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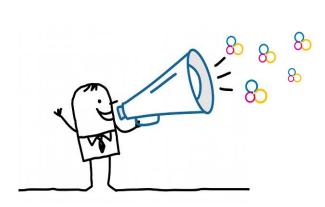
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# Outline



### A. EU Framework Programme for R&I

#### **B. Funding under Horizon Europe**

- a. Pillar I
- b. Pillar II
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#### **A. EU Framework Programme for R&I**



Approximately €80 billion of funding available over 7 years (2014 - 2020)

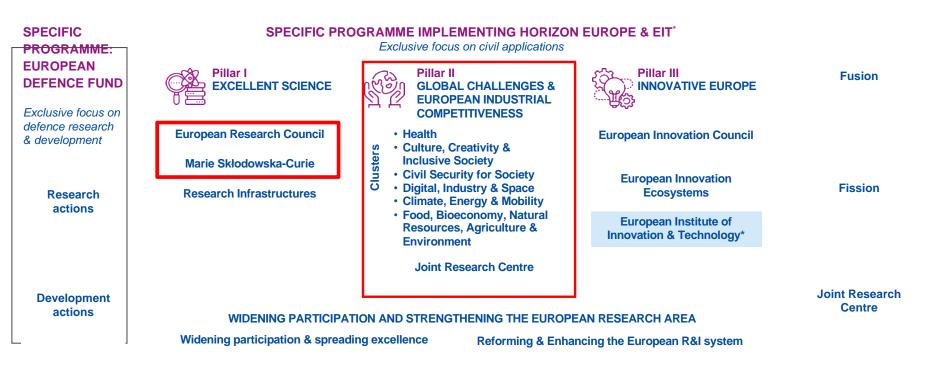
Approximately €95.5 billion of funding available over 7 years (2021 - 2027)





#### A. Horizon Europe – Structure

#### **HORIZON EUROPE**



\* The European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT) is not part of the Specific Programme



**EURATOM** 



#### **A. Horizon Europe – Participation & Funding**

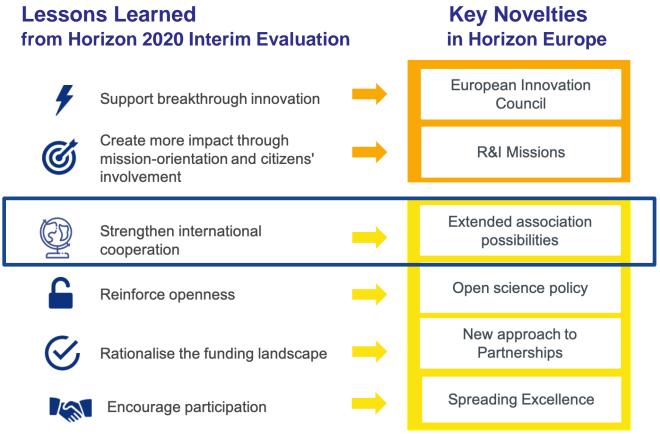
- Member States (MS) of the European Union (EU): 27
- Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs) associated with the EU: 13 (including French Polynesia, New Caledonia, Wallis et Futuna Islands)
- Associated Countries to HEU: 17 (including New Zealand which is associated to Pillar II)
- Non-Associated Third Countries
  - Low- to middle income countries automatically eligible for funding: approximately 110 countries (including Fiji, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu)
  - Funding not automatic if you come from an Industrialised Country, High Income Country and BRICS

List of Participating Countries in Horizon Europe





#### A. Horizon Europe – What's New?



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#### A. Horizon Europe & Horizon 2020 – Australian Participation

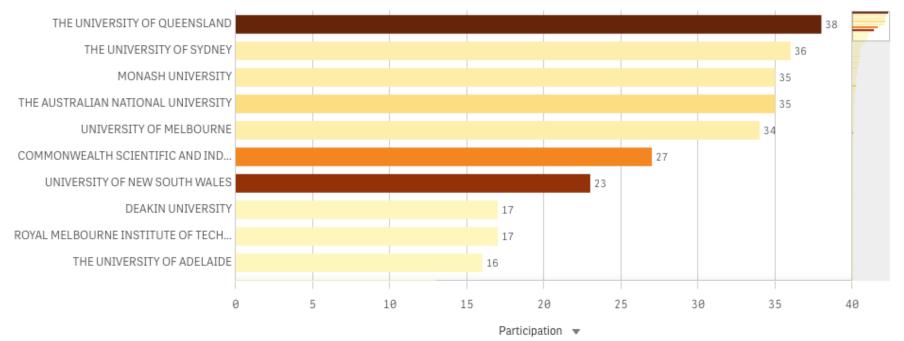
- Australia is in the top 5 international partners participating in HE and H2020
- Net EU Contribution received: 16.23 million Euros
- HE: 81 signed grants
- H2020: 305 signed grants
- Major areas of cooperation MSCA, health, Mission Innovation, food, bioeconomy, natural resources, agriculture and environment





