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Marie Skłodowska- Curie Actions

Researchers at Risk
Information event

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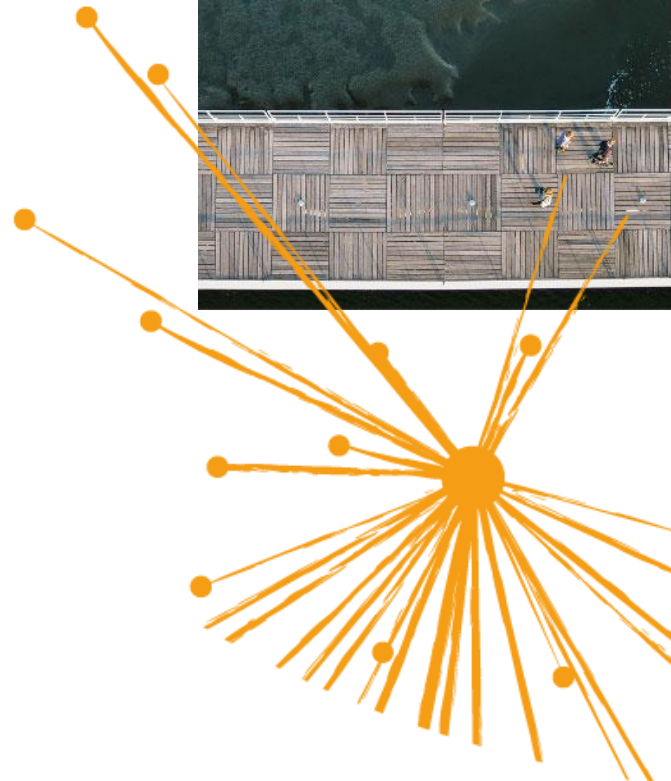
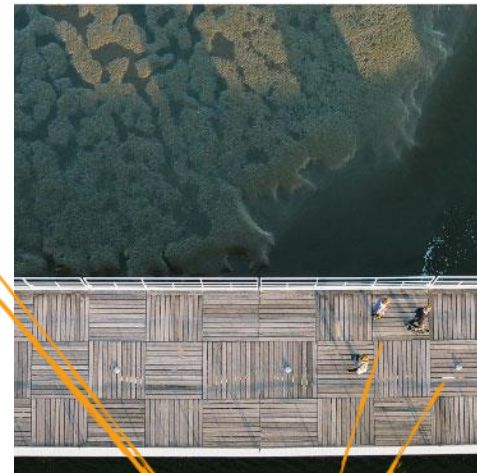
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3 MSC Actions and Policy Context

4 Researchers at Risk 2021 Call

5 Q&A



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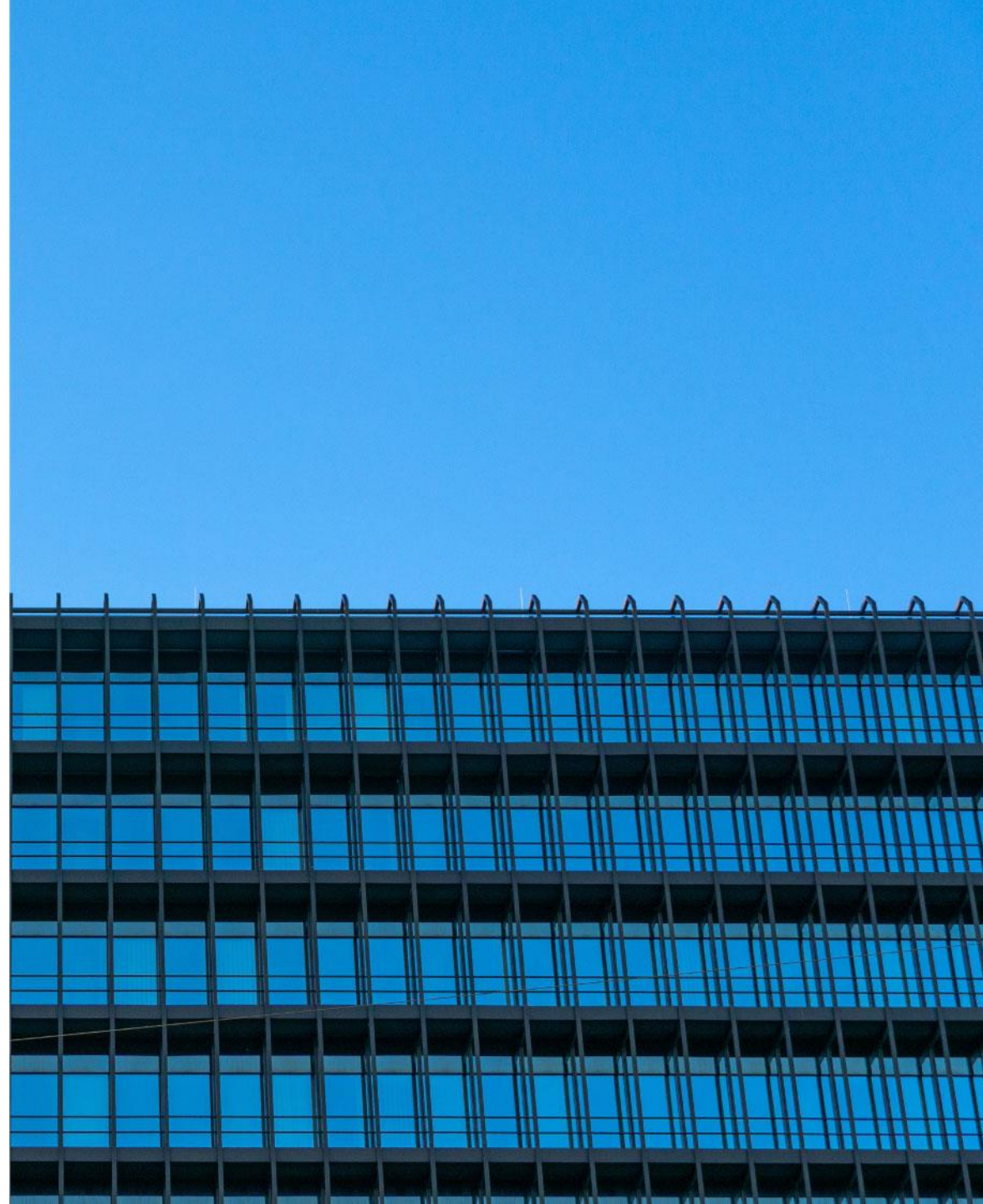
Speaker

