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Horizon Europe - Health Funding Opportunities

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Agenda

- **Support available** (National Contact Points (NCPs), Pump Priming, IUK Travel Grants, UKRO, IP helpdesk)
- **Horizon Europe Intro and UK association**
- **Types of Countries**
- **Funding opportunities related to Health in Pillar 2 of Horizon Europe**
 - Health Cluster (including Peer Review Criteria)
 - Cancer Mission
 - Health Partnerships (including IHI, GH EDCTP3, OH AMR, Pandemic Preparedness, Brain Health and more)
- **Other Funding Opportunities**
 - Pillar 1 (ERC, MSCA, Research Infrastructures)
 - Pillar 3 (EIC, EIE, Eureka including Eurostars, EIT)
 - COST
- **Innovate UK International Activities and Funding**
- **Questions**





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Horizon Europe Support Available

What is a National Contact Point (NCP)?

The network of [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 in each country/sector, but typically include:



Informing and awareness raising
on Horizon Europe and other EU programmes



Assisting, advising and training
to improve the quality of Horizon Europe proposals



Signposting and cooperation
highlighting support avail. & supporting consortium development

UK Health NCPs are part of a Horizon Europe [project](#) with other health NCPs which has developed [useful tools](#) including [tips to support consortium development](#)
Coming soon – 2026 Health funding opportunities across Horizon Europe



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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
- £5,000 (excl. VAT) & support from UK NCPs + an Innovate UK Business Growth Specialist

2) British Academy Horizon Europe Pump Priming

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

3) UK Horizon Europe “Reapply Masterclass”

- The UK Horizon Europe Reapply Masterclasses are in-person events aimed at supporting UK applicants who have previously applied to Horizon Europe but were not successful.
- They take place in Bristol, Edinburgh, Manchester and London over Feb and March 2026

Other Horizon Support for UK Applicants

4) Innovate UK: Travel Support for SMEs to attend European Events in 2025 & 2026

- Helps UK SMEs expand their networks and build consortia
- Up to £750 to cover T&S to attend specific events
- If you would like to go to an event not listed on the website, feel free to email suggested events (including a link to the event webpage) to ncp-health@iuk.ukri.org

5) UK Horizon Europe Hub website

Other Horizon Support for UK Applicants

6) UKRI's [UK Research Office \(UKRO\)](#)

- UK NCPs for [European Research Council](#) and [Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions](#), COST, Widening and the New European Bauhaus
- You can also get support across Horizon Europe (traditionally UKRO mainly helps Unis) and you can [register for updates](#)

7) [Enterprise Europe Network \(EEN\)](#)

- Helps businesses innovate and find partners

8) [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

9) 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

10) Scotland Regional Contact Point: Ann Marie Reid

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

11) Northern Ireland Contact Point (NICP) Network

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



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Horizon Europe Introduction

What is Horizon Europe?

Horizon Europe is the EU's Research and Innovation funding programme and runs calls from 2021 until 2027

It is the largest international R&I funding programme with a **budget of €95.5 billion***

The UK has Associated to Horizon Europe, which means that UK researchers and innovators can fully participate in Horizon Europe (including leading projects)**



- Horizon Europe funds **all types of organisation** (including academia, SMEs, large companies and others)
- It funds all Research & Innovation (R&I) sectors
 - some calls specify the R&I to be done
 - other calls leave that up to the applicants to decide

* Plus Associated Country contributions. Associated Countries have signed an agreement with the EU which means that organisations from the Associated Country can receive Horizon Europe funding, and can take part in and lead projects.

** Only exceptions:

- European Innovation Council Fund (equity part of EIC Accelerator); and
- very exceptional cases if the eligibility for individual funding calls is limited in the Work Programme to EU Member States or certain other countries.



Horizon Europe

“Strengthening research ties benefits both the UK and our European partners.



*Horizon Europe provides **many opportunities for UK researchers**, and this scheme will prepare them to compete effectively for a share of its c. **£80 billion**.*

*By fostering collaboration with a diverse range of organisations, **the UK research community can access expertise and resources across Europe, driving scientific progress that benefits everyone.**”*

Minister of State for Science, Research and Innovation, Lord Vallance





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Horizon Europe Who can take part? And why participate?

Types of Countries in Horizon Europe

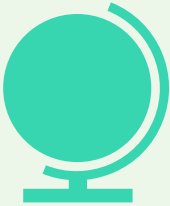
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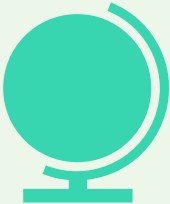


27 EU Member States (MS)

& Overseas Countries and Territories (OCT)
linked to Member States



>20 Associated Countries (AC)



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Other countries

(For example: Australia, Brazil, Chile, India, Mexico, US*...)

However, according to the 2026-27 General Annexes **other countries are only funded by Horizon Europe in exceptional cases:**

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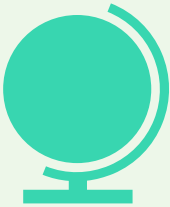
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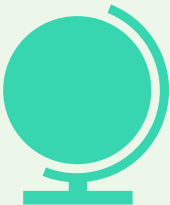


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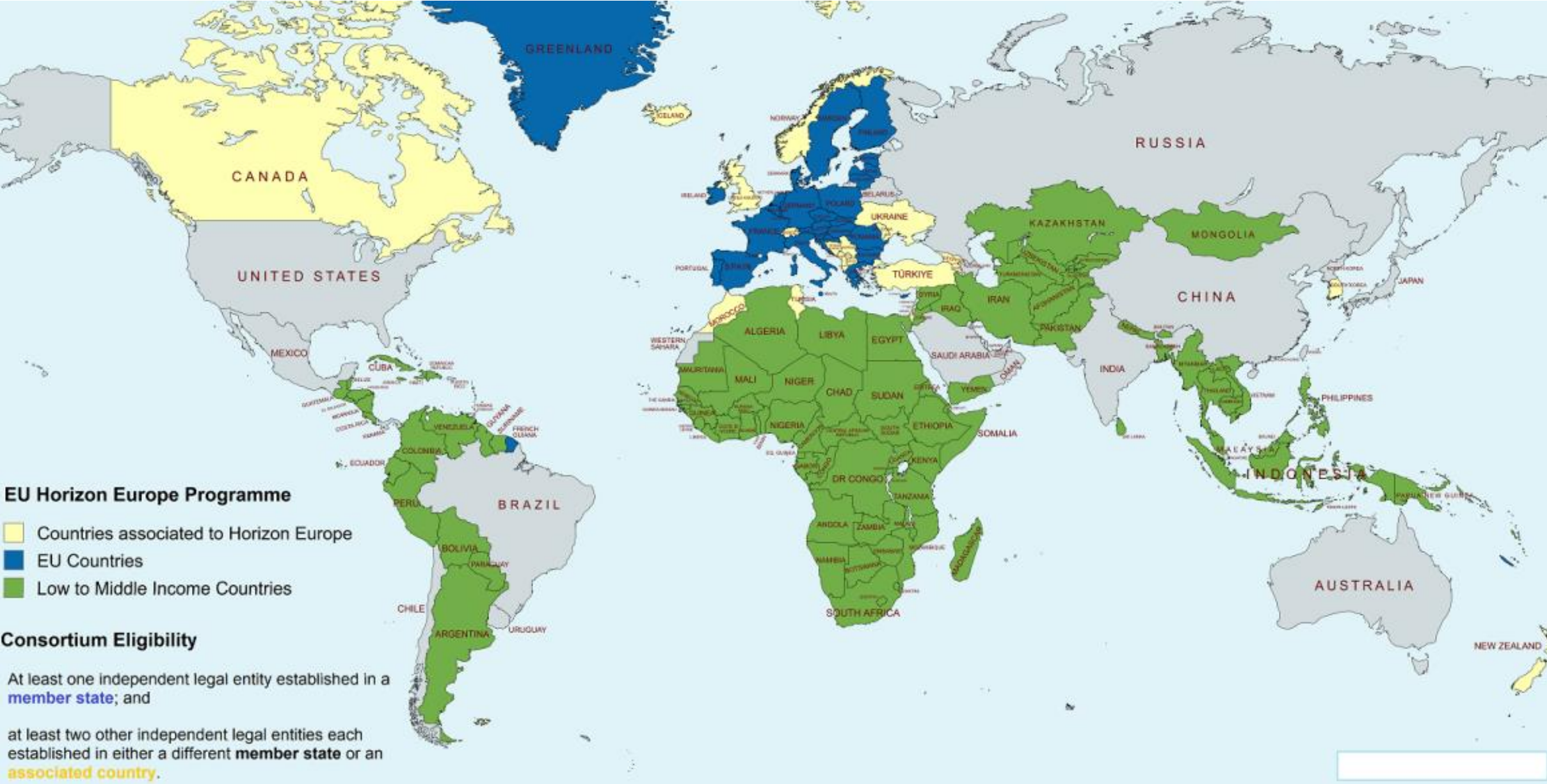
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- The [list of Participating Countries in Horizon Europe](#) has latest information about ‘third countries’ eligible for funding.
- The [2026-27 General Annexes](#) has rules about **China** (p6-8,10), **Hungary** (p11), **Russia Belarus** and non-government controlled territories of **Ukraine** (p11) and **restrictions related to protection of European communication networks** (p8).

Types of Countries in Pillar II of Horizon Europe

(Unless stated otherwise in the call documents)



Types of Organisation

Unless stated otherwise in the call text:

All types of organisation can participate in Horizon Europe proposals and projects including

- academia
- industry of any size,
- Research and Technology Organisations (RTOs)
- governments,
- charities,
- regulators, patient groups, hospitals and any other type of organisation.

All types of organisation can access funding as long as they come from a country which is eligible for Horizon Europe funding (shown in green on the previous slide).

If an organisation does not come from a country eligible for funding, then they can participate but normally must bring their own funding.



Why Participate?

- Access to funding
- Solve global challenges through collaborative research and development generating world leading expertise and innovation, resulting in new UK growth opportunities and jobs.
- Benefit from cutting edge European and global research, technologies, infrastructure, talent
- Gain access to and collaborate with supply and value chains within Europe and globally
- Influence standards, regulations, and policies, paving the way for UK expertise and solutions to be applied globally



Why Participate – Case Studies

New (Nov 2025): Here's a great [short case study video](#) (5 mins, or [written article](#)) where an SME from Manchester (Technovative Solutions Ltd) explains how taking part in the EU's Horizon Europe funding programme has helped them drive innovation.

