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UK Participation in Horizon Europe

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Our mission

Maximise UK
participation in
Horizon Europe



About us

We support UK research intensive organisations

- Unique partnership between UKRI and subscribing organisations
- Provide a service to more than 140 subscribing organisations
- 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



The UK: an active player in Horizon 2020

- **UK organisations secured nearly 12% of all funds** totalling more than €7.5 billion. The UK is the second highest recipient of grant funding after Germany.
- The UK has the highest number of participations in the European Research Council (ERC) and Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA).
- **The UK is a top five collaboration partner** for 25 of the 27 EU countries.
- **The UK holds a coordinator role** in over 5,200 projects - the highest of all participating countries.
- **The overall UK success rate (14.8%)** is higher than the EU average (14.1%).



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UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement

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On 24 December 2020, the negotiations on the UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement concluded

The [announcement](#) confirmed that the UK will **associate to Horizon Europe**

This includes **full participation in the programme** (with the exception of the EIC Fund)

UK entities can participate in/coordinate projects and receive funding from Horizon Europe



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UK-EU TRADE AND COOPERATION AGREEMENT

Summary

December 2020

UK association

To be finalised through adoption of the Joint Protocol

Joint Protocol (forms part of the TCA) – ready to be adopted

Protocol also includes: Copernicus, Euratom, ITER



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UK association

[European Commission's Q&A](#) confirms UK eligibility:

- **Full rights to participate** in first Horizon Europe calls
- **Full association** – including the European Innovation Council: EIC Fund is a part of the EIC Accelerator
- **Same rights as EU partners** as Associated Country

UK contribution: operational (GDP based) + participation fee



Other EU programmes?

UK Association to Horizon Europe, Euratom, Copernicus, ITER

The UK will be considered a third country for all other EU programmes:

- If legal basis allows for third country participation, UK organisations may participate (needs to be confirmed in call documents/eligibility)
- In most cases participation possible but without receiving EU funding



How about student mobility – Erasmus+?

UK has decided not to associate to the Erasmus+ programme

- Will be considered a non-associated Third Country or 'Partner Country'.

The [new Turing scheme](#), starting in September 2021, will provide similar mobility opportunities for UK students to study and work abroad (but not vice-versa).

Opportunities for third country participation in Erasmus+ include for example:

- Key action 1 funding can be allocated for mobility to Partner Countries
- Key action 2: several projects allow third country participation (not lead, needs to demonstrate added value)
- Erasmus Mundus



UKRO resources for all

[UKRO factsheet on UK Participation](#)

UKRO factsheet on [Researchers Coming to the UK on Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions \(MSCA\)](#)

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