

Feedback opportunity for the work programme 2025

Cross-cutting activities (incl. horizontal activities)

Draft expected impacts:

The 2023 Communication on EU Mission assessment confirmed the relevance of EU Missions as an important tool in the Horizon Europe and Commission toolbox. It provided continued support for the EU Missions, also in budgetary terms. At the same time, the Communication pointed towards a number of challenges EU Missions face in making the next step towards scaling up and full-fledged implementation of their concepts and proposed solutions. It reserved dedicated funding for activities to strengthen support functions for all EU Missions and for measures to address the challenges.

The overall expected impact of the EU Missions' horizontal activities is to address the challenges by improving the governance, contributing to more complementary funding, and accelerating citizen engagement. These are the three areas identified in the Commission Communication where stronger action and a more unified approach are needed.

Main expected outcomes:

The goal of this part of the Work Programme 2025 is to address shortcomings identified in the Commission Communication and set up the back office for the benefit of all current Missions.

To achieve the above-mentioned expected impacts, actions results are expected to contribute to some of the following expected outcomes:

- EU Missions have stronger governance system with sound political steering and better support functions.
- The monitoring and performance framework is available to assess EU Missions' progress.
- The mission portfolios development offers a comprehensive overview of all activities undertaken towards the achievement of their objectives. They provide intelligence to understand complementarities and interconnections, identify gaps, pinpoint additional policy interventions and enhance synergies.
- The strategy to engage private sector to support EU Missions is developed.
- Engagement of authorities is strengthened as it helps to further develop Missions at EU, national, regional and local levels.
- Private sector stakeholders and citizens have better EU Missions knowledge.