- **After first taking part in a Horizon project, they have since gone on to take part in lots of Horizon projects**, including the [PharmaLedger](#) project funded by the Innovative Medicines Initiative
- **So far they have not given away a single percent of their equity.**

Plus [short UKRI video playlist](#) (about 3 mins each) with snippets of lots of UK participants briefly explaining the benefits of taking part in Horizon projects:

- [Video 1 \(2m44\) - overview](#)
- [Video \(1m33\) – by a SME from Wales that led a Horizon Health project](#)

There are also some written short case studies about UK companies involved in Horizon Grants on the [UKRI website](#)



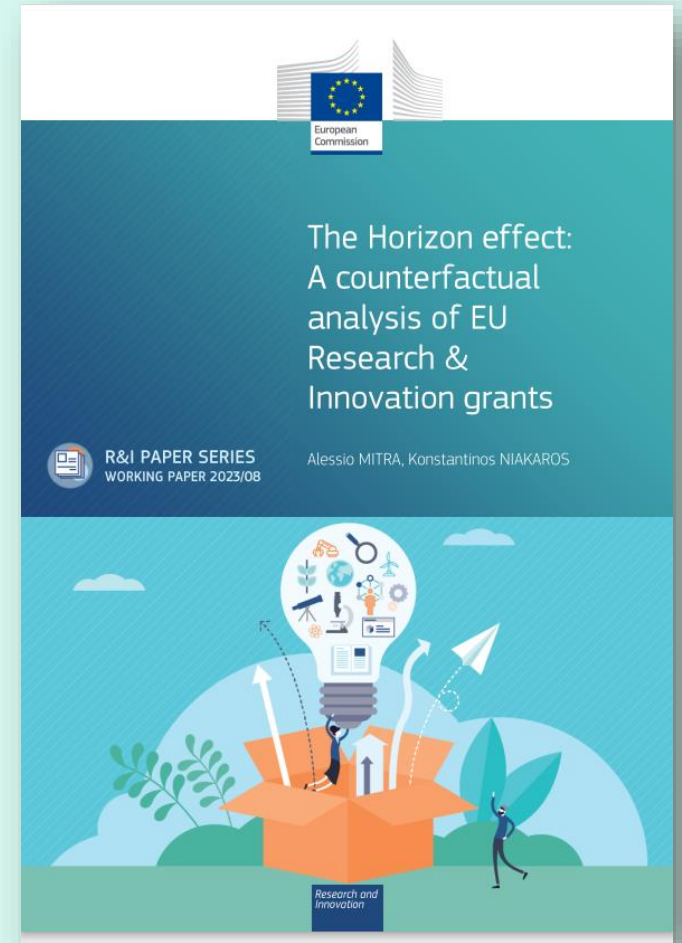
The Horizon Effect

Firms receiving a Horizon grant have an average increase of

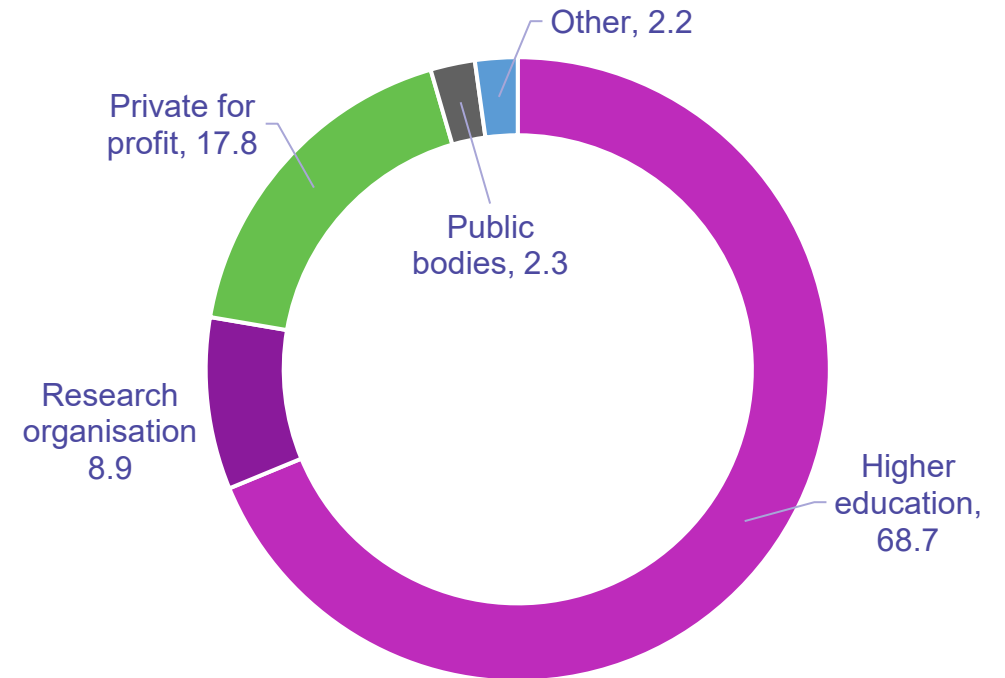
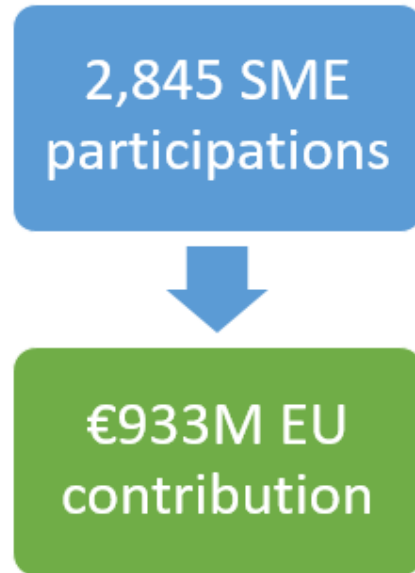
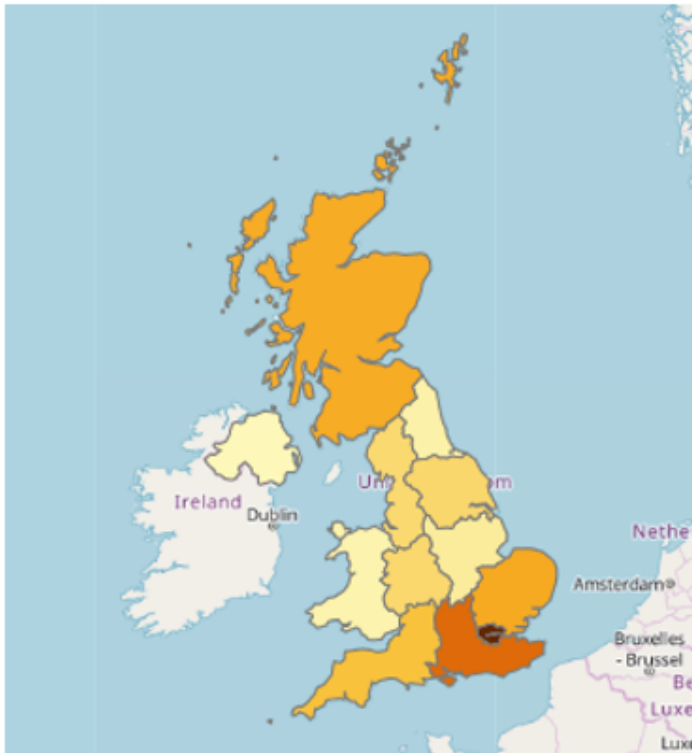
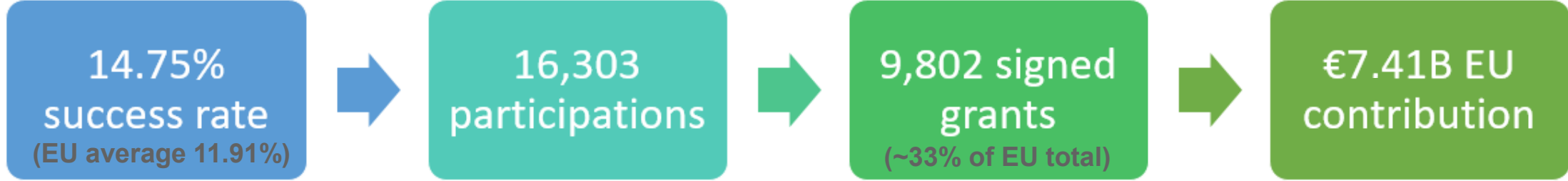
- 20% in employment and
- ~30% in total assets and revenues

compared to comparable companies in the control group, in the years after receiving their first grant

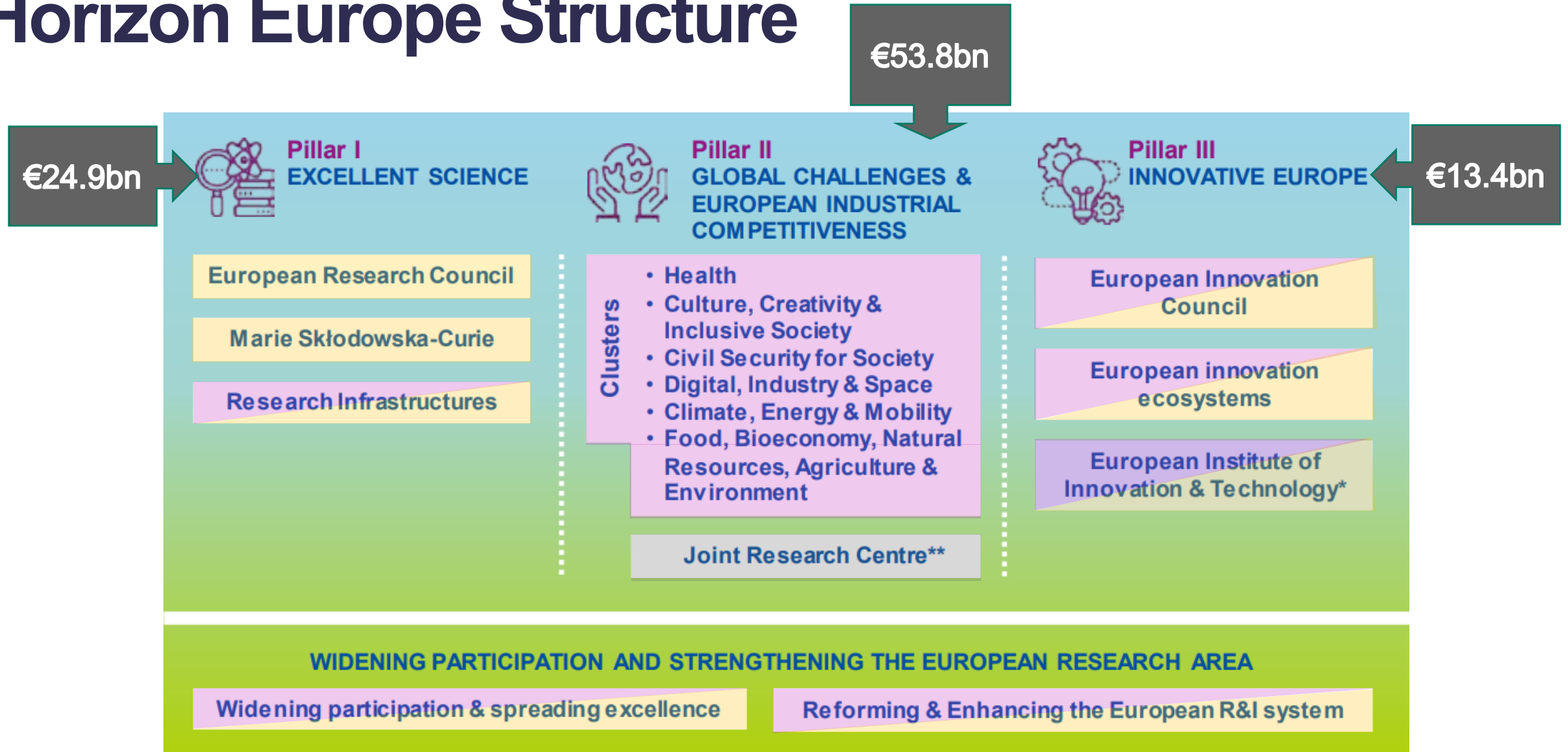
according to [EU analysis of a sample of ~40 thousand different companies](#) that applied for Horizon 2020 funding.