Presenter

Dr Branwen Hide, MSCA NCP & UKRO Senior European Advisor



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About UKRO

We support UK research intensive organisations

- Maximise UK participation in Horizon Europe
- Provide a service to around 140 subscribers
- A Brussels-based team of advisors
- Part of UKRI's wider International team
- UK National Contact Point for [European Research Council](#) and [Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions programmes](#)



UK's Relationship with the EU



Horizon Europe Participation

- On 24 December 2020, the UK Government announced the conclusions of the negotiations with the European Commission.
- Included [confirmation](#) that the UK will associate to Horizon Europe
 - [Includes the Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions](#)
 - Includes participation in Joint Research Centre activities, Article 185 & 187 Partnerships, the EIT, ERICs, ERAC, Euratom ITER, Copernicus
- The UK is expected to soon become an associated country to the EU's R&I Framework Programme Horizon Europe.
- The UK will therefore have the same rights and obligations as other countries associated to the Programme ([EC Q&A](#))

Published: 2 Mar 2021

Horizon Europe – new details on UK's participation



A newly published document from the European Commission offers more details on the UK's participation in the Horizon Europe programme. The United Kingdom is expected to become an associate country in the EU's seven-year programme for scientific research and innovation, Horizon Europe.

Sources of Further Information

UKRO [website](#) provides latest information on UK participation

EC [Q&A on UK's Participation](#) in Horizon Europe

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](#).



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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 [agreement reached between the UK and the EU](#), 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 [EU-UK Declarations](#) sets out an ambition for the UK to associate to Horizon Europe in time to participate from the beginning of the programmes.

"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 [Turing scheme](#) 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 [Withdrawal Agreement](#) 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 [Horizon 2020 Green Deal Call](#) which closes on 26 January 2021.

Version: 5 January 2021 - The information is provided by the UK Research Office (UKRO) and reflects our current understanding. Please contact us [ukro@ukri.ac.uk](#) if you have any questions.

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Marie Skłodowska- Curie Actions (MSCA)



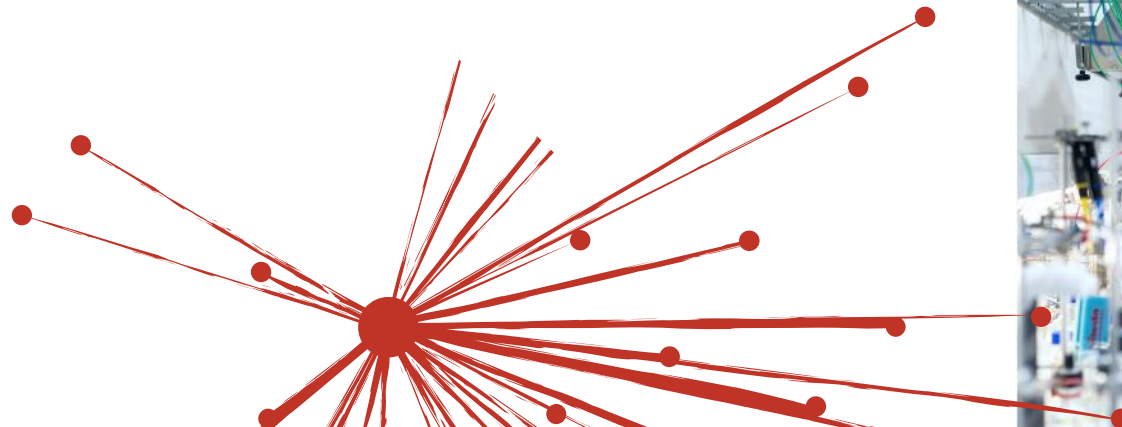
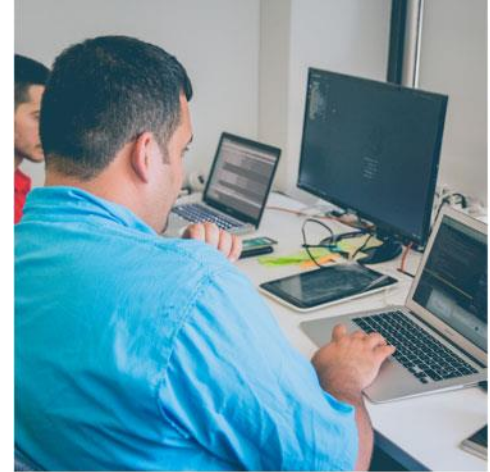
Horizon Europe



Excellent Science (Pillar 1):
Reinforcing and extending the excellence of the EU's science base

Main Policy Objectives

- Encouraging people to become researchers
- Equip researchers with the necessary skills and international experience
- Develop attractive career opportunities
- Contribute to excellent research
- Foster innovation
- Bridging the ERA and the EEA
- Contribution to the EU external policy objectives



MSCA Key Features

- Enhance skills of people behind research and innovation
- Gender friendly and inclusive
- Operates on a 'bottom-up' basis
- Covers all subject areas
- From basic research to market take-up
- Mobility is a key requirement (3 'I's)
- Dissemination and public engagement - public outreach



MSC Actions

Doctoral Networks

- Supports doctoral programmes, developed by universities, research institutions and research infrastructures, businesses including SMEs, and other socio-economic actors from different countries across Europe and beyond.

Postdoctoral Fellowships

- Enhances the creative and innovative potential of researchers holding a PhD.

