



UK Research
and Innovation

Horizon Europe Overview + Support Available for UK Organisations

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What is Horizon Europe?

- **Horizon Europe** is the EU's Research and Innovation funding programme and runs calls for proposals from 2021 until 2027
- Horizon Europe is the largest international R&I funding programme with a **budget of €95.5 billion**
- ✓ **Horizon Europe funds all types of organisation**
(unless otherwise specified in the call documents)



What does UK Association mean?

The UK has Associated to Horizon Europe

(For calls in the 2024- 2027 Work Programmes)

✓ UK researchers and innovators can fully participate and be funded in nearly all of Horizon Europe

There are only a few exceptions:

- The European Innovation Council (EIC) Fund which manages the equity element of both the EIC Accelerator and EIC STEP; or
- If a particular call for proposals is limited in the Work Programme to EU Member States or certain other countries

✓ UK researchers and innovators can lead and coordinate



What does Horizon Europe fund?

✓ Horizon Europe funds all research and innovation areas

- some calls specify the research and innovation to be done
- some calls leave the R&I area up to the applicants to decide

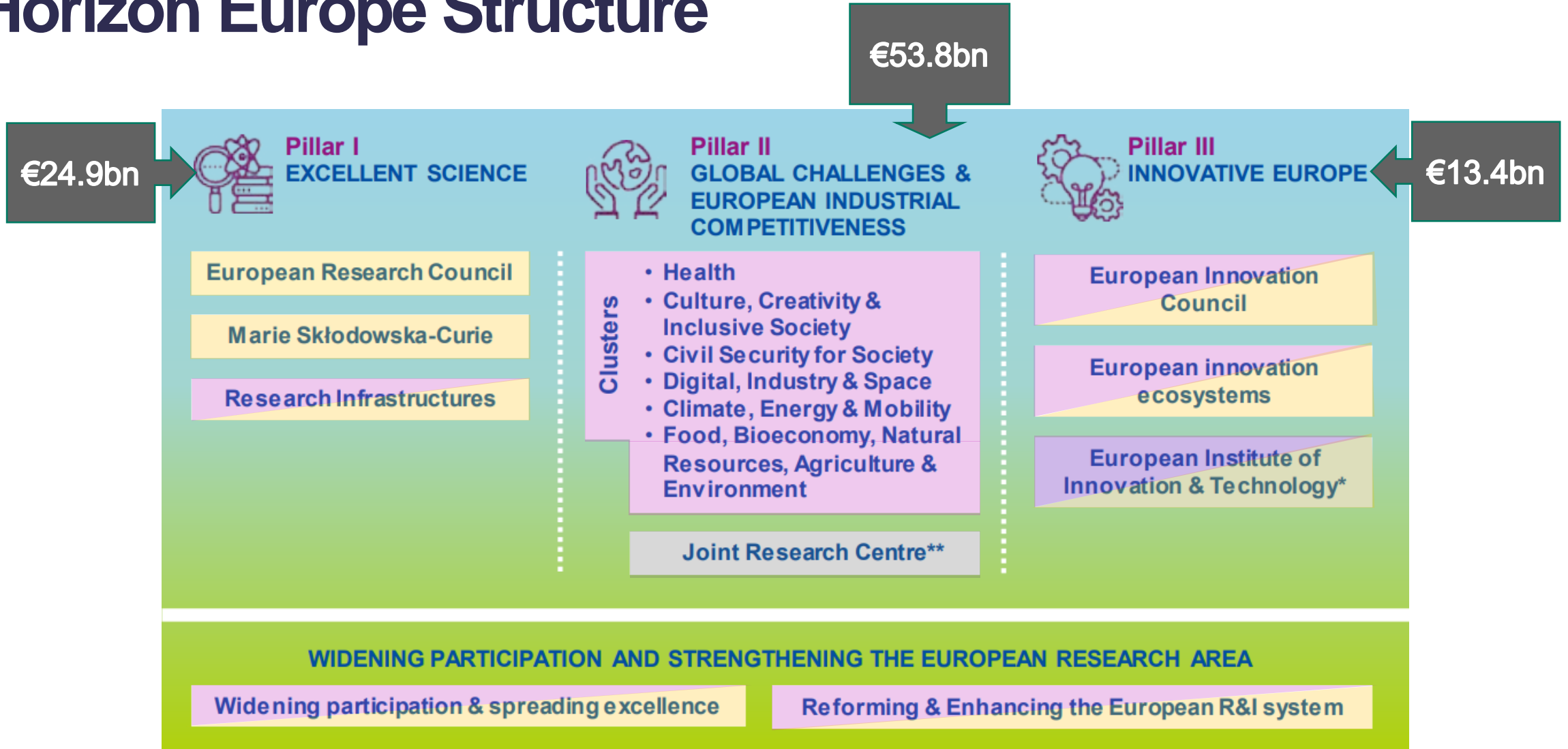
✓ Horizon Europe mostly funds consortium projects

involving independent legal entities from *at least* 3 EU Member States or Associated Countries (one of which must be a Member State)

✓ However, in some parts of Horizon Europe a single legal entity can be funded



Horizon Europe Structure



Key:

- Open to all research and innovation fields
- Challenge driven – must solve the problem posed – not bottom-up idea driven

National Contact Points (NCPs)

National Contact Points in the UK and other countries provide free guidance, practical information and assistance on all aspects of participation in Horizon Europe

NCP services vary but typically include

- informing and awareness raising
- assisting, advising and training
- signposting you to funding and partnering opportunities

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Other Horizon Support for UK Applicants

1) Innovate UK: Pump Priming Funding

(currently closed)

- For individual UK SMEs to explore and access Horizon Europe collaborative research & innovation opportunities
- Previously offered up to £5,000 (excluding VAT)
- Plus support from UK NCPs + an Innovate UK Business Growth Specialist

2) British Academy Horizon Europe Pump Priming

(currently closed)

- Previously offered up to £10,000
- Must be led by an eligible Principal Investigator (e.g. academic)
- Previously for Pillar 2 of Horizon Europe only – for all research and innovation fields

Other Horizon Support for UK Applicants

3) Innovate UK: Travel Support to attend European Events

- Helps UK SMEs expand their networks and build consortia
- Up to £700 to cover T&S to attend specific events

4) UK Horizon Europe Hub website

5) UKRI's UK Research Office (UKRO)

- UK NCPs for European Research Council and Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions
- Those based at subscribing organisations can also get support across Horizon Europe and can register for updates



Other Horizon Support for UK Applicants

6) Enterprise Europe Network (EEN)

- Helps businesses innovate and find partners

7) EU Intellectual Property (IP) Helpdesk

- Very useful free to use helpdesk
- Includes helpline, training events, templates, guides and forms (including how to write an exploitation and dissemination plan)

Other Horizon Support for UK Applicants

8) Welsh Government's Horizon Europe Unit

- Offers general advice on the programme and
- “Agile Cymru” grants to facilitate access, covering training, consultancy, travel, events and more
- Horizon.Europe@gov.wales / Horizon.Europe@llyw.cymru

9) Scotland Regional Contact Point: Ann Marie Reid

- Based at Scotland Enterprise annmarie.reid@scotent.co.uk

10) Northern Ireland Contact Point (NICP) Network

- Each NICP has expert knowledge in a specific funding area
- [Find your NICP contact](#)

Thank you