UK Success in Horizon 2020 & Funding Won



Horizon Europe Structure



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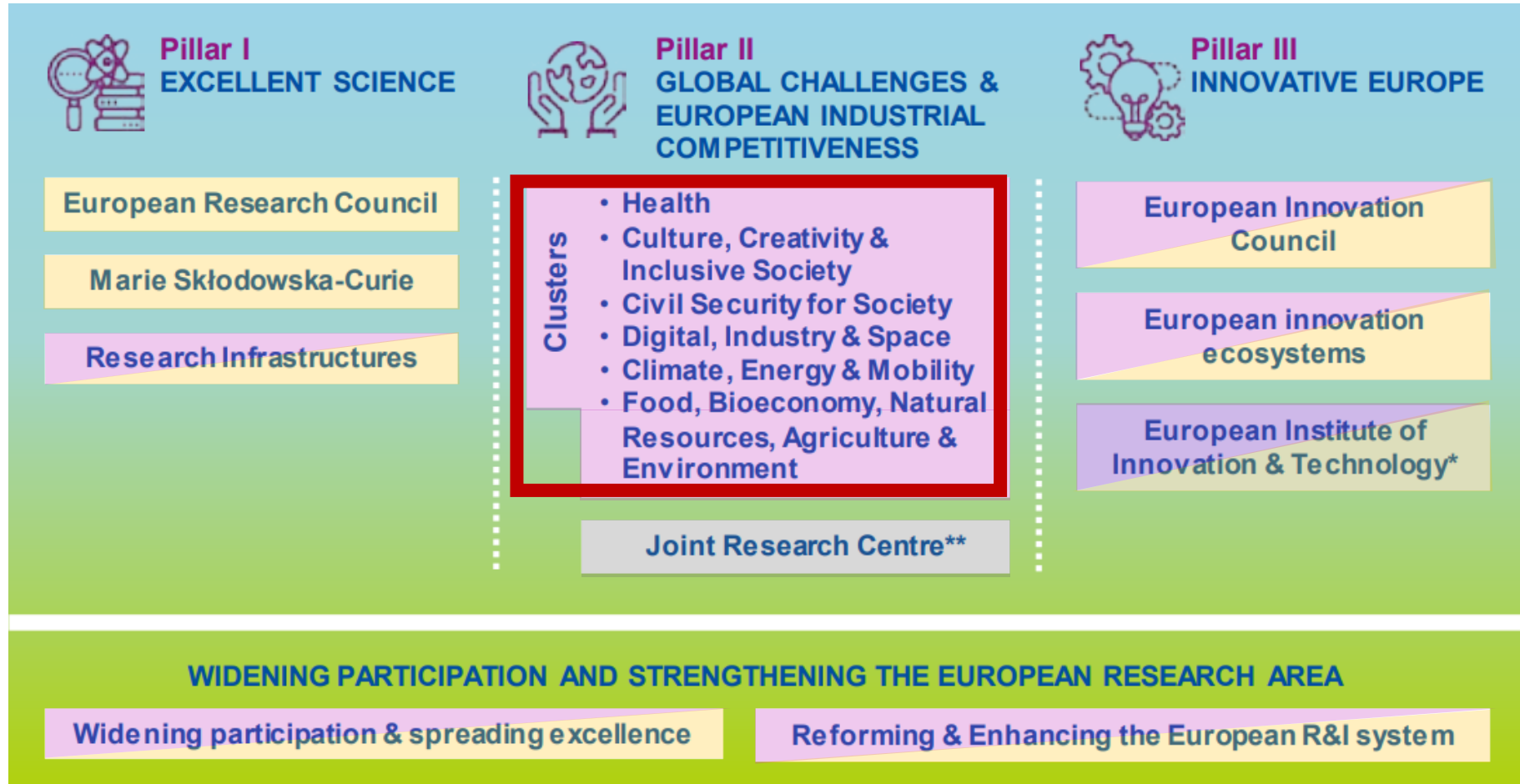
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Horizon Europe Funding Opportunities – Pillar II, including the Health Cluster

Horizon Europe – Pillar II



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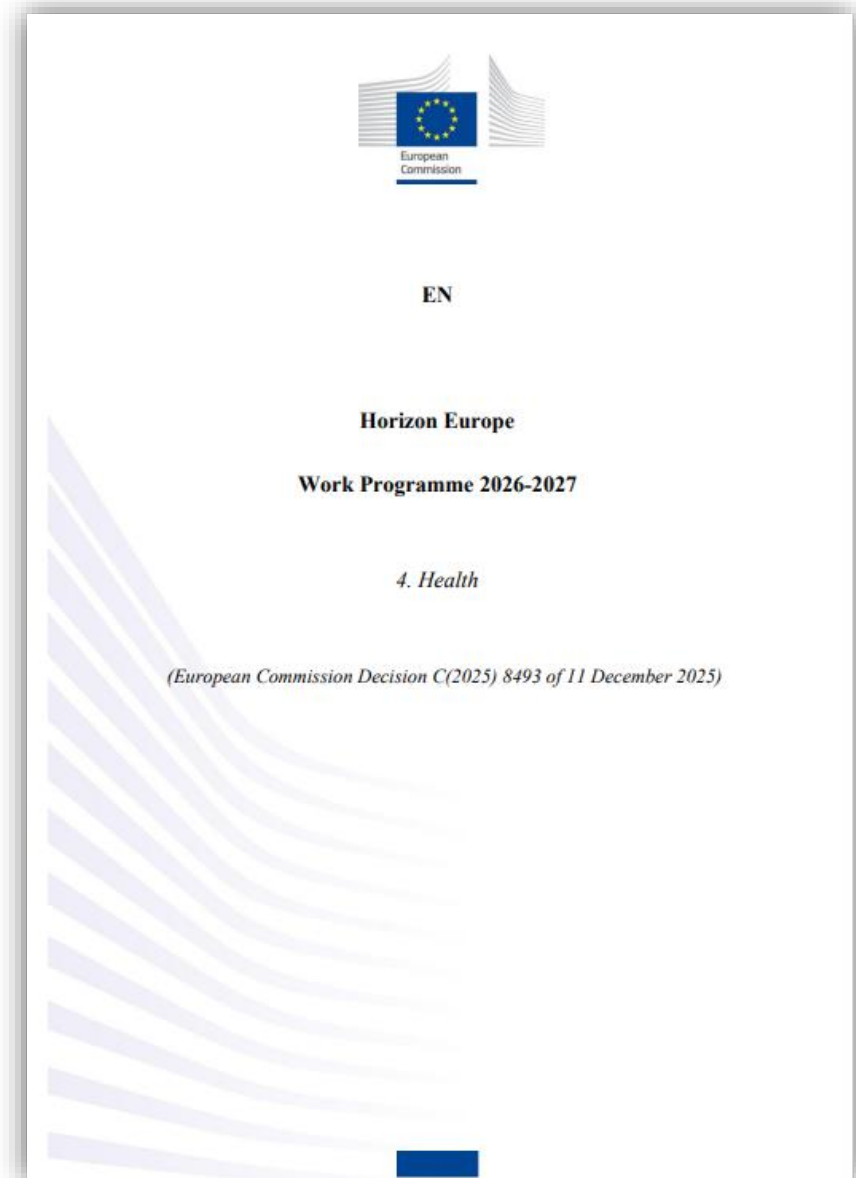
Horizon Europe – Pillar II - Clusters



Each Cluster has a [2026-2027 Work Programme](#) which lists calls and call topics

For each Cluster there are also

- European Commission (EC) [Infodays](#) and
- EC/NCP partnering systems and events



Horizon Europe – Pillar II - Clusters



- Challenge driven – must solve the problem posed by the European Commission (so not bottom-up idea driven)
- Each cluster has a document called a ‘Work Programme’. It lists specific call topics, and each call topic has a recommended
 - Scope
 - Expected outcomes (impact)
 - Budget
- [2026-2027 Work Programmes](#) including the [2026-2027 Health Work Programme](#)
- Other Pillar 2 Work Programmes also have some health-related calls
- **Mainly funds consortium projects** with at least 3 different legal entities from 3 different Member States and/or Associated Countries. At least one organisation must be from an EU Member State.
- **Consortium partners often very varied** – you should have the right people for the tasks and from any type of legal entity
- [Tips on finding consortium partners](#) also in the [Guiding Documents section of this HNN3.0 website](#)
- **Project size** for each varies from less than €1m to a few million
- **Typical duration?**



Horizon Europe – Pillar II - Health

Divided into six 'destinations' (research themes), each containing a list of **call topics** (funding opportunities)

1.

Staying healthy
in a rapidly changing society

2.

Living and working in a
health-promoting environment

3.

Tackling diseases and
reducing disease burden

4.

