



# Horizon 2020 Programme



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# H2020 INTRODUCTION



Horizon 2020 (H2020) is the European Union programme for the **research & development** for the period 2014-2020. It is funded with 80.000 million € for all the implementation period, in addition to the private investment and co-financing required in certain measures.

Its objective is to guarantee that Europe is able to produce **internationally recognised science and technology to boost the economic growth**, contributing to reach the Europe 2020 Strategy objectives about **smart, sustainable and inclusive growth**.

Recommended readings about Europe 2020 Strategy:

- [http://ec.europa.eu/europe2020/europe-2020-in-a-nutshell/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/europe2020/europe-2020-in-a-nutshell/index_en.htm)
- <http://bookshop.europa.eu/en/europe-2020-pbNA0414862/?CatalogCategoryID=sciep2OwkgkAAAE.xjhtLxJz>



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# HORIZON 2020 STRUCTURE



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# HORIZON 2020 STRUCTURE



Horizon 2020 programme is structured in 3 axes or priority areas:

1. **Excellent Science** – development, attraction and retention of researcher talents and improvement of research infrastructures.
2. **Industrial Leadership** – key technologies (microelectronics or advanced manufacturing) in existing and emerging sectors; R&D private investment attraction and support for SMEs.
3. **Societal Challenges** – R&D related with society and citizens (climate, environment, energy, transport, etc.) and development of innovating solutions as a result of multidisciplinary collaborations.



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Furthermore, H2020 also includes 2 specific objectives:

## 1.- Promotion of Excellence and widening participation

Measures to maximise R&D investment destined to Member States with low performance, and that will be implemented in countries with larger needs in the framework of the Cohesion Policy for 2014-2020 period.

## 2.- Science with and for society

Reaching an effective cooperation between science and society, attracting new talents to science and matching scientific excellence with raising-awareness and social responsibility. Its objective is to increase—the attractiveness of the society for innovation.



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# HORIZON 2020 FUNDED PROJECTS



## Excellent Science pillar

[European Research Council](#) – grants for interdisciplinary proposals and innovative ideas in emerging fields introducing unconventional approaches;

[Future and emerging technologies](#) – projects related with future technologies, emerging fields with the objective of creating a critical mass of European researchers in promising research areas and finding solutions to scientific and technological challenges;

[Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions](#) – research networks (support to innovative training networks); individual scholarships (support to researchers' transnational mobility); international and intersectorial cooperation through exchange of research and innovation staff, co-funding of regional, national and international programmes financing scholarships for international mobility; European Researchers Night;

[Research Infrastructure](#) – development of European research infrastructures, promotion of innovative potential of research infrastructures and its human resources, strengthening of European research policies and international cooperation infrastructures.



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# HORIZON 2020 FUNDED PROJECTS



## Industrial Leadership pillar

[Leadership in enabling and industrial technologies](#) – research and innovation to reinforce the European industrial capacity and business perspectives, public and private alliances, key enabling technologies, IT opportunities, contribution to resolve societal challenges and priority areas.

[Access to Risk financing](#) – support and promotion to have access to financing sources of capital and debt by innovative business, research centres and universities, public and private alliances, businesses and projects with special objectives, and joint businesses;

[Innovation in SMEs](#) – SME instrument (funding needs of SMEs oriented to international market to implement innovation ideas of high risk and potential).



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# HORIZON 2020 FUNDED PROJECTS



## Societal Challenges pillar

Activities to join research and market with a new focus based on activities related to innovation, such as testing, proofs, bank of proofs and the support to public procurement and market entry.

[Links](#) to Work Programmes.

## Other funding possibilities in H2020:

- [Transversal activities](#) ((Industry 2020 in the Circular Economy, Internet of Things, and Smart and Sustainable Cities)
- [Fast Track to Innovation](#)
- [European Institute of Innovation and Technology](#)
- [Euratom Programme](#)
- [Smart Cyber-Physical Systems.](#)



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# HORIZON 2020 REQUIREMENTS



This programme is open to all researchers over the world.

Participants:

- **Programme countries** – Member States of the European Union and countries and overseas territories attached to these Member States.
- **Associated countries** – they can participate under the same conditions of the programme countries: Iceland, Norway, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey, Israel, Moldavia, Swizerland, Feroe Islands, Ucraina, Tunisia and Georgia.
- **Third Countries** – except when the call clearly indicates that their participation is not allowed.