#### A. Horizon Europe & Horizon 2020 – Australian Participation

#### **Top organisations**



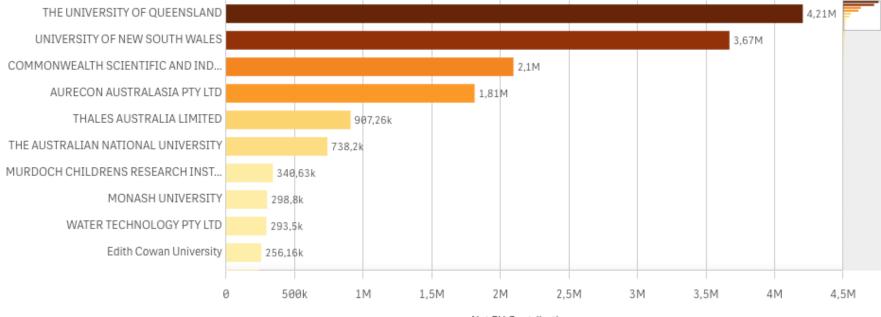


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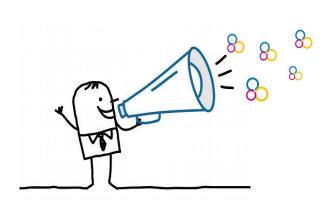


Net EU Contribution 🔻





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### **B. Horizon Europe – Pillar I**



- European Research Council
- Marie Skłodowska-Curie
- Research Infrastructures





## **B. Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)**

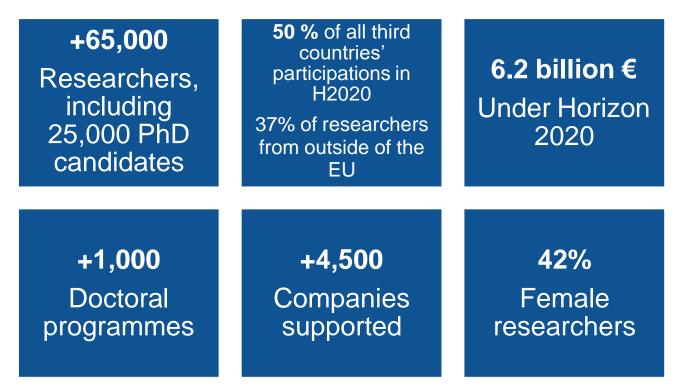
- Support the mobility, training and career development of researchers from all over the world through excellent doctorates, postdoctoral fellowships and collaborative projects
- Stimulating international, inter-sectoral and interdisciplinary cooperation
- For researchers at every stage of their career
- Promotion of **attractive working and employment** conditions (financing rate of up to 100%, Charter and Code)
- Support excellent research in all domains (bottom-up)
- Open to all organisations. Participation of non-academic sector strongly encouraged, especially industry and SMEs
- Impacting researcher careers, organisations, structures







## **B. MSCA – Figures in Horizon 2020**







#### **B. MSCA – Under Horizon Europe**



#### **Doctoral Networks**

Doctoral programmes to train doctoral candidates incl. Joint and industrial programmes

#### Postdoctoral Fellowships

Support for the best postdoctoral researchers

#### Staff Exchanges

Collaborative research and innovation projects through exchange of academic and administrative staff

#### COFUND

Co-funding for doctoral and postdoctoral programmes







### **B. MSCA – Doctoral Networks**

- Multi-beneficiary action to set up innovative doctoral programmes, including:
  - Industrial Doctorates
    - ✓ Training in academia and industry
    - ✓ Joint supervision
  - Joint Doctorates
    - ✓ Joint collaborations leading to a joint/double/multiple doctoral degree
    - ✓ Joint selection, supervision and governance structure
    - ✓ Pre-agreement for joint degrees required
- Target group
  - **doctoral candidates,** i.e. researchers without a doctoral degree at the date of the recruitment; mandatory enrolment in a doctoral programme in at least 1 EU MS/AC (at least 2 for Joint Doctorates)
- Focus on career development plan, supervision, training: research and transferable skills
- Who applies?
  - **consortia** of universities, research institutions and research infrastructures, businesses including SMEs, and other socio-economic actors; each beneficiary to recruit at least 1 researcher
  - at least **three independent legal entities**, each established in a different MS or AC; minimum of 1 beneficiary from a MS (on top of this minimum, any entity from any third country can join)







## **B. MSCA – Postdoctoral Fellowships**

- · Mono-beneficiary action to support postdoctoral research and careers
- Architecture simplification Two types of Fellowships:
  - European Fellowships: researchers of any nationality moving within or coming to Europe
  - Global Fellowships: European nationals or long-term residents in Europe to do research abroad
  - Discontinuation of panels (Career Restart, Reintegration, Society and Enterprise) mainstreaming- replacement with incentives
- Continue funding all research domains including areas covered by EURATOM
- Improved guidance towards career development (plan & supervision)
- Recruited researchers Target groups
  - **Mobility rule**!: must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of the beneficiary (for EF), or the host organisation for the outgoing phase (for GF) for more than 12 months in the 36 months immediately before the call deadline.
  - In possession of PhD degree at the call deadline
  - Up to 8 years of research experience after PhD at the call deadline, with exceptions:
    - Years **outside research, career breaks, work outside Europe** (for those reintegrating to Europe) will not be counted







## **B. MSCA – Postdoctoral Fellowships**

- Who applies?
  - **Single legal entity** established in an EU Member State or HE Associated country (specific conditions for EURATOM areas), **jointly** with the researcher
- Duration
  - European Fellowships: 12-24 months
  - Global Fellowships: 24-36 months (12-24 outgoing + 12 months mandatory return phase in Europe)
  - Secondments worldwide up to 1/3 of the fellowship duration (outgoing phase for Global Fellowships)
  - Optional additional placement of up to 6 months in a non-academic European organization, at the end of the fellowship (EF/GF) to build bridges between sectors
- Seal of Excellence continues
- 17 Australians received MSCA PF in the last call.
- 9 European coming to Australia for MSCA PF Global Fellowship.
- Recent webinars