Ensuring equal access to
innovative, sustainable
and high-quality healthcare

5.

Developing and using new tools,
technologies and
digital solutions for a healthy
society

6.

Maintaining an innovative,
sustainable
and competitive EU health
industry

- [2026-2027 Health Work Programme](#) worth €1.081 billion funding in the main calls (excluding partnerships)
- [2026 Calls: Online Brokerage Platform \(already open\) + online brokerage event 26-30 Jan 2026](#)
- [2026 Calls: Online European Commission Infoday 10 Feb 2026](#) (will be available online afterwards too)
[Send your questions in advance via Sli.do](#)



Health Cluster: Call Budget and Deadlines

Call budget	Main Calls	Deadlines
€471.6 m	Health (Single stage - 2026)	16 April 2026
€341.6 m	Health (Single stage - 2027/1)	13 April 2027
€186.6m	Health (Two stage - 2027)	13 April 2027 first stage (22 Sept 2027 second stage)
€81.5 m	Health (Single stage - 2027/2)	22 Sept 2027
€1.0813 billion	Total*	

* The calls for 'Partnerships in Health' are not listed as they are unlikely to be suitable for most applicants

Types of Action (in Horizon Europe Pillar 2)

[2026-27 Work Programme General Annexes](#) (pages 15-16)

Research and Innovation actions (RIA)

- Activities aiming primarily to **establish new knowledge or to explore the feasibility** of a new or improved technology, product, process, service or solution.
- May include basic and applied research, technology development and integration, testing, demonstration and validation on a small-scale prototype in a laboratory or simulated environment.

Innovation Actions (IA)

- Activities directly aimed at **producing plans and arrangements or designs** for new, altered or improved products, processes or services
- May include prototyping, testing, demonstrating, piloting, large-scale product validation and market replication.

Coordination and Support Actions (CSA)

- Activities contributing to the objectives of the Horizon Europe, **excluding R&I activities**
(with some rare exceptions explained on page 14 of the General Annexes to the Work Programme)

Pre-commercial Procurement Actions (PCP) – Unlikely to be suitable for you. Please seek NCP advice.

Public Procurement of Innovative solutions actions (PPI) – Unlikely to be suitable for you. Seek NCP advice.

Programme Co-fund Actions (COFUND) – Unlikely to be suitable for you. Please seek NCP advice.

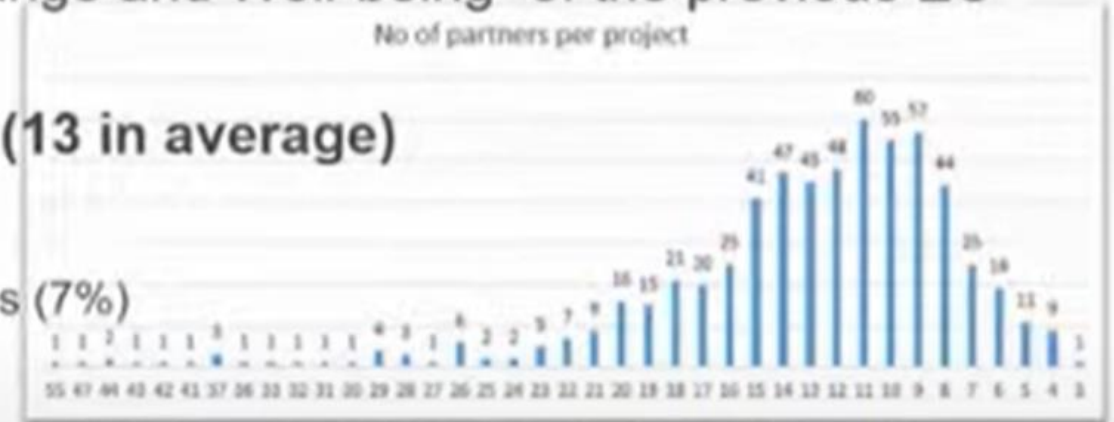
Consortia Size – Stats

Research and Innovation Actions (RIA)

Statistics on actual consortia size for Horizon 2020 Health Challenge:

Societal Challenge 1 on “Health; Demographic Change and Well-being” of the previous EU R&I programme, Horizon 2020 (2014-2020):

- 80% of RIAs had between 7 to 18 participants (**13 in average**)
- 613 projects (RIAs) involving 8143 participants:
from EU Member States (87%), H2020 Associated Countries (7%)
other Third Countries (6%)
- Type of organisations: Higher or Secondary Education Establishments (42%), Private for-profit entities (23%), Research Organisations (23%), Public bodies (6%), Other (6%).



Maximum Funding Rates (in Horizon Europe Pillar 2)

[2026-27 Work Programme General Annexes](#) (see pages 32-34)

Research and Innovation Actions (RIA)

- 100% of eligible direct costs + indirect costs at flat rate of 25% of direct costs*

Innovation Actions (IA)

- For profit participants receive 70% of (eligible direct costs + indirect costs at flat rate of 25% of direct costs*)
- Non-profit organisations receive 100% of eligible direct costs + indirect costs at flat rate of 25% of direct costs*

Coordination and Support Actions (CSA)

- 100% of eligible direct costs + indirect costs at flat rate of 25% of direct costs*

Pre-Commercial Procurement actions (PCP)

- 100% of eligible direct costs + indirect costs at flat rate of 25% of direct costs*

Public Procurement of Innovative solutions actions (PPI)

- 50% of (eligible direct costs + indirect costs at flat rate of 25% of direct costs*)

* indirect costs are a flat rate of 25% of the total eligible direct costs (excluding eligible direct costs for subcontracting, financial support to third parties and any unit costs or lump sums which include indirect costs)

- Costing will either be **actual costs** or [lump sum funding](#).
If lump sum funding applies, it will be stated in the table at the start of the call topic text.
- Further info on eligible costs is available in the [Annotated Model Grant Agreement](#).
- Questions? The UK's Legal and Financial National Contact Points (NCPs) are christopher.young@iuk.ukri.org and blazej.thomas@ukri.org

Health Cluster - Destination 1

Info from [2026-2027 Health Work Programme](#) (dated 11 Dec 2025)



Staying healthy in a rapidly changing society

Deadline	Topic Title	Single / Two Stage?	Type of Action	Overall Budget (EUR million)	Expected EU contribution per Project (EUR million)	Expected no. of Projects funded
16 Apr 2026	Behavioural interventions as primary prevention for Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) among young people HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-STAYHLTH-02	Single Stage	RIA	20.6	9-10	2
16 Apr 2026	Building public trust and outreach in the life sciences HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-STAYHLTH-03	Single Stage	CSA	1.9	1.5-1.9	1
13 Apr 2027	Addressing disabilities through the life course to support independent living and inclusion HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-STAYHLTH-01	Single Stage	RIA	39.3	6-8	5

Key: 2026 2027

Health Cluster - Destination 2

Info from [2026-2027 Health Work Programme](#) (dated 11 Dec 2025)



Living and working in a health-promoting environment

Deadline	Topic Title	Single / Two Stage?	Type of Action	Overall Budget (EUR million)	Expected EU contribution per Project (EUR million)	Expected no. of Projects funded
16 Apr 2026	Towards a better understanding and anticipation of the impacts of climate change on health HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-ENVHLTH-01	Single Stage	RIA	55	7-8	7
16 Apr 2026	Towards climate resilient, prepared and carbon neutral populations and healthcare systems HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-ENVHLTH-04	Single Stage	RIA	45	7-8	6
16 Apr 2026	Support for a multilateral initiative on climate change and health research HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-ENVHLTH-05	Single Stage	CSA	3	~3	1
13 Apr 2027	Integrating climate-related exposures into the human exposome and characterising its changes in response to climate change HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-ENVHLTH-02	Single Stage	RIA	45	10-11	4
13 Apr 2027	Tools and technologies to support health adaptation to climate change HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-ENVHLTH-MISSCLIMA-03	Single Stage	PCP*	20	4-5	4

***PCP is unlikely to be suitable for most organisations as it is aimed at those procuring innovative solutions - please seek NCP advice**

Health Cluster - Destination 3 (Slide 1 of 3)

Info from [2026-2027 Health Work Programme](#) (dated 11 Dec 2025)



Tackling diseases and reducing disease burden

Deadline	Topic Title	Single / Two Stage?	Type of Action	Overall Budget (EUR million)	Expected EU contribution per Project (EUR million)	Expected no. of Projects funded
16 Apr 2026	Innovative interventions to prevent the harmful effects of using digital technologies on the mental health of children and young adults HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-DISEASE-02	Single Stage	RIA	44.2	~8	6
16 Apr 2026	Advancing research on the prevention, diagnosis, and management of post-infection long-term conditions HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-DISEASE-03	Single Stage	RIA	39.3	6-8	5
16 Apr 2026	Development of novel vaccines for viral pathogens with epidemic potential HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-DISEASE-04	Single Stage	RIA	44.2	9-11	5
16 Apr 2026	Multisectoral approach to tackle chronic non-communicable diseases: implementation research maximising collaboration and coordination with sectors and in settings beyond the healthcare system (GACD) HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-DISEASE-09	Single Stage	RIA	9.8	3-4	3

Health Cluster - Destination 3 (Slide 2 of 3)

Info from [2026-2027 Health Work Programme](#) (dated 11 Dec 2025)



Tackling diseases and reducing disease burden

Deadline	Topic Title	Single / Two Stage?	Type of Action	Overall Budget (EUR million)	Expected EU contribution per Project (EUR million)	Expected no. of Projects funded
16 Apr 2026	Understanding of sex and/or gender-specific mechanisms of cardiovascular diseases: determinants, risk factors and pathways HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-DISEASE-11	Single Stage	RIA	39.3	6-7	6
16 Apr 2026	Scaling up innovation in cardiovascular health HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-DISEASE-15	Single Stage	CSA	1.9	~1.9	1
15 Sep 2026	European Partnership on Rare Diseases (ERDERA) (Phase 2) HORIZON-HLTH-2026-02-DISEASE-12	Single Stage	CO FUND*	91.3	~91.3	1
13 Apr 2027	European partnership for pandemic preparedness (Phase 2) HORIZON-HLTH-2026-03-DISEASE-13	Single Stage	CO FUND*	63	~63	1
13 Apr 2027 (first stage)	Innovative healthcare interventions for non-communicable diseases HORIZON-HLTH-2027-02-DISEASE-01-two-stage	Two Stage	RIA	63.8	7-8	8
13 Apr 2027	Development of novel broad spectrum small molecule antiviral therapeutics for pathogens with epidemic potential HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-DISEASE-05	Single Stage	RIA	44.2	9-11	5

