



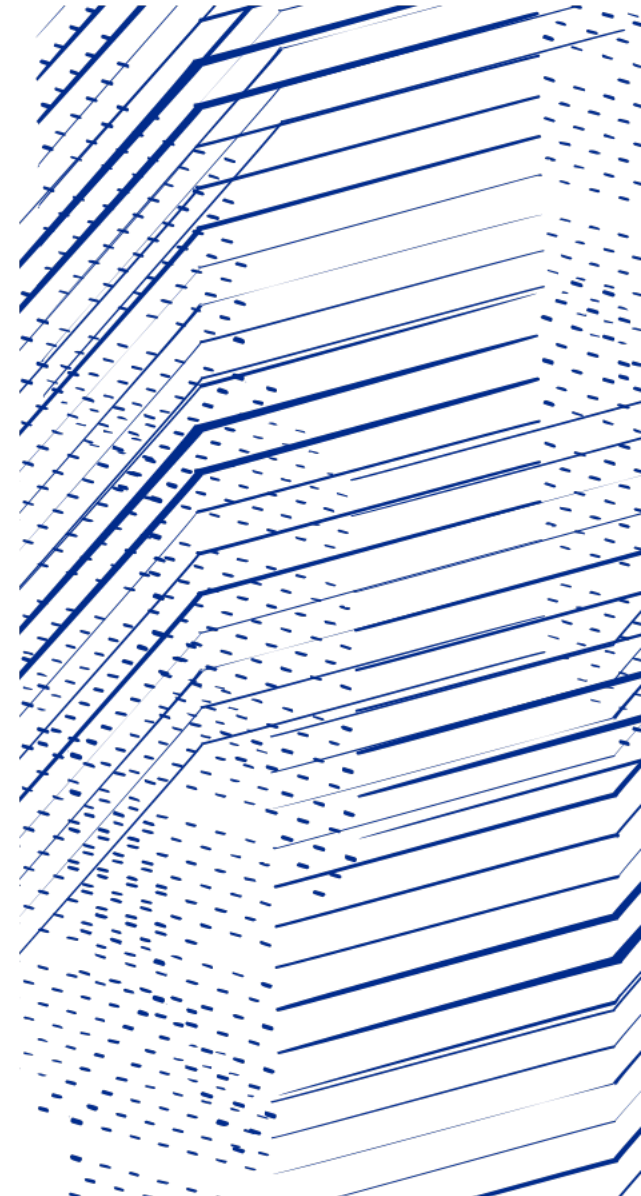
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Association to Horizon Europe

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European Framework Programmes

- Funding programmes created by the European Union and European Commission to support and foster Research and Innovation
- Began in 1984 and each last for 7 years, aligning to the EU's Multiannual Financial Framework
- **Horizon 2020 ran from 2014 until 2020**
 - The previous Framework Programme. Had last calls for proposals in 2020. Total budget was ~80bn EUR.
- **Horizon Europe will run from 2021 to 2027**
 - The 9th FP, with a 95.5bn EUR budget
 - Work Programmes due to be published at the end of May 2021