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# HORIZON 2020 REQUIREMENTS



The [updated list](#) of participating countries should be regularly consulted.

The participation of **public and private institutions** as well as researchers individually is eligible. However, the requirements and guidelines of each call should be consulted.

Researchers can participate **individually** in Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, and in the European Research Council.



# HORIZON 2020 CALLS



Each H2020 pillar is composed by different **thematic areas (calls)** and each of them is in turn comprised by several **topics**, whose projects will allow to reach the specific objectives related with the referred thematic area.

The monitoring of funding opportunities will be achieved through the [Participant Portal](#) for the Research and Innovation, the webpage where the calls are published and the most important documents of each opportunity are available.

On the other side, it is important to keep in mind that H2020 is structured in [Multiannual Work Programmes](#), depending on the Commission priorities for the referred period. This allows to carry out in advance the identification of the thematic areas inside each pillar and the opportunities that will be published in each area. 2018-2020 programme to be published in October 2017.



# HORIZON 2020 CALLS



Each topic includes information about:

- Kind of procedure (only one step or two steps);
- Kind of action (important for the funding rate);
- List of eligible countries;
- Eligibility requirements;
- Evaluation criteria for the proposal;
- The indicative chronogram of the evaluation's proposal and the signature of the grant agreement;
- The document models to be used (access to the application system after the opening date and PDF document with a non-edit example of the form);
- Other important documents (as the Work Programmes) related with the call.



# HORIZON 2020 CALLS



It is important to always check the following issues:

- [List of eligible countries](#);
- [Standard admisibility requirements](#) – documents to be provided;
- [Standard eligibility requirements](#) – minimum number of partners;
- [General introduction](#) to the work programme 2016-2017;
- [General annexes](#) to work programme 2016-2017;
- Information about [exploitation, dissemination and evaluation](#);
- Information about [evaluation of proposals](#);
- Information about the [specific work programme](#) of the pillar or specific objective (2016-2017).



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# HORIZON 2020 APPLICATION



All applications must be submitted online through the [Participant Portal](#) for Research and Innovation, using the electronic system → All partners should have a **PIC** (*Participant Identification Code*).

The access to the electronic system of the application is carried out through the webpage dedicated to each funding opportunity (topic), using the EU login of the institution (previously known as ECAS account) to sign in.

The European Commission facilitates a template in PDF as a helping tool to prepare the writing of a proposal. We include an example of the [form](#) for the innovation actions (IA) and research and innovation (RIA).



# HORIZON 2020 ACTIONS AND FUNDING



## Research and Innovation Actions (RIA)

- Development of new knowledges and/or exploring the viability of new and updated technologies, products, process, services or solutions.
- Funding rate: 100%.

## Innovation Actions (IA)

- Producing plans and design of new, modified or improved products, processes or services.
- Funding rate: 70% (excluding non-lucrative entities, which is a 100%).

## Coordination and support actions (CSA)

- Complementary measures (standardisation, dissemination, raising-awareness and communication, networking, coordination and support services, politic dialogue and exercises and mutual learning studies).
- Funding rate: 100%.

The other type of actions are described in the [general annexes](#).



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# HORIZON 2020 PRACTICAL TIPS



- H2020 proposals are quite competitive, so the partnership must be sure that they comply with all **formal requirements** (number of partners, documents to be provided) **and/or related with documents and project wording** (using correct formats, not exceeding the pages limit, writing all questions). Furthermore, the **project idea** must be clear and sufficiently developed to facilitate its success.
- It must be taken into account that the **working language** will be English, both in the proposal wording and in the Project execution/implementation.



# HORIZON 2020 PRACTICAL TIPS



- It is essential to respect the **maximum length foreseen in the proposal**, as evaluators will only take into account the text included in the admitted limit. The limit is usually 70 pages, although sometimes is 50. On the other hand, it is equally important not to change the document formats facilitated by the European Commission.

- It is important to identify the **type of procedure** in the call, as there are differences regarding the required documentation.

For example, in a two stages procedures it won't be necessary bringing a draft dissemination and exploitation plan. However, it will be necessary to provide this document if it is a single stage procedure.



