

UKRO Horizon 2020 Condensed

Public to Public Partnerships

What are Public to Public Partnerships?

For the European Commission, the overall aim of the Joint Programming process is to pool national research efforts in order to make better use of Europe's public R&D resources and to tackle common European challenges more effectively in a few key areas. There are a number of Public to Public Partnerships, including Article 185s, ERA-NETs and Joint Programming Initiatives.

ERA-NET Co-fund Instrument

The ERA-NET Co-fund instrument under Horizon 2020 is designed to support public-public partnerships in their preparation, establishment of networking structures, design, implementation and coordination of joint activities as well as topping up of single joint calls and of actions of a transnational nature.

The ERA-NET Co-fund under Horizon 2020 merges the former ERA-NET and ERA-NET Plus into a single instrument with the central and compulsory element of implementing one substantial call with top-up funding from the Commission. The focus of ERA-NETs has therefore shifted from the funding of networks to the top-up funding of single joint calls for transnational research and innovation in selected areas with high European added value and relevance for Horizon 2020.

In the 2018-20202 work programme it is expected that the instruments will be more closely aligned with the aims and objectives Horizon 2020's and to leverage more national funding.

There are three types of ERA-NET Co-fund projects:

A) Implementation of a single joint call

- The single call for proposals is organised by national funding agencies with an EU top-up of 33% to the total funding pot.

B) Implementation of a single joint call and additional activities

- The single call for proposals is organised by national funding agencies, which receives an EU top-up towards the total funding pot. There is also an additional joint call, which does not receive EU top-up funding, but could use some the EU contribution to cover co-ordination costs of the additional joint call (as a unit cost per beneficiary per year).
- The total of the EU top-up for the first joint call and the coordination costs of the additional joint activities will be 33% of the total funding pot.

C) Implementation of a single joint call with in-kind contributions (exceptional cases)

- The single call for proposals is organised by governmental research organisations who also carry out the funded projects themselves. The EU will reimburse 33% of the eligible costs of the project (100% direct costs and 25% flat rate for indirect costs).

ERA-NET Co-fund calls run by the European Commission are only open to national/regional funding agencies or governmental research organisations (in the exceptional case above). Once a successful ERA-NET Co-fund has been selected by the European Commission, the ERA-NET Co-fund will launch one or more joint calls for proposals. These joint calls for proposals will be open to eligible organisations within the geographical area of participating national/regional funding agencies.

Article 185s

Article 185 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union enables the EU to participate in research programmes undertaken jointly by several Member States, including participation in the

structures created for the execution of national programmes. The actions supported may cover subjects not directly linked to the themes of Horizon 2020, as far as they have a sufficient EU added value. There are six Article 185s in existence:



ERA-NETs

The ERA-NET instrument under Horizon 2020 is designed to support the preparation of public-public partnerships, and the establishment of networking structures as well as the design, implementation and coordination of joint activities. In addition to the topping up of single joint calls and of actions of a transnational nature. The ERA-NET scheme was launched under the 6th Framework Programme to support the coordination and collaboration of national research programmes. ERA-LEARN website lists **active ERA-NETs** and the UK is involved in a large number of these areas.

Joint Programming Initiatives

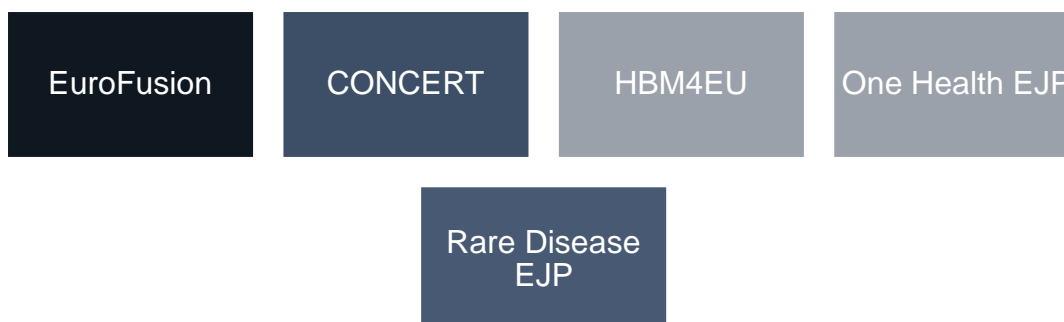
Joint Programming Initiatives (JPIs) were introduced at the end of FP7 to support alignment of Member States national research funding programmes. The topics are identified by a High Level Group on Joint Programming (GPC) and participation of Member States in each initiative is "à la carte", based on voluntary commitments leading to partnerships composed of variable groups of countries. The UK is involved in all ten JPIs to a varying degree. The ten JPI topics are:



European Joint Programme Cofund (EJP)

European Joint Programme Cofund (EJP), is an instrument under Horizon 2020 designed to support coordinated national research and innovation programmes. EJPs aim to pool a critical mass of national resources around H2020 objectives and challenges. The EJP enables the implementation of joint programmes ranging from research and innovation projects through to coordination and networking

activities. The joint initiatives can also include training, demonstration and dissemination activities as well as providing financial support to third parties. UK beneficiaries are involved in all of the current EJPs.



Future of European Partnerships in Horizon Europe

Joint Programming is a priority for the European Commission, as it sees Public to Public and Public to Private Partnerships as a way to leverage funding from national/industrial partners and to align activity across the European Research Area. The European Commission is proposing a new approach to future European Partnerships which is set out in the **Regulation Establishing Horizon Europe**. The new approach aims to reduce the complexity of the current partnerships landscape (there are currently nearly one hundred different partnerships) and encourage the engagement of new stakeholders. The Regulation was recently agreed by the European Parliament and Council of Ministers.

The key points are:

- The new approach to European Partnerships will be more impact-focussed.
- The need to establish future European Partnerships or renew existing ones will be identified as part of the strategic programming process of the Framework Programme.
- All European Partnerships will be open to all types of stakeholders (e.g. industry, Member States and philanthropic foundations) and will be limited in time with clear conditions for phasing out from the Framework Programme funding.
- They will be designed based on the principles of Union added value, transparency, openness, impact, leverage effect, long-term financial commitment of all the involved parties, flexibility, coherence and complementarity with Union, local, regional, national and international initiatives.
- The future partnership landscape will ensure optimal coherence between Framework Programme actions and partnerships.

It is proposed that there will only be three types of partnerships in the future:

1. Co-programmed European Partnerships, based on memoranda of understanding or contractual arrangements;
2. Co-funded European Partnerships, based on a single, flexible programme co-fund action;
3. Institutional European Partnerships (based on Art. 185 or 187 TFEU).

More information:

- Horizon Europe proposal: https://ec.europa.eu/info/designing-next-research-and-innovation-framework-programme/what-shapes-next-framework-programme_en
- ERALEARN list of active ERANETs: <https://www.era-learn.eu/network-information/networks>
- JPI websites: http://ec.europa.eu/research/era/joint-programming-initiatives_en.html
- Article 185 websites: http://ec.europa.eu/research/era/art-185_en.htm
- Independent High Level Group on maximising the impact of EU Research & Innovation Programme report: http://ec.europa.eu/research/evaluations/index_en.cfm?pg=hlq
- Sign up to the UKRO Portal to stay up to date on the joint programming and Horizon 2020 general developments, calls, events and results: ukro.ac.uk
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