Staff Exchanges

- Promote innovative international, inter-sectoral and interdisciplinary collaboration in research and innovation.

COFUND

- Co-finances new or existing doctoral programmes and postdoctoral fellowship schemes.

MSCA and Citizens

- Aims to bring research and researchers closer to the public at large, to increase awareness of research and innovation activities and to boost public recognition of science and research education.

Researchers at Risk

- Facilitate trans-national co-operation between European and national initiatives and programmes in support of researchers at risk.



Researchers at Risk

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Researchers who are either at risk in their origin countries (due to discrimination, persecution, suffering and/or violence), or are seeking refuge out of these reasons or have recently found refuge in Europe.



Researchers at Risk (R@R)






- They can be at any career stage
 - From doctoral candidates through to experienced researchers and professors
 - Can also include research technicians, administrators etc.
- Risks can include (but are not limited to)
 - Death threats for asking questions or resulting from publications
 - Status within communities
 - Exercising their fundamental human rights
- Threats can come from a range of different sources
 - The state
 - Non-state actors
 - From within their institution



Why is this important?

REPORTED ATTACKS ON HIGHER EDUCATION

FOR DATE RANGE: SEPTEMBER 01, 2019 - SEPTEMBER 01, 2020

	Killings, Violence, Disappearances	126		Loss of Position	32
	Imprisonment	102		Travel Restrictions	8
	Prosecution	57		Other	34
					Total 359

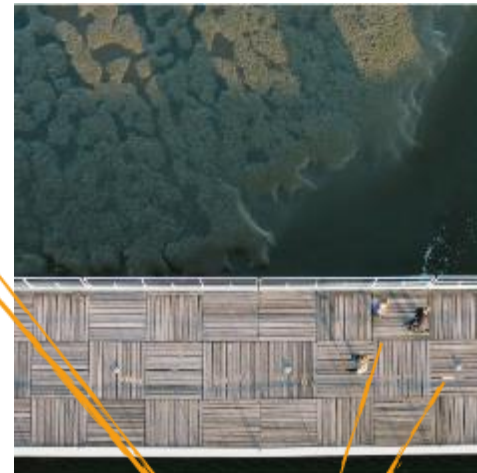
<https://www.scholarsatrisk.org/academic-freedom-monitoring-project-index/>

Aims of the R@R call

- **Support national and international organisations** working with researchers at risk to enhance and ‘professionalise’ their activities
- **Facilitate and strengthen cooperation and links between other European, national and institutional initiatives and programmes**
- Increase awareness about why researchers are at risk
- **Identify and deliver best possible solutions**
- **Build on the results of the Researchers at Risk initiative** [“InSPIREurope”](#)
- Take into consideration new challenges (such as COVID-19)
- Aligned with the general objectives of the MSCA
- Foster open science, innovation and entrepreneurship

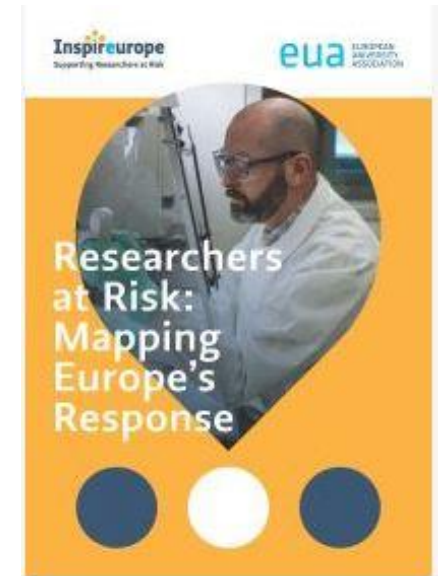


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Horizon 2020 Pilot

- Aimed to facilitate trans-national co-operation between European and National initiatives
- Identify and sharing good practices
- Assess the effectiveness of existing measures
- Develop recommendations for policy-makers
- Build up cooperation with other related networks
- Increase visibility of programmes
- Facilitate the establishment of sustainable and long-term support networks



2021 Call Expected impact

- Greater awareness about why researchers are at risk
- Develop and extend ways to support researchers at risk
- Develop a more consistent and sustained support for researchers at risk
 - At European, national and institutional level
- Better policy provision to improve support provision
- Develop a sustainable and professionalised support network/structure/system
- Facilitate better access to funding and networking for researchers at risk
- Increase and develop synergies between initiatives such as Horizon Europe and Erasmus+ as well as national or institutional actors
- Increased exposure to the non-academic sector



Types of Activities Funded

Coordinating and Support Action

- Typical activities include:
 - *standardisation, dissemination, awareness-raising and communication, networking, coordination or support services, policy dialogues and mutual learning exercises and studies, including design studies*
- May also include complementary activities of strategic planning, networking and coordination between programmes in different countries

Activities not support

- Research (unless to support primary activities listed above)
- Individual fellowships to researchers at risk



Call Overview

Call Time line

- Call opened on 2 Sept 2021
- **Deadline for Submission**
 - 6 January 2022 17:00 Brussels time
- Outcome of Evaluation
 - June 2022
- **Earliest expected start date**
 - September 2022

Budget

- **Expected EU contribution per project**
 - 1.00 to 1.50 EUR million
- **Number of expected funded projects**
 - 1

Other

- **Expected duration**
 - 36 months
- **Action type**
 - Coordinating and Support Action