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## I.- Identification of participation opportunities

Tools for partners and opportunities search (European Commission):

- [National Contact Points](#) in EU Member States and other countries;
- [Contact Points](#) in the Enterprise Europe Network (SMEs' support);
- [Enterprise Europe Network](#) Database;
- [International Cooperation opportunities](#) in the framework of H2020;
- [CORDIS](#) database;
- [IDEAL-IST](#) database (especially in IT area);
- [NMP](#) database (nano-sciences, nano-technology, production materials and technologies);
- [Fit for Health](#) database (health and life sciences);
- [ETNA](#) database (means of transportation);
- [C-Energy 2020](#) network database (safe, clean and efficient energy);
- [NCPs CaRE](#) database (climate action, environment, resources efficiency and raw materials).



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Furthermore, it is recommended to turn to the network of the researchers who are interested in participating in H2020 and other international calls.

➔ Likewise, the creation of a database with the researchers of MARCO POLO Universities interested in participating in the proposals' development of international projects could be launched.




# HORIZON 2020 PRACTICAL SESSIONS



## II.- Identification of measures and calls

Part 1 – Checking the Work Programme 2018-2020 of the most relevant axis or measure

<http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/en/h2020-sections>

 Part 2 – Consult the Participant Portal for Innovation and Research and enter in an open call – axis Excellence Science:

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/index.html>



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A screenshot of the European Commission's Participant Portal website. The page is titled 'RESEARCH &amp; INNOVATION Participant Portal'. The navigation menu includes 'HOME', 'FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES' (highlighted with a red box), 'HOW TO PARTICIPATE', 'EXPERTS', and 'SUPPORT'. On the left sidebar, 'EU Programmes 2014-2020' is listed, with 'H2020' highlighted in a red box. The main content area is titled 'Calls for Proposals' and features a search bar, a 'Horizon 2020' header, and a list of call categories: 'Excellent Science' (with sub-items: European Research Council (ERC), Future and Emerging Technologies (FET), Marie-Sklodowska-Curie Actions, Research Infrastructures) and 'Industrial Leadership' (with sub-item: Leadership in enabling and industrial technologies (LEIT), Information and Communication Technologies). Below the list, there are filters for 'Status' (Calls with forthcoming topics, Calls with open topics, Calls with only closed topics) and 'Sort by' (Call title, Call identifier, Publication date). A 'Filter a call' input field and a 'FILTER' button are also present. At the bottom, three call cards are displayed: 'Excellent Science Call for proposals for ERC Consolidator Grant ERC-2017-COG' (Publication date: 20 October 2016), 'Science with and for Society EU Prize for Women Innovators 2017 H2020-WIprizeEU-2017' (Publication date: 13 September 2016), and 'Excellent Science Call for proposals for ERC Proof of Concept Grant ERC-2017-PoC' (Publication date: 02 August 2016).

Access to the Participant Portal and H2020 Calls.



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EU Programmes 2014-2020

Search Topics

Updates

Calls

H2020

3rd Health Programme

Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund

Consumer Programme

COSME

Internal Security Fund - Borders

Internal Security Fund - Police

Justice Programme

Promotion of Agricultural Products

Research Fund for Coal & Steel

Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme

FP7 & CIP Programmes 2007-2013

Calls

Other Funding Opportunities

## Calls for Proposals

Horizon 2020 Advanced search for topics  
Calls for tenders on TED

Societal Challenges

- Health, demographic change and wellbeing
- Food security, sustainable agriculture and forestry, marine and maritime and inland water research and the bioeconomy
- Secure, clean and efficient energy
- Smart, green and integrated transport
- Climate action, environment, resource efficiency and raw materials
- Europe in a changing world - inclusive, innovative and reflective societies

Status  Calls with forthcoming topics  Calls with open topics  Calls with only closed topics

