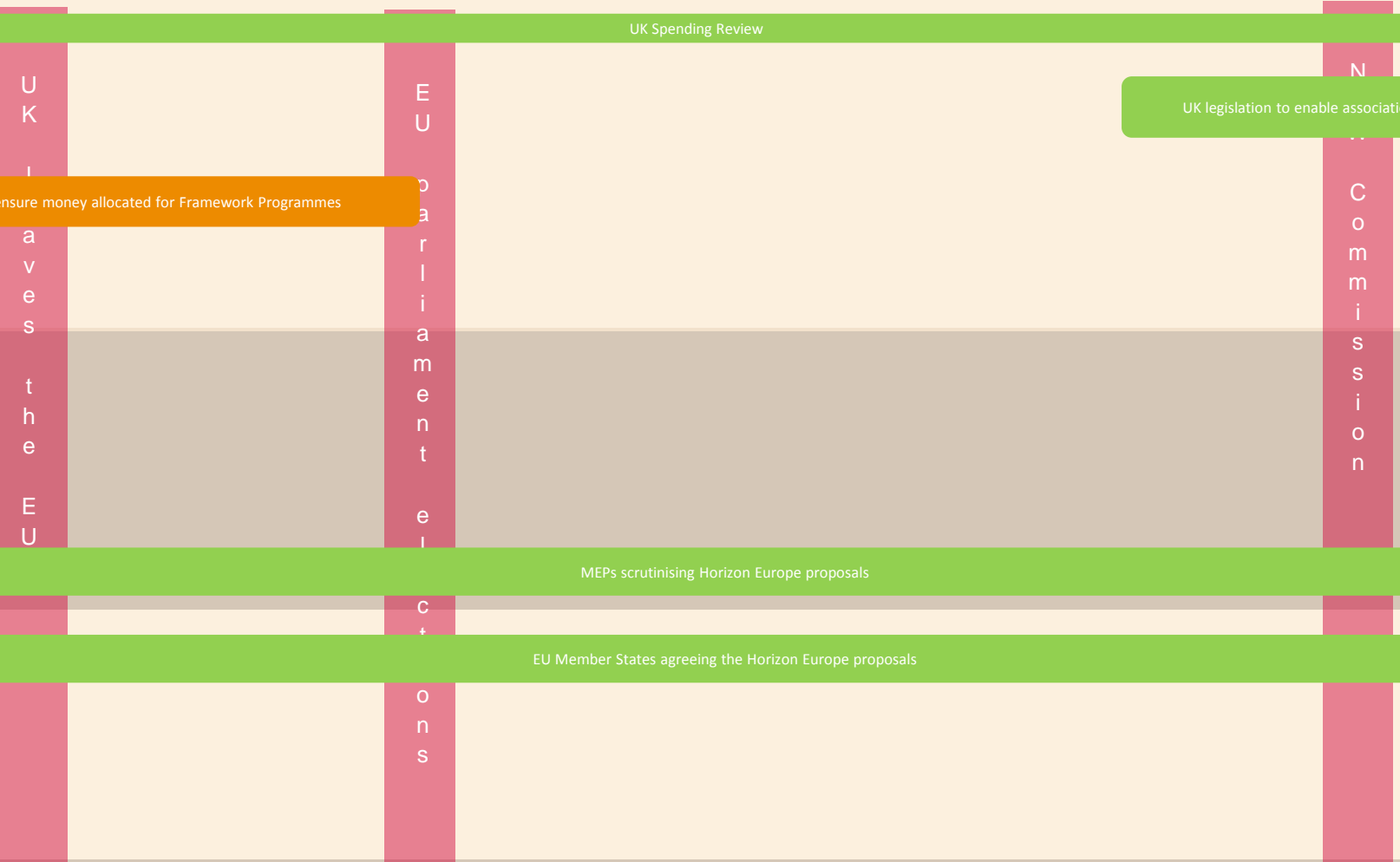
EU commission UK legislation to enable association with Horizon Europe when agreed?

EU parliament MEPs scrutinising Horizon Europe proposals

EU Member State decision makers EU Member States agreeing the Horizon Europe proposals

Research & innovation community Registration of EU nationals in the UK prior to 31 Dec 2021

Public Comms activity to encourage ongoing participation in Horizon Programmes by UK researchers, and overseas researchers to continue to collaborate with the UK



What can you do?

- Let us know about any challenges that you experience
- Advocate for ongoing UK involvement in shared research projects – we can provide information to support you