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- 17 May: Introduction & 31 May: Application Advice
- 5 & 6 June: Matchmaking Masterclass









## **B. MSCA – Staff Exchanges**

- Multi-beneficiary action to support collaborative R&I activities through staff exchanges
- **Target group**: any type of staff at any stage of career contributing to research activities (researchers, administrative & managerial staff, technicians, infrastructure operators...)
- Focus on international, inter-sectoral, interdisciplinary secondments leading to knowledge transfer between participating organisations and strengthening long-term collaborations. Emphasis on the added-value of the collaboration.
- Who applies?
  - **consortia** of universities, research institutions and research infrastructures, businesses including SMEs, and other socio-economic actors
  - at least three independent legal entities in three different countries, two of which established in a different EU Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country.

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• If all participating organisations are from the same sector (i.e. either only academic or only nonacademic), there must be at least one organisation from a non-associated Third Country

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## **B. MSCA – Staff Exchanges**

Third country organisations can:

- Host and train research staff from other organisations of the consortium based in the European Union and Associated Countries, covered by the project's budget
- Second staff to other consortium organisations in the European Union and Associated Countries, covered by the project's budget (only low- and middle-income countries)
- Send research staff to the European Union and Associated Countries at their own costs (high-income countries)







## **B. MSCA – Staff Exchanges**

#### Staff mobilised:

- Includes research (pre or post-doctoral), academic, administrative, technical and managerial staff at any stage of their career
- May be of any nationality
- Can be seconded for 1 to 12 months, in one or several stays
- Must have a contractual link or have been involved in research and innovation activities at the sending organisation at least one month before their stay in a host organisation
- Continues to be linked to the sending organisation and must return to it after the stay in order to convey knowledge and continue the collaboration
- It is selected directly by the participating organisations







## **B. MSCA – COFUND**

- Mono-beneficiary action to co-fund new or existing national, regional, institutional schemes for doctoral training and postdoctoral fellowships
- Target groups
  - **Doctoral candidates,** i.e. researchers without a doctoral degree at the deadline of the co-funded programme's call; mandatory enrolment in a doctoral programme
  - **Postdoctoral researchers**, i.e. researchers with a doctoral degree at the deadline of the co-funded programme's call
- Focus
  - Spread **best practices** of the MSCA by promoting **high standards** in the recruitment process and **excellent working conditions**
  - Introduce sustainable structuring effects, by promoting excellent and sustainable research training
  - Encourage **synergies** with Cohesion policy funds as well as the Recovery and Resilience Facility. Programmes could focus on specific disciplines, notably when based on RIS<sup>3</sup>.
- Who applies?
  - Single legal entity established in an EU Member State or HE Associated country
  - Organisations from Third Countries can participate as partners, define job offers to host and train researchers
     and for shorter stays





### **B. MSCA – Participation of Third Countries**

MSCA Actions	Beneficiary	Partner organisation	Third Country organisations can
Doctoral Networks	Yes, with direct European Union funds *	Yes, but does not receive funds directly	<ul> <li>Recruit, monitor and train pre-doctoral staff (beneficiary organisations established in low- and middle-income countries only)</li> <li>Receive pre-doctoral researchers for short stays (1/3 of project duration) for research and training paid for the project</li> </ul>
Staff Exchanges	No	Yes, but does not receive funds directly	<ul> <li>Host research staff from EU Member States and from Associated Countries 1 up to 12 months to cover the costs of the project</li> <li>Send research staff to EU Member States or Associated countries up to 12 months at the cost of the project (only low- and middle-income countries)</li> <li>Send research staff to EU Member States or Associated countries at their own costs (High Income Countries)</li> </ul>

\* Beneficiaries can be organisations established in low- and middle-income countries and receive funds directly from the European Union. The full list of these countries is available in the <u>Horizon Europe Programme Guide</u>.





## **B. MSCA – Participation of Third Countries**

MSCA Actions	Beneficiary	Partner organisation	Third Country organisations can
Postdoctoral Fellowships	No	Yes, but does not receive funds directly	<ul> <li>Host postdoctoral researchers from EU Member States or Associated countries up to 2 years at the cost of the project</li> <li>Hosting postdoctoral researchers from EU Member States or Associated countries for short research assignments (1/3 of project duration) paid by the project</li> </ul>
COFUND	No	Yes, but do not receive funds directly	<ul> <li>Host pre-doctoral and postdoctoral researchers from the EU or Associated countries (1/3 of the duration of the project) for short research stays paid by the project</li> <li>Host postdoctoral researchers from EU Member States and Associated countries up to 2 years at the cost of the project</li> </ul>





## **B. MSCA – Calls**

Year	Modality	Opening	Deadline		
	Doctoral Networks	30 May 2023	28 November 2023		
2023	Postdoctoral fellowships	12 April 2023	13 September 2023		
	Staff Exchanges	5 October 2023	28 February 2024		
	COFUND	10 October 2023	8 February 2024		
	Doctoral Networks	29 May 2024	27 November 2024		
2024	Postdoctoral fellowships	10 April 2024	11 September 2024		
	Staff Exchanges	10 October 2024	5 March 2025		
	COFUND	8 October 2024	6 February 2025		