Sort by  Call title  Call identifier  Publication date

<p>Societal Challenges</p> <p>Horizon Prize - Low Carbon Energy Inducement Prizes 2016 - PHOTOV ...</p> <p>H2020-LCE-Prizes-2016-02</p> <p>Publication date:05 July 2016</p>	<p>Societal Challenges</p> <p>Horizon Prize - Low Carbon Energy Inducement Prizes 2016 - CO2 REUSE</p> <p>H2020-LCE-Prizes-2016-03</p> <p>Publication date:05 July 2016</p>	<p>Societal Challenges</p> <p>Horizon Prize - Low Carbon Energy Inducement Prizes 2016 - Low Carbon Hospital</p> <p>H2020-LCE-Prizes-2016-01</p> <p>Publication date:05 July 2016</p>
<p>Societal Challenges</p> <p>SESAR 2020 RPAS Exploratory Research call</p> <p>H2020-SESAR-2016-1</p> <p>Publication date:28 June 2016</p>	<p>Societal Challenges</p> <p>Horizon Prize - Birth Day</p> <p>H2020-BirthDayPrize-2016</p> <p>Publication date:28 April 2016</p>	<p>Societal Challenges</p> <p>Horizon Prize - Cleanest Engine of the Future</p> <p>H2020-FutureEnginePrize-2016</p> <p>Publication date:20 April 2016</p>
<p>Societal Challenges</p> <p>Horizon Prize - Engine Retrofit for Clean Air</p> <p>H2020-EngineRetrofitPrize-2016</p> <p>Publication date:20 April 2016</p>	<p>Societal Challenges</p> <p>H2020-JTI-IMI2-2015-08-single-stage</p> <p>H2020-JTI-IMI2-2015-08-single-stage</p> <p>Publication date:18 December 2015</p>	<p>Societal Challenges</p> <p>Fast Track to Innovation Pilot</p> <p>H2020-FTIPilot-2016</p> <p>Publication date:14 October 2015</p>

Using the available filters to find the most relevant topics.



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CALL: REVERSING INEQUALITIES AND PROMOTING FAIRNESS [Call budget overview](#)  
Call identifier: H2020-SC6-REV-INEQUAL-2016-2017  
Publication date: 14 October 2015

Horizon 2020 [H2020 website](#)  
Pillar: Societal Challenges  
Work Programme Year: H2020-2016-2017  
Work Programme Part: Europe in a changing world – inclusive, innovative and reflective Societies

**Call summary** [+ More](#)  
**Scene Setter:**  
Current trends in European societies bring with them opportunities for a more inclusive and united Europe on the one hand and risks and challenges on the other. Large disparities in human and social capacities are

**Call updates** [+ More](#)  
• **04 October 2016 00:30** The submission session is now available for: REV-INEQUAL-09-2017(CSA), REV-INEQUAL-12-2017(CSA), REV-INEQUAL-13-2017(RIA), REV-INEQUAL-11-2017(CSA)

Topics and submission service  
To access the **Submission Service**, please **select the TOPIC** of your interest and then open the Submission Service tab.  
To access **existing draft proposals**, please login to the portal and select My Proposals from the My Area menu.

Status  Forthcoming  Open  Closed

Sort by  (Planned) opening date  Deadline  Topic title  Topic identifier

**Topic: REV-INEQUAL-09-2017: Boosting inclusiveness of ICT-enabled research and innovation** [Open](#)  
Publication date: 14 October 2015  
Types of action: CSA Coordination and support action  
DeadlineModel: single-stage  
Opening date: 04 October 2016  
Deadline: 02 February 2017 17:00:00  
Time Zone : (Brussels time)

**Topic: REV-INEQUAL-11-2017: Current European and cross-national comparative research and research actions on Migration** [Open](#)  
Publication date: 14 October 2015  
Types of action: CSA Coordination and support action  
DeadlineModel: single-stage  
Opening date: 04 October 2016  
Deadline: 02 February 2017 17:00:00  
Time Zone : (Brussels time)

**Topic: REV-INEQUAL-13-2017: Research Social Policy Migration and Asylum** [Open](#)

Access to a call and check the different topics.



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TOPIC : Research on employability, skills and labour market integration of migrants			
Topic identifier:	REV-INEQUAL-13-2017		
Publication date:	14 October 2015		
Types of action:	RIA Research and Innovation action		
DeadlineModel:	single-stage	Deadline:	02 February 2017 17:00:00
Opening date:	04 October 2016		
Time Zone : (Brussels time)			

Access to a call and identify relevant information.

