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Insights for Successful Applications

Where Post Award Meets Pre Award

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Horizon Europe Research Manager Event
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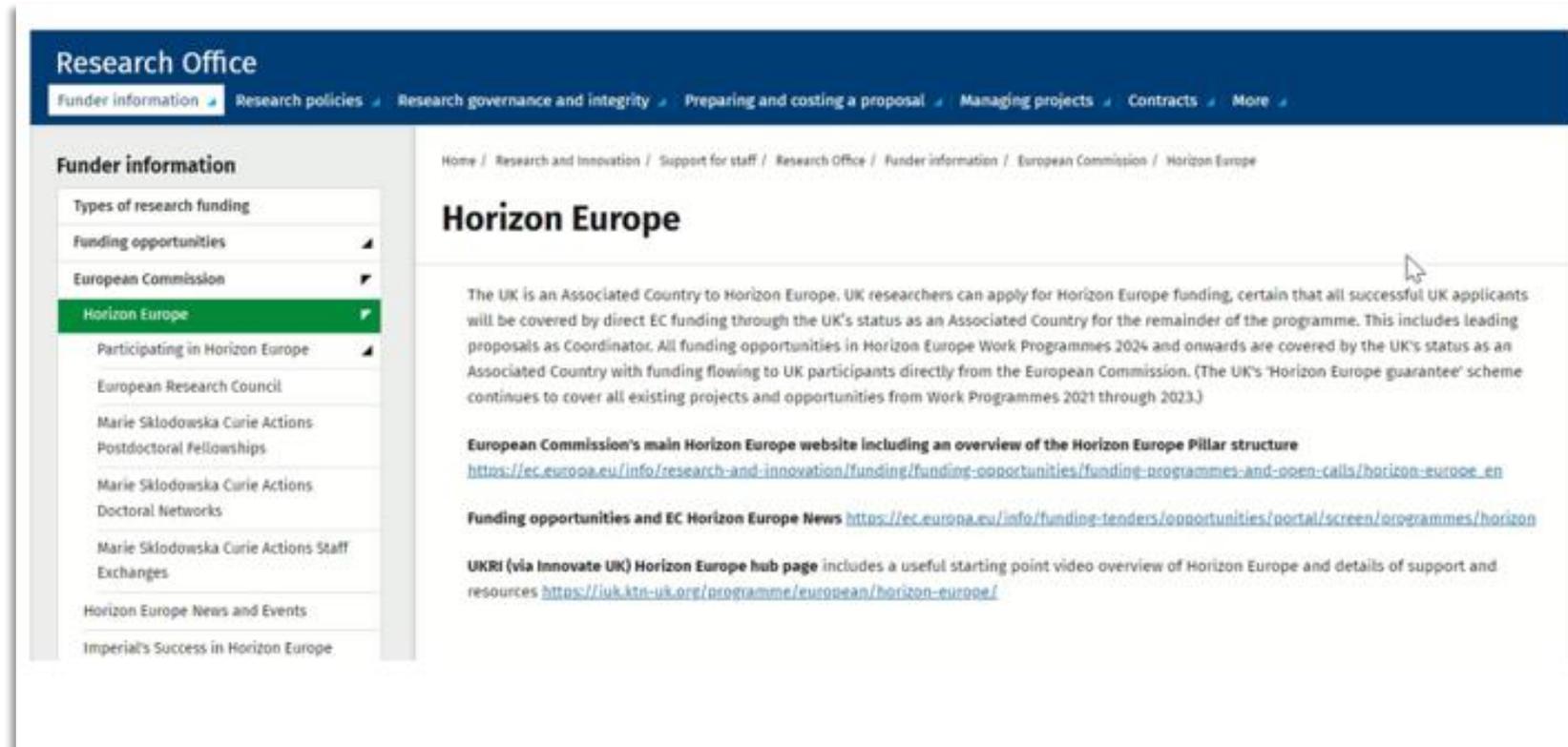
What will we cover today?

1. Introduction
2. Approach to EU funding at Imperial
3. Guidance and support
4. Post award meets pre award
5. Open discussion

Imperial's Horizon Europe Environment of Support

Small team in a high-volume environment

- Located within the central Research Office
- Part of the wider research support ecosystem
- Specialist funder knowledge
- Tips for Imperial applicants
- Grant & consortium agreement
- News and events



The screenshot displays the Research Office website's 'Funder information' page, specifically the 'Horizon Europe' section. The page features a dark blue header with the 'Research Office' logo and a navigation menu. The main content area is divided into a left sidebar and a main text area. The sidebar lists various funding opportunities, with 'Horizon Europe' highlighted in green. The main text area provides an overview of the UK's status as an Associated Country to Horizon Europe, including details on funding flow and links to external resources.