### **B. European Research Council (ERC) Grants**







### **B. ERC – In Figures**



>12,000 Total projects funded by ERC since 2007



85 Nationalities (ERC grantees)



35 EU and Associated Countries hosting ERC projects



>150,000 publications reported by ERC projects



>1,300 prestigious prizes awarded to ERC grantees



>80,000 researchers and other professionals hired in ERC teams





### **B. ERC – Grant Schemes**

#### **Starting Grants**

- 2-7 years after PhD - up to € 1.5 Mio - for 5 years • success rate: ~13.1%

#### **Consolidator Grants**

7-12 years after PhD
 up to € 2 Mio
 for 5 years
 success rate: ~12.3%

#### **Advanced Grants**

 track-record of significant research achievements in the last 10 years
 up to € 2.5 Mio
 for 5 years

- success rate: ~9.8%

#### Proof-of-Concept

 bridging gap between research - earliest stage of marketable innovation
 lump sum €150,000 for <u>ERC grantees</u>, for 18 months

#### **Synergy Grants**

2 – 4 Principal Investigators
 up to € 10.0 Mio, for 6 years
 1 PI can be based outside EU/AC





### **B. ERC – Minimum Time Commitment**

Minimum percentage of the working time of a Principal Investigator that must be spent	Starting Grant	Consolidator Grant	Advanced Grant
On the ERC project	50%	40%	30%
In an EU Member State or Associated Country	50%	50%	50%





### **B. ERC – Panel Structure**

#### Life Sciences (LS)

- LS1 Molecules of Life: Biological Mechanisms, Structures and Functions
- LS2 Integrative Biology: from Genes and Genomes to Systems
- LS3 Cellular, Developmental and Regenerative Biology
- LS4 Physiology in Health, Disease and Aging
- LS5 Neuroscience and Disorders of the Nervous System
- LS6 Immunity, Infection and Immunotherapy
- LS7 Prevention, Diagnosis and Treatment of Human Diseases
- LS8 Environmental Biology, Ecology and Evolution
- LS9 Biotechnology and Biosystems Engineering
- 3 Domains / 27 Panels
- Operated by the Scientific Department B

#### Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH)

- SH1 Individuals, Markets and Organisations
- SH2 Institutions, Governance and Legal Systems
- SH3 The Social World and Its Diversity
- SH4 The Human Mind and Its Complexity
- SH5 Cultures and Cultural Production
- SH6 The Study of the Human Past
- SH7 Human Mobility, Environment, and Space

#### **Physical Sciences & Engineering (PSE)**

- PE1 Mathematics
- PE2 Fundamental Constituents of Matter
- PE3 Condensed Matter Physics
- PE4 Physical & Analytical Chemical Sciences
- PE5 Synthetic Chemistry and Materials
- PE6 Computer Science and Informatics
- PE7 Systems and Communication Engineering
- PE8 Products and Processes Engineering
- PE9 Universe Sciences
- PE10 Earth System Science
- PE11 Materials Engineering





### **B. ERC – 2023 Call Calendar**

	Starting Grant	Consolidator Grant	Advanced Grant	Synergy Grant
Open	11-07-2023	12-09-2023	29-05-2024	12-07-2023
Closure	24-10-2023	12-12-2023	29-08-2024	08-11-2023
Budget	€ 601m	€ 584m	€ 578m	€ 400m



• Next Webinar: 12 October 2023





### **B. ERC – Non-EU/AC Nationalities**

Non-EU/AC Principal	Starting and Consolidator	Advanced	Total grants	
Investigators	grants	grants	-	
USA	268	134	402	
Canada	99	19	118	
India	74	3	77	
China	76	1	77	
Russia	62	11	73	
Australia	56	14	70	
Japan	31	9	40	
New Zealand	18	6	24	
Argentina	21	1	22	
Other	142	13	155	
Total	847	211	1058	



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## **B. ERC – Implementing Arrangements**

#### List of all signed Implementing Arrangements



Established by the European Commi

USA, National Science Foundation (NSF) Republic of Korea, National Research Foundation (NRF) Argentina, Ministry of Science, Technology and Productive Innovation (MINCYT) China, National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC) Japan, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS); Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST); Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development (AMED) South Africa, National Research Foundation (NRF) Mexico, Mexican National Council of Science and Technology (CONACYT) Brazil, Brazilian National Council of the State funding agencies (CONFAP) Canada, Canadian Tri-Agency Institutional Programmes Secretariat (TIPS) India, Scientific Engineering Research Board (SERB); Indian Social Science es Research Council (ISSRC) Australia, National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC); Australian Research Council (ARC) Singapore, National Research Foundation Singapore (NRF)

These arrangement aims to help ARC/NHMRC-funded researchers join ERC supported research teams in Europe (for a period when possible) or work remotely during their grant and enables the exchange of ideas and experiences in cutting-edge science.