***COFUND is unlikely to be suitable for you - please seek NCP advice**

Health Cluster - Destination 3 (Slide 3 of 3)

Info from [2026-2027 Health Work Programme](#) (dated 11 Dec 2025)



Tackling diseases and reducing disease burden

Deadline	Topic Title	Single / Two Stage?	Type of Action	Overall Budget (EUR million)	Expected EU contribution per Project (EUR m)	Expected no. of Projects funded
13 Apr 2027	Development of monoclonal antibodies to prevent and treat infections from Flaviviridae HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-DISEASE-06	Single Stage	RIA	37.3	9-10	4
13 Apr 2027	Development of monoclonal antibodies to prevent and treat infections from Filo-, Nairo-, Phenui-, Picorna- and Toga viruses HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-DISEASE-07	Single Stage	RIA	37.3	9-10	4
13 Apr 2027	Development of innovative antimicrobials against critical pathogens resistant to antimicrobials HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-DISEASE-08	Single Stage	RIA	44.2	8-10	5
13 Apr 2027	Prevention and management of chronic non-communicable diseases in children and young people (GACD) HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-DISEASE-10	Single Stage	RIA	11.8	3-4	3
13 Apr 2027 (first stage)	Clinical trials for advancing innovative interventions for neurodegenerative diseases HORIZON-HLTH-2027-02-DISEASE-14-two-stage	Two Stage	RIA	39.3	~10	4

Health Cluster - Destination 4

Info from [2026-2027 Health Work Programme](#) (dated 11 Dec 2025)



Ensuring equal access to innovative, sustainable and high-quality healthcare

Deadline	Topic Title	Single / Two Stage?	Type of Action	Overall Budget (EUR million)	Expected EU contribution per Project (EUR million)	Expected no. of Projects funded
16 Apr 2026	Public procurement of innovative solutions for improving citizens' access to healthcare through integrated and personalised approaches HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-CARE-01	Single Stage	PPI*	24.5	3-8	4
16 Apr 2026	Identifying and addressing low-value care in health and care systems HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-CARE-03	Single Stage	RIA	38	~10	4
16 Apr 2026	Enhancing and enlarging the European Partnership on Personalised Medicine (EP PerMed) (Top-up) HORIZON-HLTH-2026-04-CARE-04	Single Stage	CO FUND**	9.8	~9.8	1
13 Apr 2027	Personalised approaches to reduce risks from Adverse Drug Reactions due to administration of multiple medications HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-CARE-02	Single Stage	RIA	38	8-10	4

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****COFUND is unlikely to be suitable for you - please seek NCP advice**

Health Cluster - Destination 5 (Slide 1 of 2)

Info from [2026-2027 Health Work Programme](#) (dated 11 Dec 2025)



Developing and using new tools, technologies and digital solutions for a healthy society

Deadline	Topic Title	Single / Two Stage?	Type of Action	Overall Budget (EUR million)	Expected EU contribution per Project (EUR million)	Expected no. of Projects funded
16 Apr 2026	Integrating New Approach Methodologies (NAMs) to advance biomedical research and regulatory testing HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-TOOL-03	Single Stage	RIA	49	5-8	7
16 Apr 2026	Pilot Actions for Follow-on Funding: Leveraging EU-funded Collaborative Research in Regenerative Medicine HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-TOOL-05	Single Stage	IA	29.5	6-8	4
16 Apr 2026	Support to European Research Area (ERA) action on accelerating New Approach Methodologies (NAMs) to advance biomedical research and testing of medicinal products and medical devices HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-TOOL-06	Single Stage	CSA	2.9	~2.9	1
16 Apr 2026	Establishing a European network of Centres of Excellence (CoEs) for Advanced Therapies Medicinal Products (ATMPs) HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-TOOL-07	Single Stage	CSA	3.9	~3.9	1

Health Cluster - Destination 5 (Slide 2 of 2)

Info from [2026-2027 Health Work Programme](#) (dated 11 Dec 2025)



Developing and using new tools, technologies and digital solutions for a healthy society

Deadline	Topic Title	Single / Two Stage?	Type of Action	Overall Budget (EUR million)	Expected EU contribution per Project (EUR million)	Expected no. of Projects funded
13 Apr 2027 (first stage)	Development of predictive biomarkers of disease progression and treatment response by using AI methodologies for chronic non-communicable diseases HORIZON-HLTH-2027-02-TOOL-01-two-stage	Two Stage	RIA	44.2	6-8	6
22 Sept 2027	Advancing bio-printing of living cells for regenerative medicine HORIZON-HLTH-2027-03-TOOL-02	Single Stage	RIA	39.3	7-10	4
22 Sept 2027	Virtual Human Twins (VHTs) for integrated clinical decision support in prevention and diagnosis HORIZON-HLTH-2027-03-TOOL-04	Single Stage	RIA	39.3	10-12	4
22 Sep 2027	Towards Artificial General Intelligence (AGI) for healthcare HORIZON-HLTH-2027-03-TOOL-08	Single Stage	CSA	2.9	~2.9	1

Health Cluster - Destination 6

Info from [2026-2027 Health Work Programme](#) (dated 11 Dec 2025)



Maintaining an innovative, sustainable and competitive EU health industry

Deadline	Topic Title	Single / Two Stage?	Type of Action	Overall Budget (EUR million)	Expected EU contribution per Project (EUR million)	Expected no. of Projects funded
16 Apr 2026	Regulatory science to support translational development of patient-centred health technologies HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-IND-03	Single Stage	RIA	19.6	4-6	4
13 Apr 2027	Development of cell-free protein synthesis platforms for discovery and/or production of biologicals HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-IND-01	Single Stage	RIA	24.5	6-8	4
13 Apr 2027 (first stage)	Portable and versatile Point-of-care diagnostics HORIZON-HLTH-2027-02-IND-02-two-stage	Two Stage	IA	39.3	5-7	6

What does a typical Pillar II project look like?

- Pillar II mainly funds consortium projects. Minimum consortium size:
 - at least 3 different legal entities from 3 different EU Member States (MS) and/or [Associated Countries \(AC\)](#)
 - where at least one of these organisations is from an EU Member State
- In reality, consortia are normally larger
- Once you meet the minimum requirements above, then you can add other organisations from the same or different countries
- It is common to have more than one UK organisation in the same consortium
- Countries which are not EU MS or AC can also be part of your consortium, but would not count to the minimum 3 countries.
- Organisations from 119 [Low and Middle Income Countries \(LMICs\)](#) can be funded.
- Other countries (such as high income countries that are not Member States or Associated Countries) would normally have to [fund their own participation](#) (unless specified in the call, or seen as essential)
- Consortium partners often very varied –you should have the right people for the tasks and (unless specified in the call text) your partners can be from any type of organisation





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Horizon Europe Pillar II - Evaluation



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Evaluation Criteria in Horizon Europe*

[2026-27 Work Programme General Annexes](#) (pages 24-27 and 29-31)

- Weighted equally for:
 - Research and Innovation Actions (RIAs)
 - Coordination and Support Actions (CSAs)
- Impact weighted at 1.5 for Innovation Actions (IAs)
- Scored 1-5
- Thresholds 3/5 across Horizon in general but:
 - Often 4/5 for each criteria for Cluster 1 Health
 - Often 12/15 overall for Cluster 1 Health
- Two-stage calls: Excellence and Impact only at first stage, threshold at first stage normally 8 or 8.5

Excellence

Impact

Implementation

Priority Order for Proposals with the Same Score

In the absence of special arrangements in the specific call/topic conditions, the following method will apply for each group of proposals with the same score

- 1) Proposals that address aspects of the call that have not otherwise been covered by more highly ranked proposals
- 2) The proposals identified under 1), if any, will themselves be prioritised according to the scores they have been awarded for 'Excellence'. When these scores are equal, priority will be based on scores for 'Impact'. In the case of 'Innovation actions', priority will be given to the score for 'Impact', followed by that for 'Excellence'.
- 3) If necessary, the gender balance among the researchers **with a leading role** named in the researchers table
- 4) If necessary, any further prioritisation will be based on geographical diversity, defined as the number of Member States or Associated Countries represented in the proposal, not otherwise receiving funds from projects higher up the ranking list (and if equal in number, then by budget).
- 5) If a distinction still cannot be made, the panel may decide to further prioritise by considering other factors related to the objectives of the call, or to Horizon Europe in general. **These may include, for example, enhancing the quality of the project portfolio through synergies between projects or, where relevant and feasible, involving SMEs.**



Timeline

from page 31 of the [2026-27 Work Programme General Annexes](#)

Indicative timetable (unless otherwise stated call/call topic):

- **Single Stage Calls**
 - **Evaluation results:** ~5 months after call deadline
 - **Grant Agreement signature:** ~8 months after call deadline
- **Two Stage Calls**
 - **Evaluation results for first stage:** ~3 months after first stage call deadline
 - **Evaluation results for second stage:** ~5 months after second stage call deadline
 - **Grant Agreement signature:** ~8 months after second stage call deadline



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Horizon Europe Funding Opportunities – Cancer Mission (part of Pillar II)



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Cancer Mission

What is a Horizon Europe 'Mission'?

- A portfolio of activities intended to achieve a **bold, inspirational and measurable goal within a set timeframe, with impact for society and policy making** as well as relevance for a significant part of the European population and a wide range of Europe citizens.