Horizon 2020: UK by numbers

14.79%
success rate

12.05% EU
average

16,611
participations

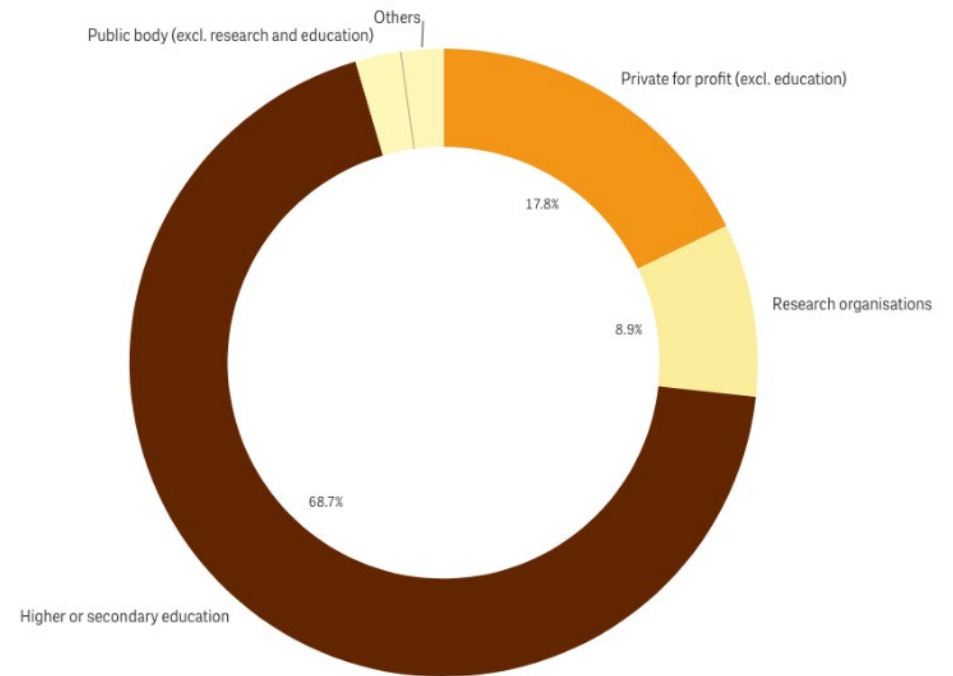
10,044
signed grants

€7,53B EU
contribution



Ranked 2nd of
28 in budget
share

Ranked 3rd of 28
in participation



Horizon 2020: UK RIs

15.11%
success rate



688
participations

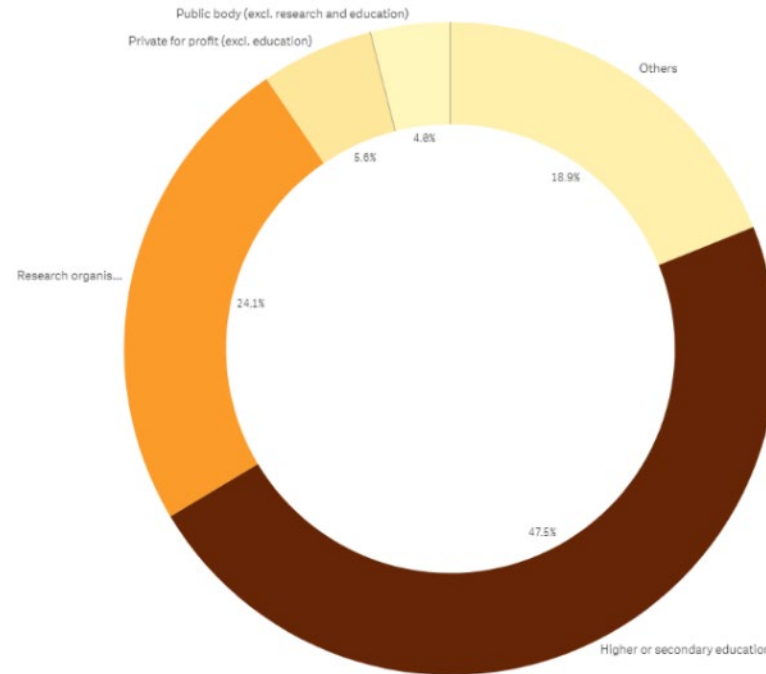


259 signed
grants



€237,2M EU
contribution

12.05% EU
average



UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement



The UK has agreed to associate to Horizon Europe

- On 24 December 2020, the UK and EU agreed a Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA).
- This included agreement that the UK **will** associate to the Horizon Europe programme that will run from 2021-2027, subject to:
 - Finalisation of EU's Programme and Budget Regulations for Horizon Europe; and
 - Adoption of Protocol I in both the EU and UK, which sets out the specific terms of the UK's association.

What does association to Horizon Europe status mean?



UK scientists, researchers and businesses can access grant funding on equivalent terms to EU organisations

- Association in European Framework Programmes is standard practice – it's how countries like Norway, Switzerland and Israel participate.
- Associate Countries participate in the same way as the 27 Member States.

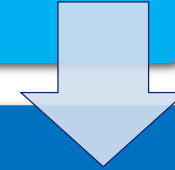
Can the UK participate?

- **Yes:**
 - UK entities will have equivalent participation rights to those from Member States
 - UK entities and consortia can lead projects as coordinators in all parts of the programme, including industrial partnerships.
 - Will be a part of nearly £15bn in UK R&D investments in 21/22.
- **But:**
 - The UK has opted out of the European Innovation Council Fund
 - The European Commission has the right to focus some initiatives on Member States only.
- Similar rules also apply to the UK's continued participation in the Euratom; ITER; Copernicus; and EU Satellite Surveillance & Tracking, albeit with their own regulations.

What happens next?

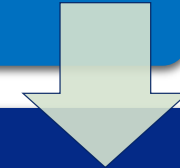
EU to ratify the Horizon Europe Regulation

- Completed on 27 April and came into force on 12 May.
- UK played a role in shaping the regulation whilst a Member State.



UK and EU adopt Protocol I

- Will be agreed by the joint EU-UK Specialised Committee. This is currently underway.



UK formally associated to the Programme

- Once Protocol I has been finalised and adopted, the UK will be formally associated to the Programme.

Frequently Asked Questions

- Can UK entities participate now?
Yes – they have full rights to participate and apply to the first calls for proposals of Horizon Europe as soon as they are published.
- Will the UK be able to coordinate proposals?
Yes – this is under the same terms as those for EU Members States
- Will the UK be represented on Programme Committees?
Yes – although few, if any, have yet begun, we are currently organising our participation internally.
- Can the UK participate in the Co-Funded and other Partnerships?
Yes