Horizon 2020	H2020 website
Pillar: Societal Challenges	
Work Programme Year: H2020-2016-2017	
Work Programme Part: Europe in a changing world – inclusive, innovative and reflective Societies	
Call : H2020-SC6-REV-INEQUAL-2016-2017	
<a href="#">Call budget overview</a>	

**Topic Description** [+ More](#)

**Specific Challenge:**

The post-2014 inflow of refugees and asylum applicants can pose significant challenges to EU economies, societies and processes of integration. In the medium and long term, much will depend on how fast and

**Topic conditions and documents** [+ More](#)

Please read carefully all provisions below before the preparation of your application.

1. **List of countries and applicable rules for funding:** described in [part A of the General Annexes](#) of the

## Submission Service

To access the Electronic Submission Service of the topic, please select the **type of action** that is most relevant to your proposal from the list below and click on the **'Start Submission'** button. You will then be asked to confirm your choice of the type of action and topic, as these 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 Participant Portal and select the My Proposals page of the My Area section.

## Acceso al sistema de presentación

Type of Action	Research and Innovation action [RIA]	<a href="#">START SUBMISSION</a>
Topic	Research on employability, skills and labour market integration of migrants - REV-INEQUAL-13-2017	

Guidance on proposal submission: [H2020 ONLINE MANUAL](#)

IT Guidance: [HOW TO](#)



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## III.- How to create a form and have access to the technical annex template

➔ Through the webpage dedicated to each funding opportunity.

In the case of RIA (Research and Innovation Actions) and IA (Innovation Actions) actions, the proposal is composed of **2 parts**:

- Part A – **Administrative information** to directly fill in the Participant Portal – it is recommended to access in advance and prepare a document template to compile all necessary partner data for this section.
- Part B – **Technical annex** (similar to the “detailed description” annex in the Capacity Building projects) in Word, that can be downloaded, filled in and attached before sending it.



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Here you have a [form example](#) for RIA and IA actions (administrative information and technical annex) and technical annex template (sections [1-3](#) and [4-5](#)).

Furthermore, it is necessary to attach all the necessary annexes, for example, documents providing evidences of the operational capacity of the institutions.

- CV or description of the researchers/staff members linked to the proposal;
- A list of up to 5 publications, products, services or other important achievements for the call;
- A list of up to 5 previous projects related with the topic or relevant for the proposal;
- A description of the infrastructures or technical means for the proposed work;
- A description of third entities not beneficiaries of the Project but linked to it (for example suppliers).



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Example of questions included in the technical annex:

- Proposal's objectives and link with the Work Programme;
- Working methodology;
- Innovation potential of the proposal;
- Expected impact and barriers or assumptions to be reached;
- Description of the dissemination and exploitation activities (even after the end of the Project);
- Organisation of the activities in Working Packages, identification of main products and risks, summary of the needed resources;
- Description of the project management's structures and strategies;
- Justification of the partnership (and the involvement of non-European partners);
- Description of the partnership (entities, researchers and staff profile, previous experience and projects, resources).



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After checking the form...

➔ Exercise: analyse the call objectives “**Education and skills: empowering Europe’s Young innovators**” (Pillar: Societal Challenges) and develop a project idea.

➔ Exercise: based on the idea developed in the previous exercise, answer the questions of the technical annex (part B), listing the main points to tackle.



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# HORIZON 2020 LINKS OF INTEREST



- Participant Portal for Research and Innovation

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/home.html>

- Publication of H2020 calls

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/>

- Online manual

[http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/docs/h2020-funding-guide/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/docs/h2020-funding-guide/index_en.htm)

- Frequent asked questions

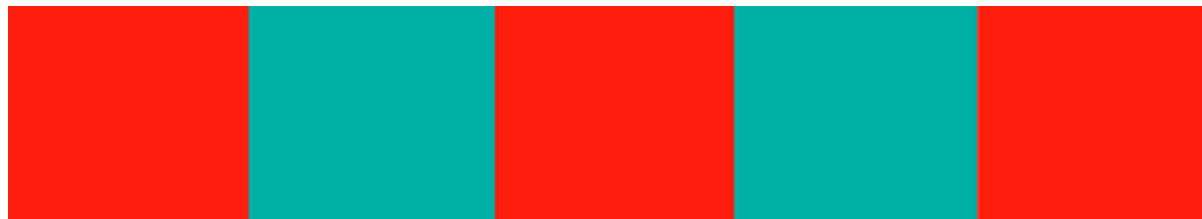
<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/support/faq.html>



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