Research Office

Funder information | Research policies | Research governance and integrity | Preparing and costing a proposal | Managing projects | Contracts | More

Funder information

- Types of research funding
- Funding opportunities
- European Commission
- Horizon Europe**
- Participating in Horizon Europe
- European Research Council
- Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions Postdoctoral Fellowships
- Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions Doctoral Networks
- Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions Staff Exchanges
- Horizon Europe News and Events
- Imperial's Success in Horizon Europe

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Horizon Europe

The UK is an Associated Country to Horizon Europe. UK researchers can apply for Horizon Europe funding, certain that all successful UK applicants will be covered by direct EC funding through the UK's status as an Associated Country for the remainder of the programme. This includes leading proposals as Coordinator. All funding opportunities in Horizon Europe Work Programmes 2024 and onwards are covered by the UK's status as an Associated Country with funding flowing to UK participants directly from the European Commission. (The UK's 'Horizon Europe guarantee' scheme continues to cover all existing projects and opportunities from Work Programmes 2021 through 2023.)

European Commission's main Horizon Europe website including an overview of the Horizon Europe Pillar structure
https://ec.europa.eu/info/research-and-innovation/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe_en

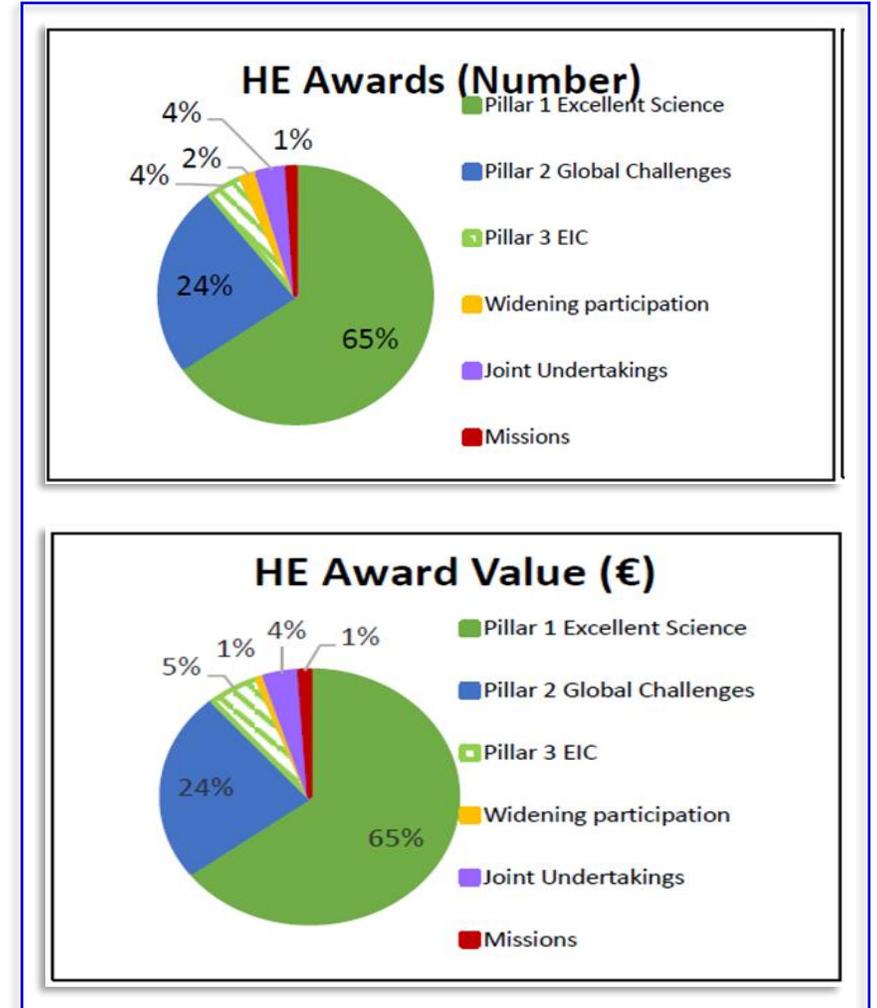
Funding opportunities and EC Horizon Europe News <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/programmes/horizon>

UKRI (via Innovate UK) Horizon Europe hub page includes a useful starting point video overview of Horizon Europe and details of support and resources <https://iuk.ktn-uk.org/programme/european/horizon-europe/>