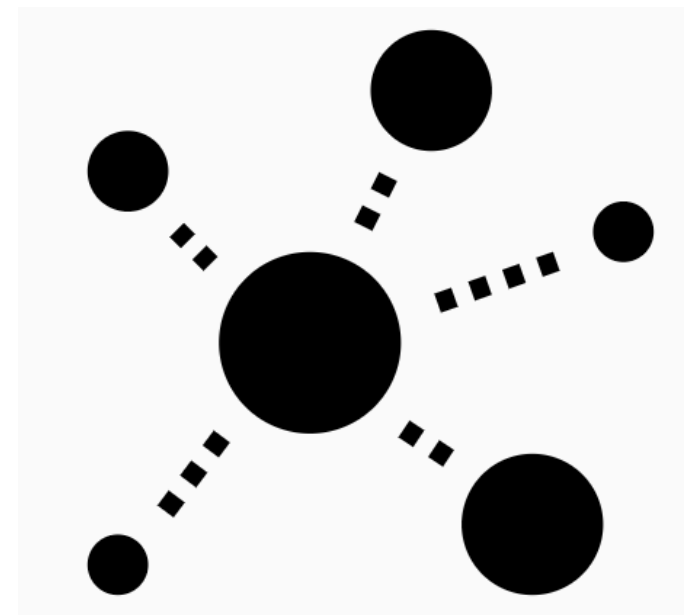
Eligibility and Participating Organisations

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Consortium Eligibility

- Can be either mono beneficiary or multi beneficiary
- Beneficiary(s) must be established in a Member State or Associated Country
- Can include third parties (partner organisations)



Third Party Participation

Affiliated Entities

- Have a 'legal link to the beneficiary'
- **Can charge costs to the project**
- Contribute under the same conditions as a beneficiary
- **Must meet the same eligibility rules as a beneficiary**

Associated Partners

- **Cannot charge costs** to the action
- The costs for their tasks are not eligible
- Typically international partners not eligible for EU funding

Third parties giving in-kind contributions to the action

- **Do not charge costs** to the action
- **But costs are eligible** and are charged by the beneficiaries which use them

Subcontractors

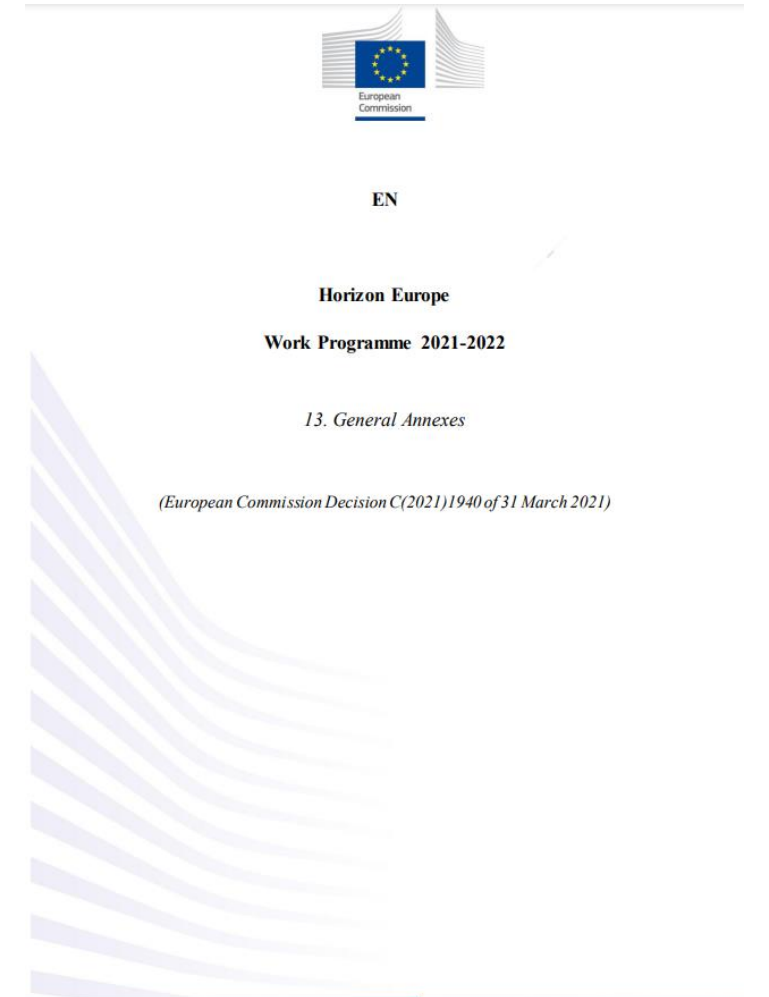
- **Charges a price**, which usually includes a profit
- Must follow procurement rules

Legal Entities

- Beneficiaries and affiliated entities must register in the [Participant Register](#) before submitting their application
- Depending on the sector beneficiaries will need a Gender Equality Plan
- ‘Legal entity’ means any natural or legal person created and recognised as such under national law, EU law or international law, which has legal personality and which may, acting in its own name, exercise rights and be subject to obligations, or an entity without legal personality



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https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/wp-call/2021-2022/wp-13-general-annexes_horizon-2021-2022_en.pdf

Gender Equality Plan

- Does not apply to private-for-profit organisations including SMEs, non-governmental or civil society organisations
- Apply at an organisational level, not the responsibility of the individual applicant
- Self-declaration will be requested at proposal stage. GEP must be in place by the time of the signing of the grant agreement
- **The GEP must at least cover:**
 - Publication: formal document published on the institution's website and signed by the top management
 - Dedicated resources: commitment of resources and gender expertise to implement it
 - Data collection and monitoring: sex/gender disaggregated data on personnel and students and annual reporting based on indicators
 - Training: Awareness raising/trainings on gender equality and unconscious gender biases for staff and decision-makers
 - Recommended areas to be covered and addressed via concrete measures and targets:
 - Work-life balance and organisational culture
 - Gender balance in leadership and decision-making
 - Gender equality in recruitment and career progression
 - Integration of the gender dimension into research and teaching content
 - Measures against gender-based violence including sexual harassment



Developing Your Budget

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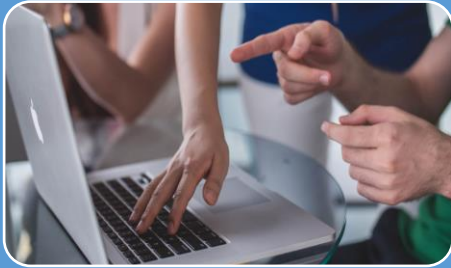