Goal of Cancer Mission

- **Improve the lives of more than 3 million people by 2030**, through **prevention, cure** and for those affected by cancer including their families, to **live longer and better** (jointly with [Europe's Beating Cancer Plan](#))

Cancer Mission Funding Calls under Horizon Europe:

- [2026-2027 Missions Work Programme](#) (dated 11 Dec 2025)
€263.51m of Cancer related calls
- [2026 Calls - online European Commission Infoday on main Cancer Mission Calls 20 Jan 2026 \(11am-1pm UK time\) and for the Cancer & Soils Mission Joint Call 21 Jan \(2-3pm UK time\)](#) (will be available online after)
- [2026 Calls - online brokerage system \(already open\) & Partnering Event \(28-29 Jan 2026\)](#)



Other Missions: Adaptation to **Climate Change**, Restore our **Oceans and Waters**, **Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities**, **Soils**



Cancer Mission: Call Budget and Deadlines

Call budget	Call	Deadlines
€124.19 m	Cancer Mission - 2026 Call	15 Sept 2026
€115.32 m	Cancer Mission - 2027 Call	21 Sept 2027
€24.00 m	Joint Call between the Soil Deal for Europe Mission and the Cancer Mission	21 Sept 2027
€263.51 m	Total	

Pillar II - Cancer Mission – 2026 Call (Slide 1 of 2)

Info from [2026-2027 Missions Work Programme](#) (dated 11 Dec 2025)



Cancer Mission (2026 Call)

18 projects funded

Deadline	Topic Title	Single / Two Stage?	Type of Action	Overall Budget (EUR million)	Expected EU contribution per Project (EUR million)	Expected no. of Projects funded
15 Sep 2026	Virtual Human Twin (VHT) Models for Cancer Research HORIZON-MISS-2026-02-CANCER-01	Single Stage	RIA	35	8-9	4
15 Sep 2026	Microbiome for early cancer prediction before the onset of disease HORIZON-MISS-2026-02-CANCER-02	Single Stage	RIA	15	~15	1
15 Sep 2026	Pragmatic clinical trials to optimise immunotherapeutic interventions for patients with refractory cancers HORIZON-MISS-2026-02-CANCER-03	Single Stage	RIA	22.19	7-8	3
15 Sep 2026	Earlier and more precise palliative care HORIZON-MISS-2026-02-CANCER-04	Single Stage	RIA	15	~5	3
15 Sep 2026	Boosting mental health of young cancer survivors through the European Cancer Patient Digital Centre (ECPDC) HORIZON-MISS-2026-02-CANCER-05	Single Stage	IA	7	~7	1

Key:

2026

2027

Pillar II - Cancer Mission – 2026 Call (Slide 2 of 2)

Info from [2026-2027 Missions Work Programme](#) (dated 11 Dec 2025)



Cancer Mission (2026 Call)

18 projects funded

Deadline	Topic Title	Single / Two Stage?	Type of Action	Overall Budget (EUR million)	Expected EU contribution per Project (EUR million)	Expected no. of Projects funded
15 Sep 2026	Development of a research capacity building programme on cancer with and for Ukraine HORIZON-MISS-2026-02-CANCER-06	Single Stage	CSA	5	~5	1
15 Sep 2026	Improve the Quality of Life of older cancer patients HORIZON-MISS-2026-02-CANCER-07	Single Stage	RIA	25	5-6	5

Pillar II - Cancer Mission – 2027 Call (Slide 1 of 2)

Info from [2026-2027 Missions Work Programme](#) (dated 11 Dec 2025)



Cancer Mission (2027 Call)

17 projects funded

Deadline	Topic Title	Single / Two Stage?	Type of Action	Overall Budget (EUR million)	Expected EU contribution per Project (EUR million)	Expected no. of Projects funded
21 Sep 2027	Leveraging functional genomics to reveal novel targets for cancer treatment HORIZON-MISS-2027-02-CANCER-01	Single Stage	RIA	32.32	7-8	4
21 Sep 2027	Clinical research by Comprehensive Cancer Infrastructures for the benefit of patients with common cancers HORIZON-MISS-2027-02-CANCER-02	Single Stage	IA	20	7-10	3
21 Sep 2027	Phase 1 including first-in-human clinical trials to test biomarker-guided medicines or multi-modal treatment interventions for patients with rare or very rare cancers or cancer subtypes HORIZON-MISS-2027-02-CANCER-03	Single Stage	RIA	24	7-9	3
21 Sep 2027	Improving equitable health outcomes and added value for and with cancer patients through health-economics research, health systems research and outcomes research HORIZON-MISS-2027-02-CANCER-04	Single Stage	RIA	10	5-7	3

Pillar II - Cancer Mission – 2027 Call (Slide 2 of 2)

Info from [2026-2027 Missions Work Programme](#) (dated 11 Dec 2025)



Cancer Mission (2027 Call)

17 projects funded

Deadline	Topic Title	Single / Two Stage?	Type of Action	Overall Budget (EUR million)	Expected EU contribution per Project (EUR million)	Expected no. of Projects funded
21 Sep 2027	Pre-commercial procurement of affordable solutions for healthcare systems in the areas of cancer technologies, cancer medical devices, or cancer medicines HORIZON-MISS-2027-02-CANCER-05	Single Stage	PCP*	26	8-10	3
21 Sep 2027	Support a Young Cancer Survivor Quality of Life (QoL) research programme by cancer charities and funding agencies HORIZON-MISS-2027-02-CANCER-06	Single Stage	CSA	3	~3	1

***PCP is unlikely to be suitable for most organisations as it is aimed at those procuring innovative solutions - please seek NCP advice**

Pillar II – Soils & Cancer Mission – 2027 Joint Call

Info from [2026-2027 Missions Work Programme](#) (dated 11 Dec 2025)



Joint Call between the Soil Deal for Europe Mission and the Cancer Mission (2027 Call)

2 projects funded

Deadline	Topic Title	Single / Two Stage?	Type of Action	Overall Budget (EUR million)	Expected EU contribution per Project (EUR million)	Expected no. of Projects funded
21 Sep 2027	Living labs to monitor and mitigate carcinogenic substances in and originating from soils: Evaluating their effects on human cancer risks HORIZON-MISS-2027-06-SOIL-CANCER	Single Stage	RIA	24	~12	2



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Horizon Europe Funding Opportunities – Health Partnerships: Introduction

(Part of Pillar II)

Horizon Europe Health - Partnerships

- European partnerships bring together the European Commission and private and/or public partners together to tackle pressing challenges.
- Most partnerships run calls for proposals
 - **Each partnership has different rules on which countries and types of organisation can be funded**
 - **This can change call by call, so please read the call text to check if you are eligible for funding**
 - **Most partnerships do NOT use standard Horizon Europe eligibility rules!**
- There are **48 “Partnerships”** in Pillar II of Horizon Europe ([Diagram listing partnerships](#))
- There are 10 different partnerships in the Horizon Europe Pillar 2 Health Cluster
- And if you have any questions, please ask us.



Horizon Europe Health Partnerships

- ‘Institutionalised Partnerships’
 - [Innovative Health Initiative \(IHI\)](#)
 - [Global Health EDCTP3 \(European and Developing Clinical Trials Partnership\)](#) – 2026 Calls Published
- Cofunded Partnerships
 - [Chemical Risk Assessment \(PARC\)](#) – started May 2022 – this partnership does not hold calls
 - [European Research Area for Health \(ERA4Health\)](#) – started Nov 2022
 - [Transforming Health and Care Systems \(THCS\)](#) – started Jan 2023
 - [Personalised Medicine \(EP PerMed\)](#) – started Nov 2023
 - [ERDERA \(Rare Diseases\)](#) – started Sept 2024
 - [One Health \(OH\) AMR Partnership](#) – started June 2025
 - [Pandemic Preparedness \(BE READY NOW\)](#) – started Jan 2026
 - [Brain Health Partnership](#) – started Jan 2026
- [European Institute of Innovation and Technology \(EIT\) Health](#)





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Horizon Europe Funding Opportunities – Health Partnerships: Innovative Health Initiative (IHI)

Horizon Europe Health - Partnerships – IHI (€ 2.4 billion)

Innovative Health Initiative (IHI)

{successor to the [Innovative Medicines Initiative](#) (IMI) but broadened to include prevention, diagnostics, treatment and disease management incl. Pharma, Biotech, MedTech, Vaccines, Radiological, Electromedical and the Healthcare IT Industry.

EU partnership in health between:

- the **European Union** represented by the European Commission; and
- the **Healthcare industry associations**:
 - COCIR (medical imaging, radiotherapy, health ICT and electromedical industries)
 - EFPIA, including Vaccines Europe (pharmaceutical and vaccine industries)
 - EuropaBio (biotechnology industry)
 - MedTech Europe (medical technology industry)

UK organisations are eligible for IHI funding for future calls (apart from Call 12 Topic 4)

- **UK universities, SMEs, charities and the NHS should always be eligible for IHI funding (apart from Call 12 Topic 4)**
- **For IHI two stage calls, large companies are not normally eligible for funding**

[Open Calls](#) (Call 12) / [Future Calls](#) (there will be other future calls)

/ [Events](#) (including [Call 12 partnering event \(Nov 25\)](#) and [online platform still open](#)) / [Newsletter signup](#)

Innovative Health Initiative (IHI) - Call 12



~€163.1m
from EC

IHI Call 12

A single-stage call, the second ever IHI call with a new applicant-driven approach. Five call topics, each focusing on one of the five IHI Specific Objectives (SOs) in the IHI's Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA).

? projects to be funded

Call: IHI Call 12 (Single Stage)

Opened: 15 Jan 2026
Deadlines: 21 April 2026

HORIZON-JU-IHI-2026-12-...	Topic Title	Type of Action	Overall JU* Budget (EUR million)	Expected IHI JU* contribution per Project (EUR million)	Expected no. of Projects funded
SINGLE-STAGE-01	Topic 1: Boosting innovation for a better understanding of the determinants of health	RIA	30 m	> 8 m	?
SINGLE-STAGE-02	Topic 2: Boosting innovation through better integration of fragmented health R&I efforts	RIA	60 m	> 15 m	?
SINGLE-STAGE-03	Topic 3: Boosting innovation for people-centred integrated healthcare solutions	RIA	20 m	> 8 m	?
SINGLE-STAGE-04	Topic 4: Boosting innovation through exploitation of digitalisation and data exchange in healthcare "UK legal entities are not eligible to receive funding" This call topic is NOT covered by the UK Horizon Guarantee	RIA	43.3 m	> 8 m	?
SINGLE-STAGE-05	Topic 5: Boosting innovation for better assessment of the added value of innovative integrated healthcare solutions	RIA	9.8 m	> 4.9 m	?

*JU = Joint Undertaking

Innovative Health Initiative (IHI) - Call 12

IHI Call 12 Website:

“Important information on eligibility for funding

...

Canada and UK: Legal entities

- **are eligible to receive funding** under topics 1, 2, 3 and 5,
- **but not eligible to receive funding** under topic 4.”

For the UK for call topic 4

- “Legal entities based in these countries are of course eligible to participate in projects as associated partners who participate **at their own costs**.
- Note that legal entities that are not eligible to receive funding cannot serve as coordinator of a project.”

“These funding eligibility rules apply because some of the funds used for IHI call 12 have been carried over from previous years, when these countries were not yet associated to Horizon Europe.”

“The subject will be addressed during the [info session on IHI rules and procedures](#) - both the recording and slides from this session will be published online.”

Please note that the UK Horizon Guarantee does not fund call topic 4.