Imperial in Horizon Europe

Success So Far

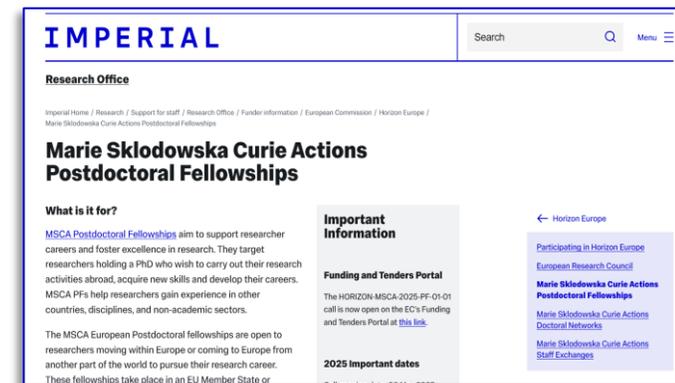
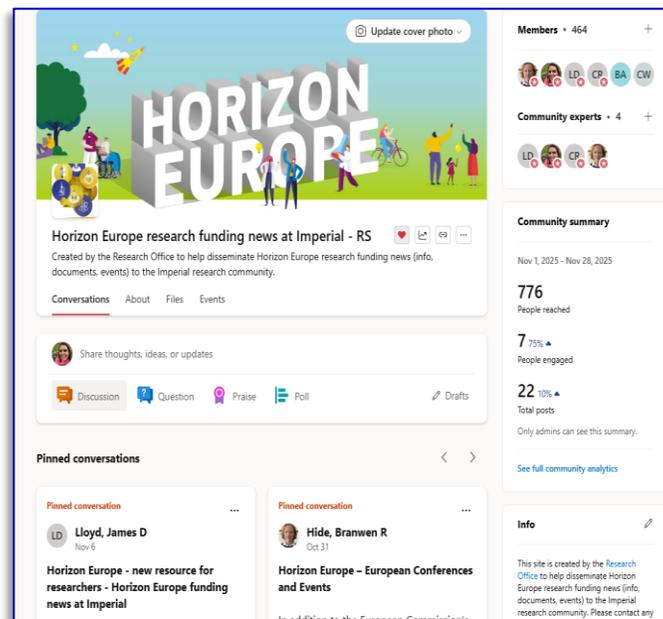
- >311 projects awarded or invited to prepare a Grant Agreement with the EC worth >182M€ in funding to Imperial
 - 1st in UK HEI in Pillar 2 grant numbers, 3rd to Oxford, UCL in grant €
 - (EC public Horizon Europe dashboard data 14/11/2025)
- >160 collaborative (RIA/IA) proposals to 2025 Work Programme
 - 150 in 2024; 50 in 2023; 80 in 2022; 70 in 2021
- >65% projects/ >65% funding derives from “Excellent Science” pillar
 - With the balance from Pillar 2, Pillar 3, and cross cutting activities such as Widening and Missions



Guidance and Support

Preparing applications - facilitating collaboration and development

- Signpost
 - EC documentation, guidance, training videos and events
 - NCP documentation and training material
- Assist in navigating internal rules and practices
- Help applicants understand the call text and individual call requirements/nuances
- Developing internal guidance material
- Work with other parts of the research support ecosystem



Post Award Meets Pre Award

Preparing applications - proposal support

Issues we look for (not inclusive)

MSCA

- Do secondments lengths align with our international working policy?
- What type of DN is being set up?
- Have we agreed to award a degree for a non-Imperial recruited doctoral candidate?
- Are funds redistribution across the consortium (if so how)?

Data sharing

- What type of data is involved?
- Will the data need to be shared?
- If data is to be shared what are the implications?

Non-standard IP agreements

- What has been agreed?
- What are the implications?

Nonstandard Horizon Europe terms and conditions

- What are the terms and conditions?
- What are the implications?
 - IP, reporting, additional payments, liability, etc.
- *E.g. EDTCP, IHI, other Joint Undertakings, etc.*

Other

- Does the project include Clinical trials?
- Any ethical/security related issues?
- Additional requirements at proposal stage ?
 - Security sensitive calls (CL3), page length etc.
- Equipment/material transfers?
- Anything else potentially problematic or otherwise needs to be flagged?

Open Discussion

How do you prepare applications?

- **What is your approach to preparing an application and what type of support systems do you have in place ?**
 - *For example:*
 - Do you have a specific approval process for EU projects?
 - Do you require Memorandum of Understanding, Non-Disclosure Agreements or Letter of Intent?
 - What types of development activities do you do?
 - Do you have different approaches for single stage and two stage applications?
 - Do you have separate pre-award and post-award EU teams?



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Thank you

Horizon Europe – getting ready for the 2025 Work Programme