



UK Research
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Widening Participation and Strengthening the European Research Area

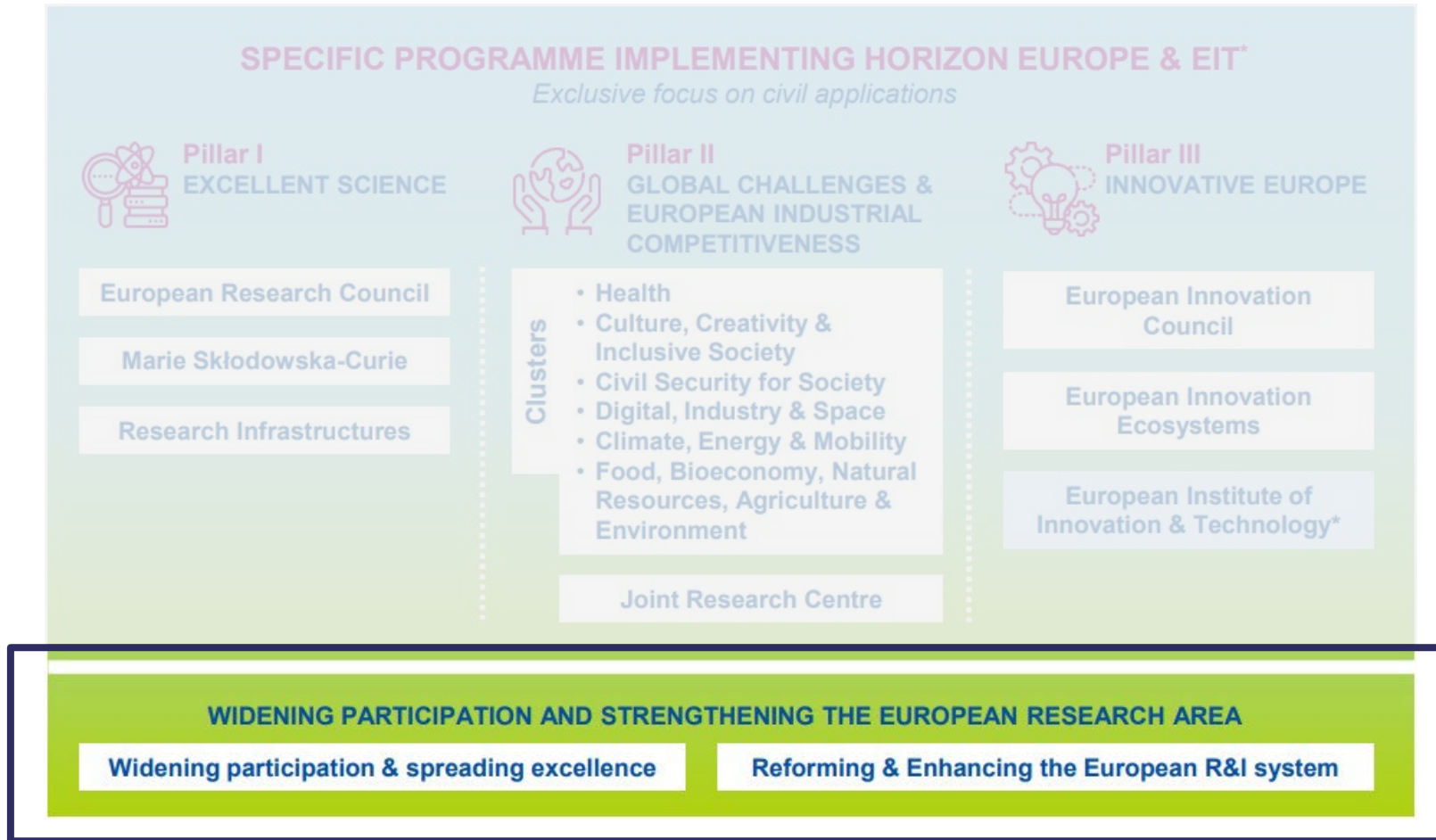
Introduction and main opportunities

Key takeaways

- Open to UK organisations
- Separate from Pillar I, II and III
- Funding opportunities are set out in multiannual Work Programmes, which cover most of the support available.
- Focus on networking for excellence, synergies among funding sources, and creating cross-border links between academia, businesses, governments and civil society.
- The UK National Contact Point (NCP) offers support with queries about funding opportunities, deadlines and more.



Horizon Europe structure

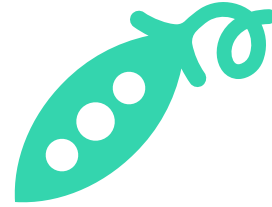


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Teaming for Excellence

Teaming actions will create or modernise existing centres of excellence in Widening countries through strategic partnerships with leading institutions abroad.



Twinning

It builds on the huge potential of networking for excellence through knowledge transfer and exchange of best practices by linking research institutions of the Widening countries with at least 2 research institutions from 2 different EU/Associated Countries.



European Excellence Initiative (EEI)

Empowering universities to be actors of change in research and innovation. It aims to raise excellence in science and in value creation through deeper and geographically inclusive cooperation in alliances of higher education institutions.

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Pathways to Synergies

Providing support for setting up interfaces between two different funding systems, where barriers still occur due to the mismatches of regional versus European approaches, moving single beneficiaries of regional funding programmes out of isolation via cross-border collaboration.



Dissemination and Exploitation Support Facility

Helping beneficiaries of widening actions improve the effectiveness of their dissemination and exploitation and unlocking new sources of funding. Improving knowledge diffusion and technology uptake is fundamental to ensure that researchers and their institutions build on the latest available knowledge.



Hop-on Facility

Allowing research institutions from Widening countries to join ongoing research and innovation actions under Horizon Europe Pillar 2 and EIC Pathfinder.

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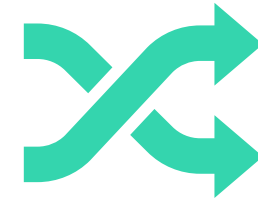
Excellence Hubs

Strengthening regional innovation excellence, through innovation ecosystems in Widening countries and beyond, by teaming up, and creating robust linkages between academia, businesses, governments and civil society.



ERA Chairs

By attracting high-level researchers to a Widening university or research centre, it increases its research capacity. It will establish a research team fully integrated in the coordinator's institution to significantly improve its research performance in a scientific domain of choice.



ERA Talents

Aims to boost interoperability of careers and employability of research and innovation talents across sectors, with a centre of gravity in widening countries. Focused on cross-sectoral talent circulation and academia-business collaboration for knowledge transfer.



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