Funding Methodology and Rates

- Based on actual cost model
 - Must be incurred during the duration of the project
 - Must directly relate to the implementation of the project
- Covers 100% of the total **eligible direct costs** for the duration of the project
- Flat-rate contribution to **indirect costs** calculated as **25%** of the total eligible direct costs
- Costs incurred before or after the project starts are not covered
- Budget categories include:



Eligible Direct Costs



Personal Costs

- Employees
- Researchers, technicians, administrative staff, seconded staff etc
- Natural persons under direct contract other than an employment contract
- Costs for seconded persons by a third party against payment
- Unit costs for the work of SME owners for the or natural person beneficiaries
- NOT staff proved by a temporary recruitment agency



Purchase Costs

- Consumables/materials, equipment, publication costs, protection of knowledge/access rights/IP, dissemination including reports and publications, external room hire and catering, travel and subsistence, conference/event attendance, audit fees, gender training, open science activities/training including data management costs, contracts, non-deductible VAT etc.



Other Cost Categories

- Internally invoiced goods and services
- Subcontracting



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Submission

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Approaching Proposal Submission



Proposal Submission

Part A

- Administrative Forms and Abstract

Part B1

- Proposal Overview

- 1-step submission, all parts of the proposal are submitted together at deadline
- Part A is filled in online on the Funding and Tenders Portal
- Part B1 is uploaded as a PDF to the Funding and Tenders Portal
- The template of these forms is available on the EC website

Funding & Tender Opportunities

European Commission | Funding & tender opportunities
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Horizon Europe (HORIZON)

researchers at risk

Match whole words only

GRANTS TENDERS

Submission status

Forthcoming Open for submission (1) Closed

Programming period

Select a Programme period...

Horizon Europe (HORIZON)

Programme part

Select a Programme part...

Mission

Select a Mission...

Funding and tenders (1)

Need help? Sort by: Submission status

Grant MSCA Researchers at Risk 2021

Open for submission

Programme	Horizon Europe (HORIZON)	Deadline model	single-stage
ID	HORIZON-MSCA-2021-RR-01-01	Opening date	02 September 2021
Types of action	HORIZON Coordination and Support Actions	Deadline date	06 January 2022 17:00:00 Brussels time

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<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home>

Call Page on Funding & Tender Opportunities

MSCA Researchers at Risk 2021

TOPIC ID: HORIZON-MSCA-2021-RR-01-01

Grant

General information

Topic description

Destination

Conditions and documents


Partner search

Submission service

Topic related FAQ

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General information

Programme

Horizon Europe Framework Programme (HORIZON)

Call

MSCA for Researchers at Risk 2021 (HORIZON-MSCA-2021-RR-01)

 See budget overview

Type of action

HORIZON-CSA HORIZON Coordination and Support Actions

Type of MGA

HORIZON Action Grant Budget-Based [HORIZON-AG]

Open for submission

Deadline model

single-stage

Opening date

02 September 2021

Deadline date

06 January 2022 17:00:00 Brussels time

Topic description

Expected Outcome

Project results

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Topic conditions and documents

General conditions

1. Admissibility conditions: described in Annex A and Annex E of the Horizon Europe Work Programme General Annexes

Proposal page limits and layout: described in Part B of the Application Form available in the Submission System

show more...

Destination

MSCA Support

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Expected impact

Partner search

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Organisations are looking for collaborating partners for this topic

View / Edit

LEARs, Account Administrators or self-registrants can publish partner requests for open and forthcoming topics after logging into this Portal.

Start submission


To access the Electronic Submission Service, please click on the submission-button next to the **type of action** and the **type of model grant agreement** that corresponds to your proposal. You will then be asked to confirm your choice, as it cannot be changed in the submission system. Upon confirmation, you will be linked to the correct entry point.

To access existing draft proposals for this topic, please login to the Funding & Tenders Portal and select the My Proposals page of the My Area section.

Please select the type of your submission:

HORIZON Coordination and Support Actions [HORIZON-CSA], HORIZON Action Grant Budget-Based [HORIZON-AG]

Start submission

 Need help?



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First page of proposal submission

Identify your organisation - PIC number

Find your organisation

PIC Short name

[Search for your organisation](#)

Organisations you have been previously associated with. (Click to select)

What is your role

Your role

Please indicate your role in this proposal

Main contact
 Contact person

Basic details about the project

Your proposal

Please choose an acronym for your proposal.
It will appear also in the "General Information" section of the Application Form Part A and can also be updated there.

Acronym

Short Summary

- It is possible to change the acronym
- The short summary is to help REA start to plan the evaluation process
- The short summary is NOT evaluated
- You cannot change the short summary beyond this step



Adding participants

Participants

Deadline
06 January 2022 17:00:00 Brussels Local Time

Call data:
Call: HORIZON-MSCA-2021-RR-01
Topic: HORIZON-MSCA-2021-RR-01-01
Type of action: HORIZON-CSA
Type of MGA: HORIZON-AG

⚠ Topic and type of action can only be changed by creating a new proposal.

Proposal data:
Acronym: test number 2
Draft ID: SEP-210793495

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In this step you as coordinator should manage and review the participants of your proposal.
Only you as coordinator can edit the elements on this screen.
Note: Your changes will be applied only after you click the "Save Changes" button.

Number of participants: 1

Coordinator
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Add Partner + Add Associated partner +

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EC portal Support



Main proposal page

Part A: Administrative Forms
Complete online

Part B: Proposal
Uploaded as PDF

RTF version of template

EC portal Support

Proposal forms

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Administrative forms
Edit forms | View history | Print preview

Part B and Annexes
In this section you may upload the technical annex of the proposal (in PDF format only) and any other requested attachments.
Part B | Upload

BACK TO PARTICIPANTS LIST | VALIDATE | SUBMIT

Info: In this step you can edit the Administrative Forms and upload the proposal itself.