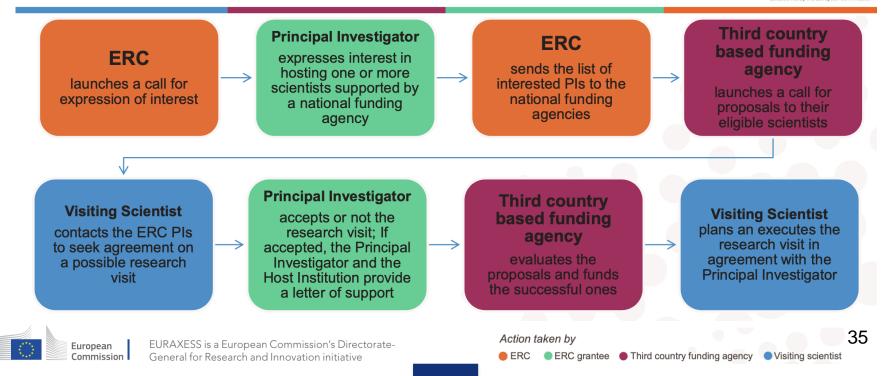


# **B. ERC – Implementing Arrangements Procedure**

#### **IA procedures**

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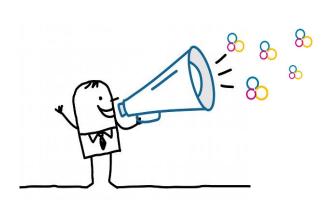
### **B. ERC – IA (PIs Participation 2012-2020)**

Number	of ERC gra	antees exp	pressed in	terest to	host rese	archers fu	inded by	third cour	ntry bodie	s
Country	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
USA	789	676	372	507	380	312	423	730	766	4955
Korea Pl		492	351	358	319	256	341	570	658	3345
China				402	293	249	332	566	620	2462
Japan JSPS				453	345	287	377	634	697	2793
Argentina				378	296	245	322	542	617	2400
South Africa				358	279	240	312	539	612	2340
Brazil					303	249	329	545	616	2042
Mexico					294	242	316	534	601	1987
Canada					353	289	392	660	714	2408
India Early						224	301	514	569	1608
Japan JST							370	625	698	1693
Australia NHMRC							369	610	668	1647
Korea PhD							325	541	636	1502
India PhD							276	468	543	1287
Australia ARC								647	705	1352
Singapore								584	667	1251
Japan AMED									648	648
India ICSSR									569	569
Average	789	584	362	409	318	259	342	582	645	





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Cluster 1	Health	€8.246 billion (including €1.35 billion from NGEU)
Cluster 2	Culture, Creativity & Inclusive Societies	€2.280 billion
Cluster 3	Civil Security for Society	€1.596 billion
Cluster 4	Digital, Industry & Space	€15.349 billion (including €1.35 billion from NGEU)
Cluster 5	Climate, Energy & Mobility	€15.123 billion (including €1.35 billion from NGEU)
Cluster 6	Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture & Environment	€8.952 billion





#### **General openness to international participation**

- Entities from all over the world can take part in collaborative R&I projects
- All proposals must meet certain minimum conditions: 3 participants from different EU member states or associated countries, at least one Member State. International partners must come in addition to this minimum
- You can receive funding, but it is not automatic if you come from an Industrialised Country, High Income Country and BRICS.





#### International participation is targeted in numerous topics

- Specific topics in calls for proposals may:
  - Indicate that participation of international partners is encouraged
  - Indicate that participation of partners from a certain country or region is encouraged or even mandatory
- A number of non-EU/non-associated countries that are not automatically eligible for funding have made specific provision for national co-financing mechanisms for their participants in Horizon Europe projects.







	Topics total	Topics (ex Other Actions)	International cooperation encouraged	%
Cluster 1: Health	53	44	7	16%
Cluster 2: Culture, creativity and inclusive society	66	56	15	27%
Cluster 3: Civil Security for Society	44	42	9	21%
Cluster 4: Digital Industry and Space	159	130	22	17%
Cluster 5: Climate, Energy and Mobility	219	191	38	20%
Cluster 6: Food, Bioeconomy, Natural resources, agriculture, and environment	189	179	51	28%
TOTAL	730	642	141	22%





# **B.** Pillar II – Finding a Call

		nder opportunities Data Interchange Area (SEDIA)	Register
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Match whole words only	ATM ap	plication-oriented research for air-ground integration and autonomy	
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Programming period			
Select Programme / Programme group	HORIZO	cellent science and outreach for virtualisation and cybersecure data-sharing A-SESAR-2023-DES-ER2-WA1-5 Call for proposal Grope (HORIZON)	Popen for submission Grant
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Туре		HORIZON-CL5-2024-D3-01-08 Call for proposal Horizon Europe (HORIZON)	(P Open for submission) Grant
Grants	31		
Tenders		Impact of the development of novel foods based on alternative sources of proteins	
Submission status	(30)	HORIZON-CL6-2024-FARM2FORK-01-7 Call for proposal Horizon Europe (HORIZON)	Grant Grant
Open for submission	(1)		
Closed	0	Increasing the availability and use of non-contentious inputs in organic farming HORIZON-CL6-2024-FARM2FORK-02-1-two-stage Call for proposal	(> Forthcoming) Grant
Programming period		Horizon Europe (HORIZON)	
Select	÷	Animal nutritional requirements and nutritional value of feed under different production management conditions	
Programme / Programme group		HORIZON-CL6-2024-FARM2FORK-02-5-two-stage Call for proposal Horizon Europe (HORIZON)	© Forthcoming Grant
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### **B.** Pillar II – Cluster 1: Health