Innovative Health Initiative (IHI) - Call 12

- [IHI Webpage on Call 12](#) including call text
- [Brokerage platform](#) which will remain open until the call deadline + presentations (including tips from past winners) + pitch recordings and slides from the brokerage event in Brussels on 4 Nov 2025
- Launch of call - 15 Jan 2026
- [Webinars \(Infodays\)](#) – 19-20 Jan 2026 (registration is open)
- Call deadline (single stage, full proposals) 21 April 2026 (5pm Brussels time)
- Additional information and support
 - Read the [updated IHI Guide for Applicants](#) and other core IHI documents on the [call documents page](#)
- Questions? Email the IHI (infodesk@ihi.europa.eu) or your UK NCP (ncp-health@iuk.ukri.org)





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Horizon Europe

Funding Opportunities

– Health Partnerships: Global Health EDCTP3
(European and Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership)

Horizon Europe Health - Partnerships - Global Health EDCTP3

Global Health EDCTP3

(European and Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership)

to deliver new solutions for reducing the burden of infectious diseases in sub-Saharan Africa, and strengthen research capacities to prepare and respond to re-emerging infectious diseases in this region and across the world

UK organisations are eligible for EDCTP funding

See call text for further info on which countries you need in a consortium

[2026 Work Programme & Calls](#) (€147m of funding available)

[Infoday \(5 Feb am\) & Networking \(5 Feb pm\)](#)

[Newsletter signup](#)

Global Health EDCTP3 - 2026 Work Programme



Global Health
EDCTP3

€147m

Global Health EDCTP3 – 2026 Calls

35 projects to be funded

Deadline	Topic Title	Single / Two Stage?	Type of Action	Overall Budget (EUR million)	Expected JU* contribution per Project (EUR million)	Expected no. of Projects funded
4 Mar 2026	Global collaboration action for the development of TB drugs for therapy and chemoprophylaxis in adults and children in sub-Saharan Africa HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2026-01-TB-01-two-stage	Two Stage	RIA	30	10	3
4 Mar 2026	Global collaboration action for prevention and treatment of Lower Respiratory Tract Infections (LRTIs) in sub-Saharan Africa HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2026-01-LRTI-02-two-stage	Two Stage	RIA	33.9	8.475	4
4 Mar 2026	Global collaboration action towards better prevention, treatment and clinical management of HIV co-infections or co-morbidities in sub-Saharan Africa HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3- 2026-01-HIV-03-two-stage	Two Stage	RIA	25	5	5
4 Mar 2026	Global collaboration action on climate & health in sub-Saharan Africa HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2026-02-CH-01-two-stage	Two Stage	RIA	25	5	5

*JU = Joint Undertaking

Global Health EDCTP3 - 2026 Work Programme



Global Health
EDCTP3

€147m

Global Health EDCTP3 – 2026 Calls

35 projects to be funded

Deadline	Topic Title	Single / Two Stage?	Type of Action	Overall Budget (EUR million)	Expected JU* contribution per Project (EUR million)	Expected no. of Projects funded
2 Sep 2026	Training networks for sustained capacity building related to ethics, regulatory and Pharmacovigilance HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2026-03-SERP-01	Single Stage	CSA	15	1.5	10
2 Sep 2026	Enhancing Integrated Research and Healthcare in sub-Saharan Africa Through Digital Innovation and Artificial Intelligence in SSA HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2026-03-DIGIT-02	Single Stage	CSA	18	2.25	8

*JU = Joint Undertaking



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Horizon Europe Funding Opportunities – Health Partnerships: Other 8 Partnerships

Horizon Europe Health - Co-Funded Partnerships

- **Cofunded by national and regional funders**
- **Therefore, the countries involved depend on each partnership and each call**
- **Check the call documents to see which countries and types of organisation are eligible for funding**



Health Co-Funded Partnerships with UK Funder Involvement

Check each time a call is launched to see which countries and types of organisation are eligible for funding

Transforming Health and Care Systems (THCS)

- Started Jan 2023
- [Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda \(SRIA\)](#) and [Newsletter](#)
- [2026 Call “Access to Care”](#) aims to fund research and innovation projects that contribute to ensuring equitable access to and utilisation of health and care services and provide policy and decision makers with the knowledge and tools needed to implement resource reallocation as the health and care system transitions to address new and ongoing challenges.
 - 32 funders, worth ~€35m
 - **£2m funding from the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR)**
 - **Important: Please see the call documents for UK eligibility and funding rules, as well as UK contacts for this call.**
 - Preproposal deadline 2/2/26
 - [Info webinar recording](#) and [download slides](#).



Health Co-Funded Partnerships with UK Funder Involvement

Check each time a call is launched to see which countries and types of organisation are eligible for funding

One Health Antimicrobial Resistance (OH AMR) Partnership

- Started June 2025
- [Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda \(SRIA\)](#) and [Newsletter](#)
- Expect annual calls for proposals from Nov 2025 for 6 or 7 years
- [2026 Call “Treatments and adherence to treatment protocols”](#)
 - 37 funders from 28 countries, worth over €31m
 - **MRC (£1m), IUK (£1.063m) & DHSC are cofunding**
 - **Important: Please see the call documents for UK eligibility and funding rules, as well as UK contacts for this call.**
 - Preproposal deadline 2 Feb 2026
- For future calls, check the call documents to check if/which UK organisations are eligible for funding.



EUP OHAMR Joint Transnational Call 2026

“New Treatments to Tackle Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)”

- The [European Partnership on One Health Antimicrobial Resistance \(EUP OHAMR\)](#) has launched its first international call for proposals.
- The call [“Treatments and adherence to treatment protocols”](#) involves 37 funding organisations from 28 countries with total estimated call budget of >€31 million.
- The call will fund
 - international consortia projects (involving at least 3 eligible countries)
 - projects exploring new treatments covering patients, animals and plants affected by bacterial or fungal infections by providing new treatment options while reducing the risk of resistance.
- The call has three topics:
 - Topic 1 – **Identify and develop new combination treatments using existing or innovative antimicrobials or antimicrobial with adjunctive treatments to extend drug efficacy and combat resistance**
 - Topic 2 – **Develop tools and methods to improve adherence to treatment protocols**
 - Topic 3 – **Assess the impact of antimicrobials for veterinary and agricultural use on the risk of AMR transmission to humans and the environment to inform policies on the restriction of some antimicrobials for human use**

EUP OHAMR Joint Transnational Call 2026

“New Treatments to Tackle Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)”

Call Topics 1 & 2 – UK Information

- Innovate UK is providing £1,086,000 to support UK participation.
- UK-based SMEs are eligible to receive funding across all One Health settings.
- Other **eligible** UK-based organisations (academic institutions, Research and Technology Organisations, public sector organisations, not for profit organisations and charities) can apply for funding if they are working with a UK-based SME.
- For full eligibility criteria and costing rules can be found in the call documents.
- If you have questions about Call Topic 1 or 2, please francesca.hodges@iuk.ukri.org
- Please note that the UK MRC is not providing funding for Call Topics 1 and 2.

Call Topic 3 – UK Information

- UKRI’s Medical Research Council (MRC) is providing £1million to support UK participation.
- Details of MRC remit, eligibility and costing rules can be found in the call documents.
- Awards will be made through MRC on behalf of MRC and DHSC. MRC and DHSC are able to support all research areas that fall within the remit of MRC and DHSC.
- If you have any questions about Call Topic 3, please contact UKRI-AMR@ukri.org
- Please note that Innovate UK is not providing funding for Call Topic 3.

EUP OHAMR Joint Transnational Call 2026

“New Treatments to Tackle Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)”

Help and Support

- **Wed 26 Nov 2025** (1-3pm UK time): **Webinar for all applicants** presenting the Call and the partner search tool. (recordings on YouTube)
- **Fri 28 Nov 2025** (11am-noon UK time): **Additional Innovate UK Webinar for UK applicants interested in participating in Call Topics 1 & 2.** [Further info](#) (slides and recording will be available after)
- **3 Dec (10-11am), 6 Jan (2-3pm) and 22 Jan (11-noon): Drop-in sessions for UK applicants preparing proposals under Call Topics 1 & 2.** [Further info and registration](#) (not recorded)
- **UK contact for Call Topics 1 & 2:** Fran Hodges (francesca.hodges@iuk.ukri.org)
- **UK contact for Call Topic 3:** UKRI-AMR@ukri.org

Key Dates

- **2 Feb 2026** (13:00 CET): **Pre-proposal deadline**
- **17 June 2026** (13:00 CEST): **Full proposal deadline**
- **Dec 2026 - April 2027: Projects start**

Useful Links

- [UK call announcement](#) and [LinkedIn post](#)
- [OHAMR call webpage](#) (including call documents and how to apply)
- [OHAMR Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda \(SRIA\)](#)
- [OHAMR Newsletter signup](#)
- [UK Horizon Europe Newsletter signup](#)

Health Co-Funded Partnerships with UK Funder Involvement

Check each time a call is launched to see which countries and types of organisation are eligible for funding

Pandemic Preparedness (BE READY NOW)

- Started Jan 2026
- Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA)
- Expect 7 years' worth of calls from Jan 2026. UK funders (e.g. MRC, IUK) might cofund **some** future calls.
- **UK funders are not putting money into 2026 call**, so UK organisations will not be eligible for funding.



Health Co-Funded Partnerships with UK Funder Involvement

Check each time a call is launched to see which countries and types of organisation are eligible for funding

Brain Health Partnership

- Started Jan 2026
- Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA)
- Expect 7 years of calls, a few calls per year. UK funders (e.g. MRC, IUK) might cofund **some** future calls.
- **However, UK funders are not putting money into 2026 calls**, so UK organisations will not be eligible for funding.