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Administrative forms

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(MSCA for Researchers at Risk 2021)

Topic: HORIZON-MSCA-2021-RR-01-01

Type of Action: HORIZON-CSA
(HORIZON Coordination and Support Actions)

Proposal number: SEP-210792733

Proposal acronym: Test proposal

Type of Model Grant Agreement: HORIZON Action Grant Budget-Based

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[How to fill in the forms](#)
The form must be filled in for each proposal using the templates available in the submission system. Some data fields in the form are pre-filled based on the steps in the submission wizard.

[Read more](#)

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Budget table

Administrative forms

Proposal ID SEP-210792733

Acronym Test proposal

3 - Budget

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No.	Name of beneficiary	Country	Role	Personnel costs€	Subcontracting costs€	Purchase costs - Travel and subsistence€	Purchase costs - Equipment€	Purchase costs - Other goods, works and services€	Internally invoiced goods and services€ (Unit costs-usual accounting practices)	Indirect costs€	Total eligible costs	Funding rate	Maximum EU contribution to eligible costs	Requested EU contribution to eligible costs€	Max grant amount	Income generated by the action	Financial contributions	Own resources	Total estimated income
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Part A – Ethics & Security questions

- Follow Horizon Europe guidance document: [‘How to complete your ethics self-assessment’](#)
- UK applicants should **answer ‘yes’ on questions about non-European activity**. This will not affect eligibility.
- Answering ‘yes’ on certain questions may require a **brief text response** from the applicant.
- Applicants may be requested to **upload documents** related to particular questions.

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4 - Ethics & security

Ethics Issues Table ?

1. Human Embryonic Stem Cells and Human Embryos	Page
Does this activity involve Human Embryonic Stem Cells (hESCs)?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Does this activity involve the use of human embryos?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
2. Humans	Page
Does this activity involve human participants?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Does this activity involve interventions (physical also including imaging technology, behavioural treatments, etc.) on the study participants?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Does this activity involve conducting a clinical study as defined by the Clinical Trial Regulation (EU 536/2014) ? (using pharmaceuticals, biologicals, radiopharmaceuticals, or advanced therapy medicinal products)	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
3. Human Cells / Tissues (not covered by section 1)	Page
Does this activity involve the use of human cells or tissues?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
4. Personal Data	Page
Does this activity involve processing of personal data?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
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Is it planned to export personal data from the EU to non-EU countries? Specify the type of personal data and countries involved	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
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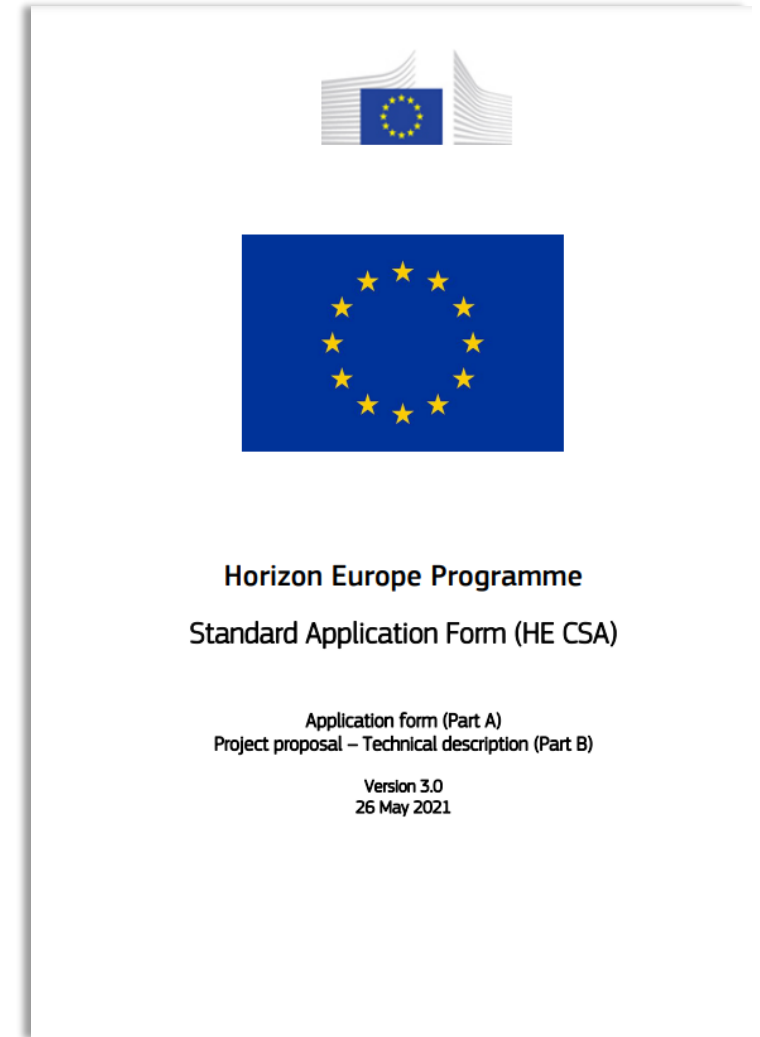


The Proposal

- The title, list of participants and sections 1, 2 & 3 combined = **max 30 pages**.
 - All tables, figures, references and any other elements must be included as an integral part of these sections and count towards the page limit
- The number of pages included for the individual sections is only indicative
- Reference font for the body text of proposals is:
 - **Times New Roman** (Windows platforms),
 - **Times/Times New Roman** (Apple platforms) or
 - **Nimbus Roman No. 9 L** (Linux distributions)
- Minimum **font size = 11 points**
- The **page size is A4**
- **Margins** (top, bottom, left, right) should be at least **15 mm** (not including any footers or headers).