#### Horizon Europe Work Programme (2023-24) - Cluster 1



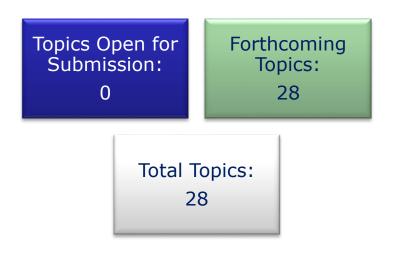
- health throughout the life course
- environmental and social health determinants
- non-communicable and rare diseases
- infectious diseases including povertyrelated and neglected diseases
- tools, technologies and digital solutions for health and care including personalised medicine
- health care systems





## **B.** Pillar II – Cluster 2: Culture, Creativity & Inclusive Society

#### Horizon Europe Work Programme (2023-24) - Cluster 2



- democracy
- cultural heritage
- social and economic transformations





### **B.** Pillar II – Cluster 3: Civil Security for Society

#### Horizon Europe Work Programme (2023-24) - Cluster 3



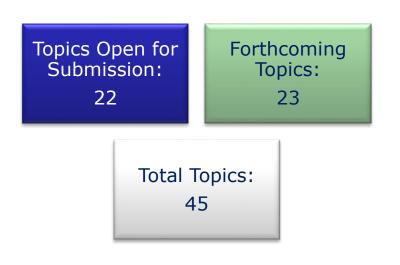
- disaster-resilient societies
- protection and security
- cybersecurity





### **B.** Pillar II – Cluster 4: Digital, Industry and Space

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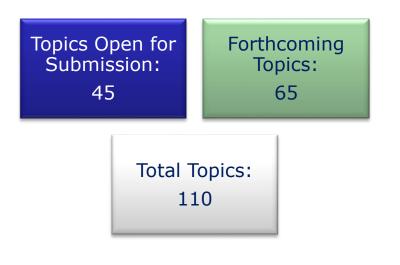
- manufacturing technologies
- key digital technologies including quantum technologies
- emerging enabling technologies
- advanced materials
- artificial intelligence and robotics
- next generation internet
- advanced computing and Big Data
- circular industries
- low carbon and clean industries
- space including earth observation





## **B.** Pillar II – Cluster 5: Climate, Energy & Mobility

#### Horizon Europe Work Programme (2023-24) - Cluster 5



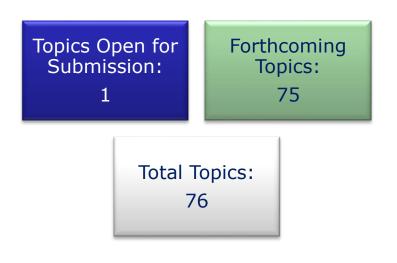
- climate science and solutions
- energy supply
- energy systems and grids
- buildings and industrial facilities in energy transition
- communities and cities
- industrial competitiveness in transport
- clean, safe and accessible transport and mobility
- smart mobility
- energy storage





## **B.** Pillar II – Cluster 6: Food, Bioeconomy, N. Res, Agri & Env.

#### Horizon Europe Work Programme (2023-24) - Cluster 6



- environmental observation
- biodiversity and natural resources
- agriculture, forestry and rural areas
- seas, oceans and inland waters
- food systems
- bio-based innovation systems in the EU's bioeconomy
- circular systems





#### Health topics with Australian co-funding



The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) – European Union (EU) Collaborative Research Grant Scheme provides a contribution to Australian researchers participating in leading international collaborative research that has been favorably evaluated for funding under select European Commission (EC) Horizon Europe topics.



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#### **2023 Health topics with Australian co-funding – 8 Topics**

- 1. HORIZON-HLTH-2023-ENVHLTH-02-01: Planetary health: understanding the links between environmental degradation and health impacts
- 2. HORIZON-HLTH-2023-ENVHLTH-02-02: Evidence-based interventions for promotion of mental and physical health in changing working environments (post-pandemic workplaces)
- **3.** HORIZON-HLTH-2023-DISEASE-03-04: Pandemic preparedness and response: Broad spectrum anti-viral therapeutics for infectious diseases with epidemic potential
- 4. HORIZON-HLTH-2023-DISEASE-03-07: Relationship between infections and noncommunicable diseases
- 5. HORIZON-HLTH-2023-DISEASE-03-17: Pandemic preparedness and response: Understanding vaccine induced-immunity
- 6. HORIZON-HLTH-2023-DISEASE-03-18: Pandemic preparedness and response: Immunogenicity of viral proteins of viruses with epidemic and pandemic potential
- 7. HORIZON-HLTH-2023-CARE-04-02: Resilience and mental wellbeing of the health and care workforce
- 8. HORIZON-HLTH-2023-CARE-04-03: Environmentally sustainable and climate neutral health and care systems







#### **2024** Health topics with Australian co-funding – 5 Topics

- 1. HORIZON-HLTH-2024-STAYHLTH-01-05-two-stage: Personalised prevention of noncommunicable diseases- addressing areas of unmet need using multiple data sources
- 2. HORIZON-HLTH-2024-ENVHLTH-02-06-two-stage: The role of environmental pollution in non-communicable diseases: air, noise, and light, and hazardous waste pollution
- 3. HORIZON-HLTH-2024-DISEASE-03-08-two-stage: Comparative effectiveness research for healthcare interventions in areas of high public health need
- 4. HORIZON-HLTH-2024-DISEASE-03-11-two-stage: Pandemic preparedness and response: Adaptive platform trials for pandemic preparedness
- 5. HORIZON-HLTH-2024-DISEASE-08-20: Pandemic preparedness and response: Host pathogen interactions for infectious diseases with epidemic potential







