Introduction to the EIC Transition Scheme









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Agenda

- Welcome Branwen Hide, UKRO
- Introduction to Horizon Europe and UK Association Phil Holliday, UKRO
- Overview of EIC Transition call Genevra Kirby, Innovate UK & Claire Griffin, Invest NI
 - Overview of EIC
 - EIC Transition Open and Transition Challenges
 - Evaluation criteria
- Moving up the TRLs: early research to commercialisation Emma Burke, Innovation lead for commercialisation and Project Manager for the ICURe programme, Innovate UK
- Looking forwards to the EIC Accelerator Margaret Patterson
- Q&A





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About UKRO

Mission

• Maximise UK engagement in EU-funded research, innovation and higher education activities

Our office

- Based in Brussels
- EU office of UK Research and Innovation (UKRI)
- Delivers subscription-based advisory services for around 140 research organisations in the UK and beyond

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UK's Relationship with the EU

Horizon Europe Participation



UK's Relationship with the EU

UK-EU TRADE AND COOPERATION AGREEMENT

Summary

December 2020

- On 24 December 2020, the UK Government announced the conclusions of the negotiations with the European Commission.
- Includes <u>confirmation</u> that the UK will associate to Horizon Europe, which covers the European Innovation Council (EIC) apart from the EIC Fund (equity part of EIC)
- European Commission's <u>Q&A on UK participation in Horizon</u>
 <u>Europe</u>
- Withdrawal Agreement is still in place for Horizon 2020 funded projects which will receive EU funding for their entire project life cycle.



What Does Association Mean for the UK?

- Access: UK researchers and organisations will have access to Horizon Europe programmes on equivalent terms to EU countries
- Collaboration: UK organisations can have continued access to collaborative R&I funding, infrastructure and markets via the Horizon Europe programmes, and can lead and influence key collaborative projects
- Programme Committees: The UK can participate in Programme Committees
 with speaking rights, access to information and documentation.
- Experts: UK experts can continue to take part in evaluations and join expert groups



Sources of Further Information

- UKRO <u>website</u> provides latest information on UK participation
- The official statements on the EU-UK relationship are available on a <u>dedicated European</u>
 <u>Commission website</u> and the <u>UK Government</u>
 <u>page</u>.
- UK Government provides information on <u>EU</u>
 <u>Funded Programmes under the Withdrawal</u>
 <u>Agreement</u>.
- <u>Turing scheme</u> for students to study and work abroad - new UK programme replacing Erasmus+



UK Participation in EU Programmes for Research, Innovation and Higher Education

UKRO maintains this factsheet to provide the latest information on UK participation in EU funding schemes in research, innovation and higher education. It provides an overview of the opportunities and signpost stakeholders – both UK organisations and our partners in Europe, to relevant official documentation. You are invited to disseminate this factsheet within your institutions and to your European and international partners.

UK participation in Horizon Europe and other EU programmes

As part of the <u>agreement reached between the UK and the EU</u>, the UK has announced that it will associate to Horizon Europe subject to ratification of the overall deal and finalisation of the regulations. Association will give UK scientists, researchers and businesses access to funding under the programme on equivalent terms as organisations in EU countries. The next step is for both sides to formally adopt the full text of the agreement taking into account the finalised EU Programme Regulations.

The timeline for UK association is to be confirmed but draft text in the <u>EU-UK Declarations</u> sets out an ambition for the UK to associate to Horizon Europe in time to participate from the beginning of the programmer.

"It is the Parties' firm intention that the Specialised Committee on Participation in Union Programmes will adopt the Protocols at the earliest opportunity to allow their implementation as soon as possible, in particular with the ambition that United Kingdom entities would be able to participate from the beginning of the programmes and activities identified, ensuring relevant arrangements and agreements are in place, insofar as possible and in accordance with Union legislation."

The UK also reached agreement with the EU and Euratom to associate to the next Euratom Research & Training (R&T) Programme 2021-2025 subject to ratification of the overall deal and finalisation of the regulations.

A new <u>Turing scheme</u> starting in September 2021 will replace the UK's participation in Erasmus+. The programme will provide similar opportunities for students to study and work abroad as the Erasmus+ programme and will include countries across the world.

UK participation in Horizon 2020

The <u>Withdrawal Agreement</u> means that the UK can continue to participate in EU programmes, including Horizon 2020, that are financed by the 2014-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) until their closure (i.e. for the lifetime of grants).

UK participants continue to receive EU grant funding for the lifetime of individual Horizon 2020 projects, including projects finishing after the transition period ends at the end of 2020.

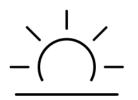
UK scientists, researchers and businesses can continue to participate in and lead Horizon 2020 projects and apply for Horizon 2020 grant funding, including the <u>Horizon 2020 Green Deal Call</u> which closes on 25 January 2021.

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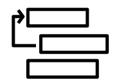
What is Horizon Europe?



- The EU's flagship programme for research and innovation running from 2021-2027
- Overall budget of €95.5 billion
- Ambition: To shape the future of Europe and making Horizon Europe the most ambitious research and innovation programme ever introduced
- Aim: To create opportunities for the world of tomorrow from the challenges of today and:
 - Strengthen the European Research Area (ERA)
 - Boost Europe's innovation capacity, competitiveness and growth
 - Deliver on citizens' priorities



Horizon and EU policy priorities



- Horizon Europe will include actions that support the wider political objectives of the European Commission, including the green and digital transition and a sustainable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic
- Specifically, it will support the ambition to make **Europe the first climate-neutral continent by 2050**, directing a minimum of 35% of the funding available to climate objectives (7.5% on biodiversity)
- It will contribute to making 2021-2030 Europe's digital decade and further support the objectives of the European Green Deal
- It will establish clear links between R&I activities and the UN Sustainable Development Goals
 (SDGs), as well as work to ensure the Union helps fulfil its role as signatory to the Paris
 Agreement



What's new in the Horizon Europe?



- Mission-oriented funding:
 - Portfolios of activity to contribute to 5 high-level, impactful and global objectives
- European Innovation Council:
 - Formalising the EIC and building upon its pilot phase under H2020
- Open to the World:
 - Enhanced association opportunities for Third Countries
- Open Science policy:
 - Extending the use of open access and further developing the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC)
- New approach to European Partnerships:
 - Consolidating the use of public-public and public-private partnerships
- Spreading Excellence:
 - Increase of emphasis and funding for 'widening' activities



Three Pillar Structure



Pillar 3 – Innovative Europe – European Innovation Council (EIC)

- Provides a coherent and connected system of innovation funding that supports projects with market potential
- Principally targeted at Small- and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) and industry
- EIC will serve as a 'one-stop shop' for European innovators
- Channel funding through three main schemes

Pathfinder

- Based on the FET Open
- Support international consortia working on establishing future and emerging breakthrough technologies through collaborative research and innovation projects

Transition

- For 2021, only open to ERC Proof of Concept grantees and EIC Pathfinder grantees
- Matures a novel technology and develops a business case to bring it to market

Accelerator

- Based on the SMF Instrument
- Will bridge the financing gap between late stages of innovation activities and market take-up, to effectively deploy breakthrough market-creating innovation and scale up companies where the market does not provide viable financing