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Evaluation

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Evaluation Process



Evaluation Criteria

	Excellence	Impact	Quality and efficiency of the implementation
Coordination and support actions (CSA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clarity and pertinence of the project's objectives. - Quality of the proposed coordination and/or support measures including soundness of methodology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Credibility of the pathways to achieve the expected outcomes and impacts specified in the work programme, and the likely scale and significance of the contributions due to the project. - Suitability and quality of the measures to maximise expected outcomes and impacts, as set out in the dissemination and exploitation plan, including communication activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quality and effectiveness of the work plan, assessment of risks, and appropriateness of the effort assigned to work packages, and the resources overall. - Capacity and role of each participant, and extent to which the consortium as a whole brings together the necessary expertise.



Interpretation of scores

- 0 The proposal fails to address the criterion or cannot be assessed due to missing or incomplete information.
- 1 **Poor**. The criterion is inadequately addressed, or there are serious inherent weaknesses.
- 2 **Fair**. The proposal broadly addresses the criterion, but there are significant weaknesses.
- 3 **Good**. The proposal addresses the criterion well, but a number of shortcomings are present.
- 4 **Very Good**. The proposal addresses the criterion very well, but a small number of shortcomings are present.
- 5 **Excellent**. The proposal successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion. Any shortcomings are minor



Things to Consider

Cross Cutting Areas



Pathways to Impact - new

- Logical steps towards the achievement of the expected impacts of the project over time
- Begins with the projects' results, through to dissemination, exploitation and communication
- Maps the contribution to the expected outcomes in the work programme topic
 - and to the wider scientific, economic and societal impacts of the work programme
- Described in the proposal under Section 2 Impact

Key Impact Pathways

1. Creating high-quality new knowledge
2. Strengthening human capital in R&I
3. Fostering diffusion of knowledge and Open Science

Scientific
Impact



4. Addressing EU policy priorities & global challenges through R&I
5. Delivering benefits & impact via R&I missions
6. Strengthening the uptake of R&I in society

Societal
Impact



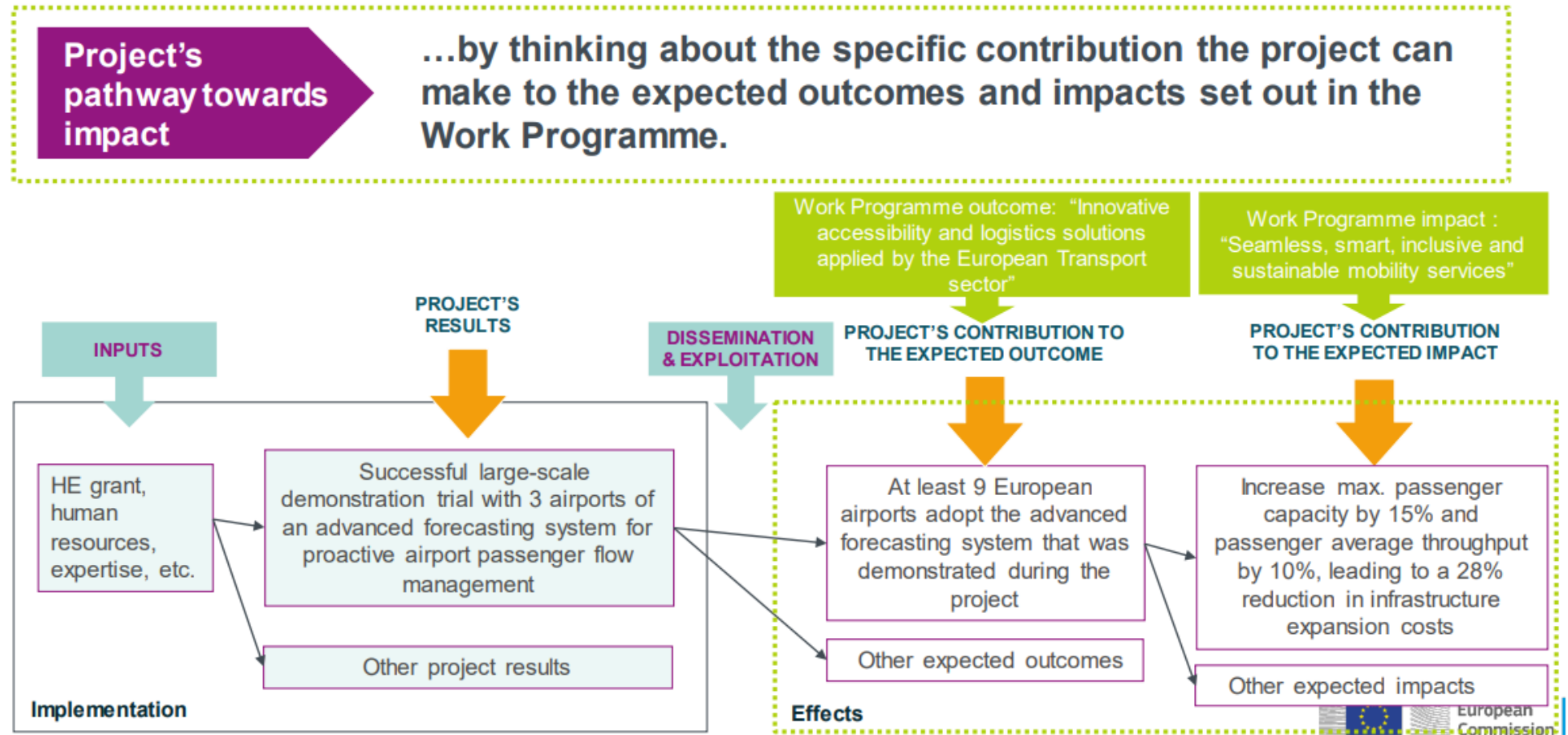
7. Generating innovation-based growth
8. Creating more and better jobs
9. Leveraging investments in R&I

Economic
Impact



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Tips on how to think about Impact



Dissemination and Exploitation and Communication (D&E&C)

In a nutshell

- At proposal stage, you will need to submit a short description of your D&E&C activities
 - 5 pages under Section 2 Impact
- Should include planned measures to maximise the impact of your project
- A full plan is mandatory after the first 6 months
- The plan must be updated regularly