#### 2022 Health topics with Australian co-funding – 7 Projects funded with AUD 3.4 million

Title	Administering Institution	Budget
Youth-GEMs: Gene Environment interactions in Mental health trajectories of Youth	University of Queensland	\$499,332
Clinical validation of Artificial Intelligence for providing a personalized motor clinical profile assessment and rehabilitation of upper limb in children with unilateral Cerebral Palsy	University of Queensland	\$499,779
PREFERABLE-II - Personalised Exercise-Oncology for improvement of supportive care: a super umbrella trial to demonstrate the (cost)effectiveness of live-remote exercise in cancer survivors	Cabrini Health	\$457,547
Improvement of school indoor air quality and children's health	Monash University	\$499,557
Identification of chemical and biological determinants, their sources, and strategies to promote healthier homes in Europe (INQUIRE)	University of Queensland	\$499,819
Risk and Resilience in Developmental Diversity and Mental Health	Murdoch Children's Research Institute	\$499,734
PsychSTRATA	University of Adelaide	\$498,335

\*Result announced on 5 September 2022





# **B. Experts**

**Register** in the database of experts, new expertise is always welcome!



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- Evaluation of proposals, prize applications and tenders
- Monitoring of actions, grant agreements, public procurement contracts

In addition, experts provide opinion and advise on:

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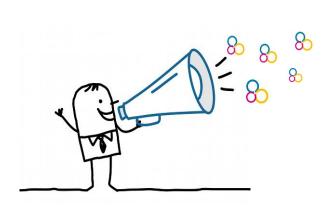
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# Outline



- A. EU Framework Programme for R&IB. Funding under Horizon Europe
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  - C. EURAXESS Australia & New Zealand





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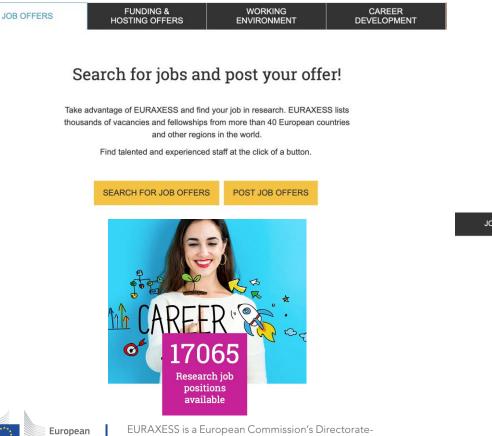
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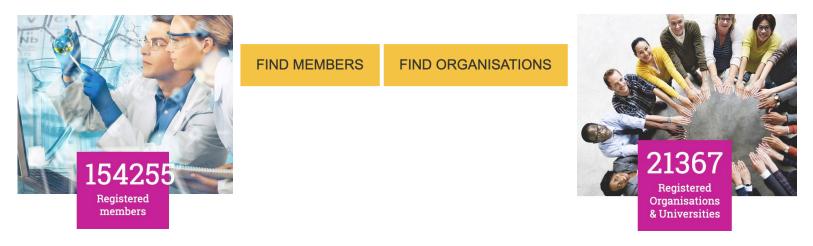




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# **Additional Slides**





#### H2020 Key facts and figures (2014-2020)

Number of AU researchers funded by MSCA:	235
EU budget awarded to AU organisations (EUR million):	0.26
Number of AU organisations in MSCA:	47

Action	Number of Part of AU organi		EU contribution (in EUR million) to AU organisations	Number Of Projects	AU researchers involved	Researchers going to AU organisations
COFUND	9	(9)	N/A	7	40	0
IF	82	(82)	N/A	81	119	81
ITN	26	(25)	0.26	24	33	1
RISE	88	(88)	N/A	63	43	396
Total:	205	(204)**	0.26	175	235	478

\* Number of Participations is the number of participations by organisations i.e. the total number of times that organisations in this country have participated in each action.

\*\*In brackets - partner organisations (included in the total number).



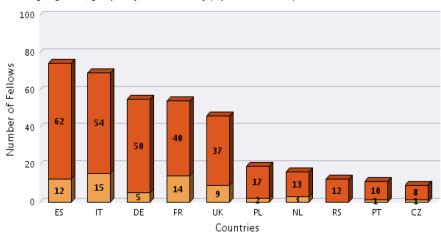


#### Top AU participating organisations in terms of number of participations

Name	Number of participations
THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY	24
THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY	22
THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND	16
UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE	16
MONASH UNIVERSITY	14



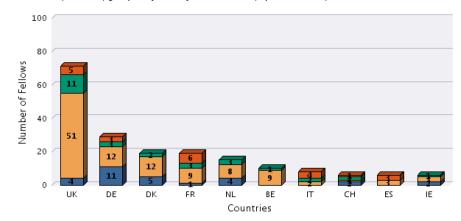




Fellows going to AU, grouped by their nationality (top 10 nationalities)

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AU fellows (nationals) grouped by country of destination (top 10 countries)