Health Co-Funded Partnerships

Check each time a call is launched to see which countries and types of organisation are eligible for funding

Personalised Medicine (EP PerMed) started Nov 2023

- Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA) and Newsletter
- Fast Track Validation Programme 2026
 - Page 12 of the call text states “Stage One applications can be submitted by either an incorporated start-up or a team/researcher affiliated with an academic or healthcare research organisation registered in an EU Member State or a Horizon Europe associated country. A list of Horizon Europe Associated countries is available here”
 - and page 3 of the FAQ confirms that “UK and Swiss entities are eligible to receive funding from the Fast Track programme within the EP PerMed Project.”
 - Intro Webinar 20 Jan 2026, Final Q&A Webinar 3 March 2026, Deadline 10 March 2026
- Twinning Call 2026 - Advancing Collaborative Implementation of Personalised Medicine Approaches in Healthcare
 - Page 9 of the call text states “To be eligible for funding, all applicants must be legally registered in a Horizon Europe country or associated country.”
 - Webinar 17 Dec 2025, Online Twinning 15 Jan 2026, Deadline 26 Feb 2026
- Joint Transnational Call for Proposals (2026) for Personalised Medicine for CARdiovascular, MEtabolic, and kidNey diseases (CARMEN2026)
 - No UK funders are cofunding this call, UK organisations not eligible for funding (Deadline 10 Feb 26)

Health Co-Funded Partnerships

Check each time a call is launched to see which countries and types of organisation are eligible for funding

European Research Area for Health (ERA4Health)

- Started Nov 2022
- In general includes
 - (1) funding calls on nutrition and lifestyle-related diseases, cardiovascular diseases and nanomedicine
 - (2) investigator initiated clinical studies
- 2026 Calls:
 - **Trials4Health 2026** (Trials4Health: "Multi-country Investigator-Initiated Clinical Trials in Cardiovascular, Autoimmune & Metabolic diseases") [see the call text on the webpage](#) for info on UK eligibility for funding. (Preproposal deadline 27/1/26)
 - **Prevent-OO 2026** (Prevent-OO: Understanding and Preventing Overweight and Obesity - Mechanisms of their onset and progression, neglected determinants and novel strategies for critical transitional periods in life). **No UK funders are cofunding this call, UK organisations not eligible for funding.**

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Rare Diseases Partnership (ERDERA)

- Started Sept 2024
- Networking Support Scheme (permanently open call until funds are exhausted, expected to be April 2029)
 - The organisations of co-applicants may be located in the UK.
- Clinical Trials Call (details not yet available, check whether UK organisations are eligible or not once call launched)
- Joint Transnational Call 2026 – No UK funders are cofunding their 2026 call, UK organisations not eligible for funding. (Preproposal Deadline 12/2/26)

Health Co-Funded Partnerships

Chemical Risk Assessment (PARC)

- Started May 2022
- Please note that **PARC does not hold funding calls**



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Horizon Europe Health Funding Opportunities Elsewhere

Why also look outside the Health Cluster for funding?

- **In Horizon 2020 (the EU's Research and Innovation Programme 2014-2020)**
 - 29% of projects including Health and Medical Sciences were funded in the Health Challenge
 - **71% of projects including Health and Medical Sciences were funded outside of the Health Challenge**
- Where you apply may depend on your R&I idea, and on what kind of project you want to do
- In Horizon Europe there are different opportunities across the programme, for example
 - Some calls have 'top-down' prescribed R&I areas - you need to do exactly what the Commission wants, and your idea might not fit in! (e.g. Pillar 2 incl. Health Cluster, Cancer Mission, Partnerships)
 - Some calls are open to all R&I areas (e.g. the ERC, MSCAs, COST and some EIC calls)
 - Some calls do not require a consortium (e.g. ERC, MSCA fellowships, some EIC calls)
 - Some calls fund networking (e.g. MSCA Staff Exchange Scheme and COST)
- **Coming soon - Health funding opportunities across Horizon Europe**
(please [sign up to our newsletter](#) to receive this once published)



Pillar I



European Research Council (ERC)

Long term funding of 'frontier research'. Funds a Principal Investigator (PI) and their team, **in all fields of research**. Funding schemes:

- Starting Grants
- Consolidator Grants
- Advanced Grants
- Synergy Grants
- Proof of Concept

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)

The EU's flagship funding programme for doctoral education & postdoctoral training of researchers. **Funds all fields of research & innovation**, and all types of organisations. Funding schemes:

- Doctoral Networks
- Postdoctoral Fellowships
- Staff Exchanges
- Cofund
- MSCA & Citizens which funds "European Researchers' Night"

Research Infrastructures (RIs)

- **Does not fund:** building RI, funding capital costs (with some exceptions)
- **Does fund:** trans-national & virtual access to RI, planning for future major infrastructure, international cooperation of facilities and more...
- **Includes some funding opportunities related to Health**
- You can either apply to a call in the 2026-2027 Research Infrastructures Work Programme
- And/ Or check out Research Infrastructures which already have Horizon Europe funding to allow transnational/virtual researchers or users

Pillar III



European Innovation Council (EIC)

- Europe's flagship innovation programme to identify, develop and scale up breakthrough technologies and game changing innovations.
- Has 'open' calls (for all areas of research and innovation) and 'challenge' calls (where R&I area is specified). Three main schemes:
 - Pathfinder (2026 Challenges include Biotechnology for Healthy Ageing – UK webinar)
 - Transition
 - Accelerator (2026 Challenges include: Translating Disruptive New Approach Methodologies (NAMs) into Practice – UK webinar)

See the [EIC's 2026 Work Programme](#) (including [summary on page 10](#)) + [EIC Events](#)
UK Events: [Infoday](#), [2026 Pathfinder Scheme](#), [2026 Advanced Innovations Challenges Pilot](#)

European Innovation Ecosystems (EIE)

- Funding to help support connected and efficient innovation ecosystems

Eureka has various funding schemes, including

- Eurostars - the largest international funding programme for SMEs wishing to collaborate on R&D projects that create innovative products, processes or services for commercialisation.
 - Has bespoke eligibility rules (countries/orgs funded, min. consortium size, and more)
 - Open to all R&I areas. Regular calls, current call closes on 19 March 2026 at 2pm CET

European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)

- The EIT is Europe's largest innovation network
- Funding opportunities in 10 areas including Health Research and Innovation

Horizon Europe - Widening participation and strengthening the European Research Area (ERA)



Includes [COST](#) (European Co-operation in Science and Technology):

- [COST Open Call](#) (annual deadlines, **next deadline probably Oct 2026**)
 - **Open to all areas of research and innovation** (bottom-up)
 - **Funding to set up interdisciplinary research and innovation networks in Europe and beyond**
 - Funding for organising meetings, training schools, short term scientific missions or other networking
 - Networks run for 4 years and help to build capacity.
 - Funds global networking of nationally-funded research.
 - In Horizon 2020, COST had a high success rate of 37%
- You can also [join](#) the many [existing COST actions](#)
 - e.g. European Network for Optimisation of Veterinary Antimicrobial Treatment – [website](#) / [newsletter](#)





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How best to get started?



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- 1) [Sign up](#) for UK National Contact Point (NCP) Newsletters
- 2) Sign up to attend our regular 'Horizon Europe Health – Introduction and Overview' training sessions (advertised in our newsletters and on Jo's LinkedIn)
- 3) Check funding opportunities:
 - [All 2026-2028 Work Programmes](#) apart from the partnerships and
 - [2026 European Innovation Council \(EIC\) Work Programme](#)
 - [2026 European Research Council \(ERC\) Work Programme](#)
- 4) Found a call topic? Then sign up for relevant infodays and partnering events/systems
- 5) **Tip: Please be sure to use the latest application form templates**, as there have been some changes since previous Horizon Europe calls. They are available when you start a proposal for a particular call topic and on the [Funding and Tenders Portal](#) in the 'Guidance and documents' section then the 'Templates and Forms' subsection



How best to get started?

6) Build a network and find partners

- Make use of the [Innovate UK Travel Support for SMEs to attend European Events](#)
- Have a look at some useful [tips for finding consortium partners](#) and in the Guiding Documents [here](#)
- How to build a winning consortium presentation by Louise Mothersole (my colleague from our UK Horizon Europe National Contact Point (NCP) team) ([link to zoom recording here](#) passcode: 5Y+7uHLg)
- Live demo and further health-related tips by Jo Frost, UK Horizon Europe Health NCP for Industry ([link to zoom recording](#) with live demo here passcode: 5Y+7uHLg)

7) Horizon Europe: [common mistakes to avoid](#) and information on [gender](#) and [communication](#)

8) [Register to become a Horizon Europe evaluator](#)

9) Questions? Ask your [UK National Contact Point](#)





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UKRI Funding

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**Innovate UK International Activities
and Funding**

**(Not Horizon Europe related, but thought you might
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UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) Funding

Advancing knowledge,
improving lives, driving
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Arts and
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Biotechnology and
Biological Sciences
Research Council



Economic
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Physical Sciences
Research Council



Innovate
UK



Medical
Research
Council



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Environment
Research Council



Research
England



Science and
Technology
Facilities Council

[UKRI Funding Finder](#)

Innovate UK Global Team: Products and Services

Global Scoping Workshops (GSW)

These workshops bring together UK businesses, research organisations and other stakeholders in specific technology and sector areas to help identify countries offering the best prospects for partnership and collaboration with the UK.

The outputs of the workshop(s) will help to narrow down where Global Expert Missions could be used to scope opportunities in more detail.

Global Expert Missions (GEM)

A group of 6-8 UK experts scopes the innovation opportunities for UK businesses in a specific tech area sector/challenge in a specific country, with the information gathered by the experts then disseminated to UK businesses.

- Three stages –
- Scoping visit
 - Dissemination report
 - Dissemination workshop

Global Business Innovation Programme (GBIP)

Cohort of c. 15 innovative high growth businesses exploring opportunities and building collaborations and partnerships in specific countries and technology and sector areas.

- Programme over 9-12 months with 3 phases –
- Get ready
 - Visit the market
 - Exploit the opportunity

[Further info](#)

Example [GBIP on Health & Medical Technologies – Singapore](#) (Registration closed)

Global Incubator Programme (GIP)

Cohort of c.6-8 innovative high growth businesses building long-term relationships and foundations for future market growth.

In Canada, USA, Singapore and India in specific technology and sector areas.

- Programme over 12-18 months with 4 phases
- Prepare
 - Participate
 - Pursue – 3-6 months in an incubator in country
 - Exploit

[Further info](#)

Global Explorer Programme (GEP)

Global Explorer provides support to help prepare, test or adapt ideas and products, not the actual commercialisation resulting in revenue generation. It is about exploring collaboration and partnerships. Funding is available for up to **70%** of eligible project activities, up to a maximum of **£21,000**. A typical funded project will:

- Build new international partnerships
- Explore & further opportunities to forge international partnerships, accessing new markets through collaboration & research
- Seek to effectively develop strong innovative ideas

[Further info](#)

Bilateral and multilateral R&D + innovation funding programmes

Collaborative R&D grant funding to support projects involving UK businesses + researchers and overseas counterparts, often up to 36 months in specific technology and sector.

Enables the development of innovative products and services of relevance to the UK or partner countries.

Programmes can be bilateral or multilateral, such as through [Eureka](#).



Support UK organisations to access the EU's €95 billion [Horizon Europe](#) R&I Programme through the [UK National Contact Points](#), (newsletter [sign up](#)), [IUK Travel Grants](#) and [IUK Pump Priming Funding](#)



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