Communication	Dissemination	Exploitation	
			
Reach out to society and show the impact and benefits of EU-funded R&I activities, e.g. by addressing and providing possible solutions to fundamental societal challenges.	Transfer knowledge & results with the aim to enable others to use and take up results, thus maximising the impact of EU-funded research.	Effectively use project results through scientific, economic, political or societal exploitation routes aiming to turn R&I actions into concrete value and impact for society.	 Objective
Inform about and promote the project AND its results/success.	Describe and ensure results available for others to USE → focus on results only!	Make concrete use of research results (not restricted to commercial use.)	 Focus
Multiple audiences beyond the project's own community incl. media and the broad public.	Audiences that may take an interest in the potential USE of the results (e.g. scientific community, industrial partner, policymakers).	People/organisations including project partners themselves that make concrete use of the project results, as well as user groups outside the project.	 Target Audience

Gender and Intersectionality

- Publicly funded R&I should benefit all of society
- Adds a valuable dimension to research and can take it in a new direction
- It enhances the societal relevance of the knowledge, technologies and innovations produced
- Increased attention to ensuring gender mainstreaming throughout research and innovation activities
- Aims to eliminate gender inequalities and intersecting socio-economic inequalities, including those based on disability, ethnicity, and LGBTQI+
- Aim to address the causes of gender imbalance
- Beneficiaries must:
 - take all measures to promote equal opportunities in the implementation of the action
 - aim, for a gender balance at all levels of personnel assigned to the action



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Gender Equality Strategy https://ec.europa.eu/info/policies/justice-and-fundamental-rights/gender-equality/gender-equality-strategy_en
Gender Equality in Research and Innovation https://ec.europa.eu/info/research-and-innovation/strategy/gender-equality-research-and-innovation_en#gender-equality-plans-as-an-eligibility-criterion-in-horizon-europe
Gender Equality Plans (GEPs) related FAQs https://ec.europa.eu/info/files/gender-equality-plans-frequently-asked-questions_en
Gender Innovations <https://genderedinnovations.stanford.edu/>
Gendered Innovations 2 https://ec.europa.eu/info/news/gendered-innovations-2-2020-nov-24_en
European Research Area https://ec.europa.eu/info/research-and-innovation/strategy/strategy-2020-2024/our-digital-future/era_en

Open Science

- Continuation of the Open Science policy developed under Horizon 2020
 - Further advances, requiring research data to be FAIR and open by default
- Encouraging uptake of Open Science practices through funding
 - Including for activities to enhance researcher skills in Open Science and support reward systems
- Open Access to scientific publications
 - Immediate open access via repository at the latest upon publication under open licence
 - Only publication fees (if any) in full open access venues are eligible for reimbursement
- Responsible research data management
 - All research data must be managed in line with FAIR principles, with data management plan as a standard deliverable
 - Open access to research data via repository under principle



Social Sciences and Humanities

- Aim for SSH integration across all Horizon Europe Clusters
- Builds on experiences from Horizon 2020
- Will be more holistic (applying across the entire program and over the entire cycle); More explicit (expected societal impacts clearly set out); More forceful (explicitly evaluated and followed-up)
- Key to understanding the relationships between human behaviour and major global challenges
 - Key to the effectiveness of the solutions
- Supports meaningful societal impact
 - key element in fostering the necessary behavioural change

Application form

- Role of participating organisation in the project. Box to be ticked: Contributions from the social sciences or/and the humanities.

Part B Section 1. Excellence

- For topics where the work programme indicates the need for the integration of social sciences and humanities, show the role of these disciplines in the project or provide a justification if you consider that these disciplines are not relevant to your proposed project.

Part B Section 3.2. Implementation

- Individual members of the consortium are described in a separate section under Part A.
- How does the consortium match the project's objectives, and bring together the necessary disciplinary and inter-disciplinary knowledge.
- Show how this includes expertise in social sciences and humanities, open science practices, and gender aspects of R&I, as appropriate.
- Include in the description affiliated entities and associated partners, if any.

Reminders

Key Points

The Abstract is the first thing that is looked at – public facing

Read all call documentation and the evaluation criteria

Be specific and don't provide unsupported opinions or comments

Clearly address ALL of the evaluation criteria

Make it easy for the evaluators to find the information

Use clear and concise language

Avoid/explain country/research area specific jargon

Include diagrams, images, tables if appropriate

Research previous and current projects

Find colleagues to proof read drafts

The best proposals will take time to write



Resources

- **Researchers at Risk 2020 R&I days** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T4-IZKOeJ7U>
- **H2020-MSCA-RR-2018: MSCA for researchers at risk** https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/wp/2018-2020/main/h2020-wp1820-msca_en.pdf
- **Horizon Europe MSCA Work Programme** https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/wp-call/2021-2022/wp-2-msca-actions_horizon-2021-2022_en.pdf
- **Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement** https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/agr-contr/general-mga_horizon-euratom_en.pdf
- **InSPIREurope** <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/sar-europe/inspireurope>
- **Scholars at Risk Network** <https://www.scholarsatrisk.org/>
- **EURAXESS Science4Refugees** <https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/jobs/science4refugees>
- **How to prepare a successful proposal in Horizon Europe** <https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/docs/h2020-funding-guide/other/event210324.htm>
- **Dissemination & Exploitation in Horizon Europe** <https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/docs/h2020-funding-guide/other/event210609.htm>
- **A successful proposal for Horizon Europe** <https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/docs/h2020-funding-guide/other/event210421.htm>
- **Horizon Europe Programme Guide** https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/guidance/programme-guide_horizon_en.pdf
- **Funding and Tenders opportunities Submission IT How to** <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/funding-tenders-opportunities/display/IT/Manage+participants#Manageparticipants-Addparticipant>
- **HE Strategic Plan** https://ec.europa.eu/info/research-and-innovation/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe/strategic-plan_en





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