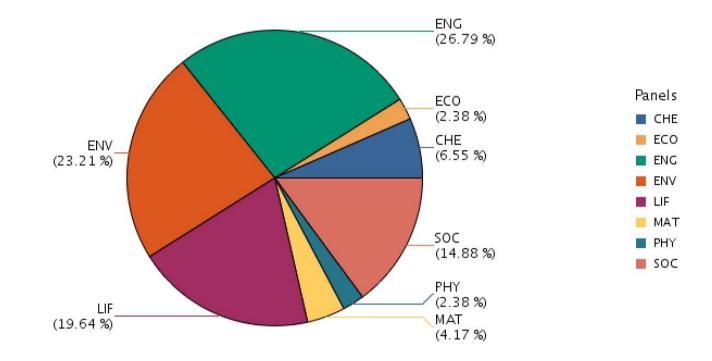
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Project distribution by scientific panel (AU)

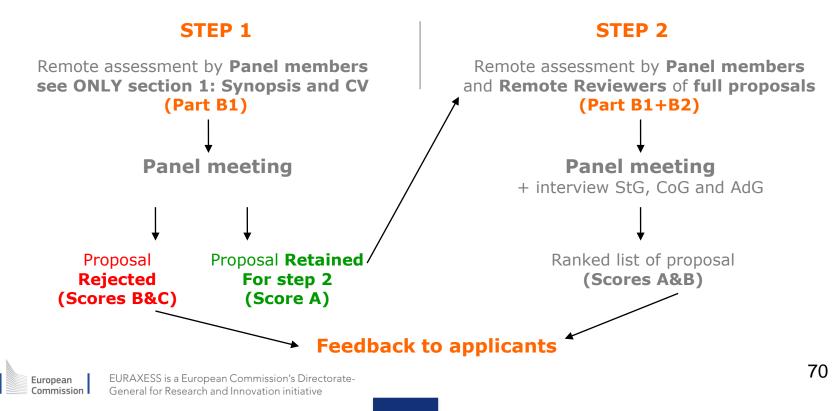






# **B.** ERC – How are the ERC proposal evaluated

For individuals calls: a single submission but a two-step evaluation





# **B. ERC – Evaluation Process**



# is the sole evaluation criterion

#### Excellence of the Research Project

- Ground breaking nature
- Potential impact
- Scientific Approach

#### Excellence of the Principal Investigator

- Intellectual capacity
- Creativity
- Commitment





# **B.** ERC – Contrary to what you may think

- ERC funds "frontier research", including applied research.
- The budget is distributed among the scientific panels as a function of demand.
- The panel descriptors do not represent ERC scientific priorities.
- Publication record is not decisive in selection decisions.
- The Host Institution is not an evaluation criterion.







# **B. ERC – Some Rumors**

Rumour 1: You can only apply for an ERC grant if you are a highly accomplished scientist.

★ NOT true: Accomplishments are appreciated in relation to your stage/seniority as giving some evidence of your capacity to conduct the research you propose and of creativity within the past 10-12 years of your career.

Rumour 2: To be successful, you need to continue on an established research line, to prove continuity and credibility

**×** NOT true: Generally, the opposite is true.

Rumour 3: If you have already obtained an ERC grant you are less/more likely to get another one.

★ NOT true: Panels look at each proposal on its own merit and in comparison with the other applications, irrespectively of whether you have or have not obtained an ERC grant in the past. (Of course this does not apply for applications to a Proof of Concept grant.)

Rumour 4: The more socially or medically relevant a grant proposal is, the higher the chances of it getting funded.

★ NOT true: ERC funds frontier research, not research that promises to be only an incremental advancement of knowledge. This is irrespective of the field and whether it has societal, medical or clinical applications.





# **B. Pillar II – Missions**

- Within Pillar II, Horizon Europe incorporates missions to increase the effectiveness of funding by pursuing clearly defined targets with a concrete impact on citizen's daily lives.
- <u>Horizon Europe Work Programme 23-24 Missions</u> has an estimated budget of Euro 614.23 million.





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\*Missions budget 2021-2023: 10% Pillar II HE ~1.9 billions



#### **C. EURAXESS ANZ: Benefits – The Portal**

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13 Sep 2023

#### 23 PhD positions available in Synchrotron Methods and Applications

PRISMAS – PhD Research and Innovation in Synchrotron Methods and Applications in Sweden – is a new doctoral programme training the next generation of leading synchrotron experts. The program will train 40 curious, problem-solving PhD students in advanced synchrotron methodologies and techniques and

#### 12 Sep 2023

#### <u>12 PhD positions</u> available in Epithelial Biology

SurfEx is a Marie Skłodowska Curle Action Doctoral Network (MSCA-DN) offering 12 positions for doctoral candidates (DCs, 10 funded by EU and 2 funded by UKRI). At SurfEx, we unite academic and non-academic partners to develop new insights into the formation and functioning of epithelial tissues. We 11 Sep 2023

#### 10 Postdoctoral Fellowships open to all fields of research within the MSCA COFUND programme YIA

The University of Luxembourg has secured funding from the European Union's flagship research program, within the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions COFUND for Young International Academics (YIA) postdoctoral programme. The funding will support ambitious postdoctoral research projects at the Institute 8 Sep 2023

#### The European Commission and the UK Government have reached an agreement on the UK's association to Horizon Europe

On 7 September 2023, the European Commission and the UK Government have concluded negotiations and reached an agreement in principle on the association of the UK to Horizon Europe and Copernicus under the Trade and Cooperation Agreement. This is a landmark moment for scientific and space





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