

UK Research Office

Supporting the UK research and innovation community from the heart of Brussels

The UK Research Office (UKRO) is the European office of UK Research and Innovation (UKRI). Operating on a membership basis, it delivers a subscription-based advisory service for UK research organisations, offering a unique partnership between its subscribers and UKRI. UKRO is renowned for its UK National Contact Point services which provide dedicated support to the UK research and innovation community on behalf of the UK Government.

Our mission

To maximise UK engagement in EU-funded research, innovation and higher education activities by:

- Enabling** UKRI and subscribers to confidently navigate and make informed decisions about participating in EU programmes, while helping them to fully exploit all available opportunities.
- Supporting** continued UK engagement with European research, innovation and higher education policy developments by informing, advising and liaising with the appropriate bodies both in the UK and the EU.
- Delivering** a set of unique, specialised and agile services which meet the evolving needs of our UK subscribers, we provide continuity and a home in Brussels for them and their international colleagues.

Our objectives

To provide continuity through a tailored suite of informative services on funding opportunities and policy developments to subscribers that enable them to make informed decisions, reducing barriers to participation, and supporting them on their funding journey.

To work in partnership with UKRI and UKRO's subscribers to ensure our services are responsive and agile enough to address their evolving needs and deliver clear added value to the UK research community.

To maintain UKRO's excellent reputation as a provider of advice and information on EU's research, innovation and higher education programming and policy, and as a leading facilitator of dialogue between the UK research funding and performing community, UK Government, EU institutions and Brussels-based stakeholder organisations.

To maintain and strengthen UKRO's policy-monitoring role, working in collaboration with colleagues across UKRI, to agree priorities and enable conversations which ensure rapid, effective responses to emerging policy and programming issues.

To continue the delivery of quality National Contact Point services for the entire UK research community, on behalf of the UK Government.

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Our services

We are here to support the R&I community in the UK and Europe. If you work in a subscribing organisation you can sign up to the UKRO portal to receive the latest information on EU funding and policy direct to your inbox.

We deliver the UK National Contact Points for the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) and the European Research Council (ERC), each providing a dedicated helpdesk, website and specialised information and training events.

Subscription service

Subscribe to UKRO and unlock the wide range of benefits which can support you and your colleagues in your research projects, including:

- **A dedicated enquiry service, individual support and advice, all year round:** All subscribers have a named contact at UKRO, who provides guidance, information, and advice on EU policies, programmes and funding opportunities.
- **A tailored annual event for your organisation:** UK-based subscribers can benefit from a complimentary annual event organised by their UKRO European Advisor, who will work with you to provide expert training, information, and/or one-to-one sessions tailored to the requirements of your institution.
- **Events for European Liaison Officers**, specialist training courses, webinars and focus groups providing

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Martin Gregory, University of Strathclyde

"UKRO is without doubt one of the very best hubs in Europe at providing informed professional advice and support services on Framework Programme activities."

Michael Browne, University College London

in-depth insight, practical support and opportunities to exchange best practice.

- **The UKRO Portal, which enables you to stay informed:** If you work in a subscribing organisation you can register for free to receive tailored news articles on the latest EU funding and policy developments, as well as factsheets on different strands and aspects of EU research, innovation and higher education activities.
- **A place to meet and work in Brussels:** Use our dedicated workspaces for European project meetings or as part of your trip to Brussels. We are located within easy walking distance of most European Commission buildings, the European Parliament and the Council of Ministers.

We are connected to a large number of UK organisations who are already benefitting from our subscriber services. Find out if you're part of a subscribing organisation and **create your personal profile.**

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