

# 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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# UK Research Office

The Office, Our Mission and Our Services

# 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

## Horizon Europe's UK National Contact Point for

- European Research Council (ERC)- [erc-uk@ukro.ac.uk](mailto:erc-uk@ukro.ac.uk)
- Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions (MSCA) - [mariecurie-uk@ukro.ac.uk](mailto:mariecurie-uk@ukro.ac.uk)

# UK's Relationship with the EU

Horizon Europe Participation

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- On 24 December 2020, the UK Government announced the conclusions of the negotiations with the European Commission.
- Includes [confirmation](#) 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 [Q&A on UK participation in Horizon Europe](#)
- [Withdrawal Agreement](#) is still in place for Horizon 2020 funded projects which will receive EU funding for their entire project life cycle.

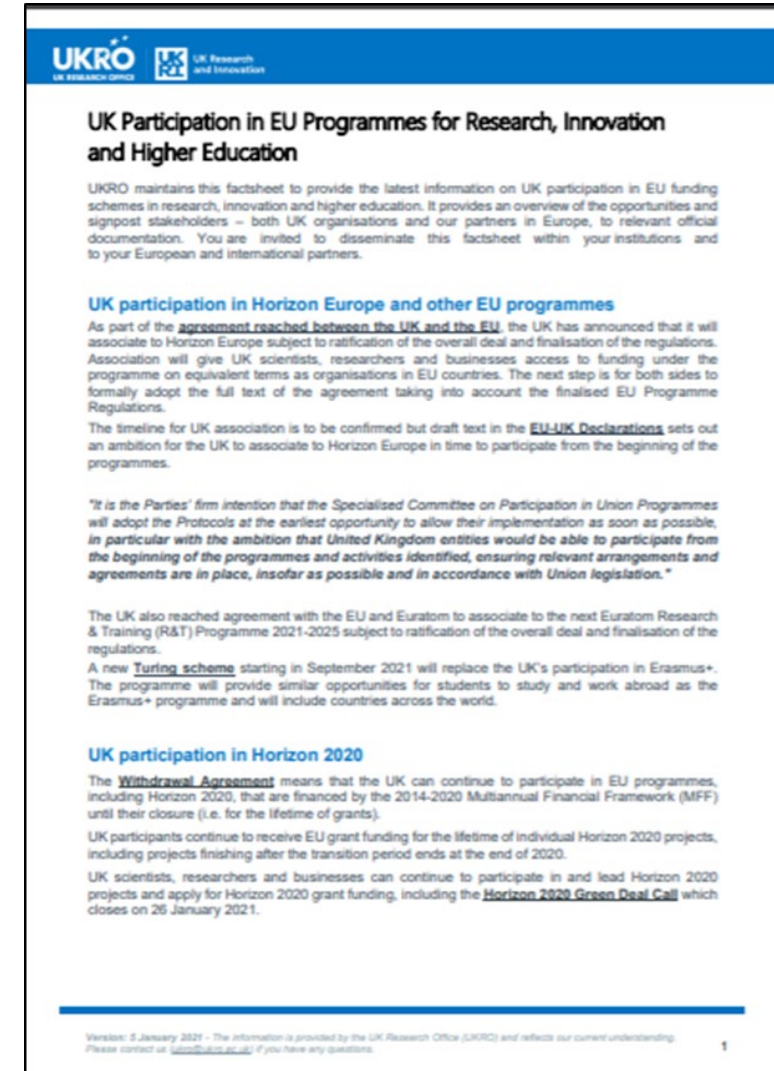
# What Does Association Mean for the UK?

- **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

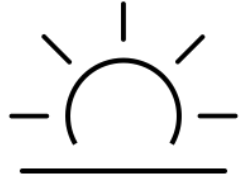


# Sources of Further Information

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

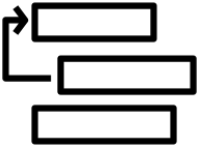


# What is Horizon Europe?



- 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	Transition	Accelerator
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Based on the FET Open</li><li>• Support international consortia working on establishing future and emerging breakthrough technologies through collaborative research and innovation projects</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For 2021, only open to ERC Proof of Concept grantees and EIC Pathfinder grantees</li><li>• Matures a novel technology and develops a business case to bring it to market</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Based on the SME Instrument</li><li>• 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</li></ul>