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Horizon Europe and Associated Countries

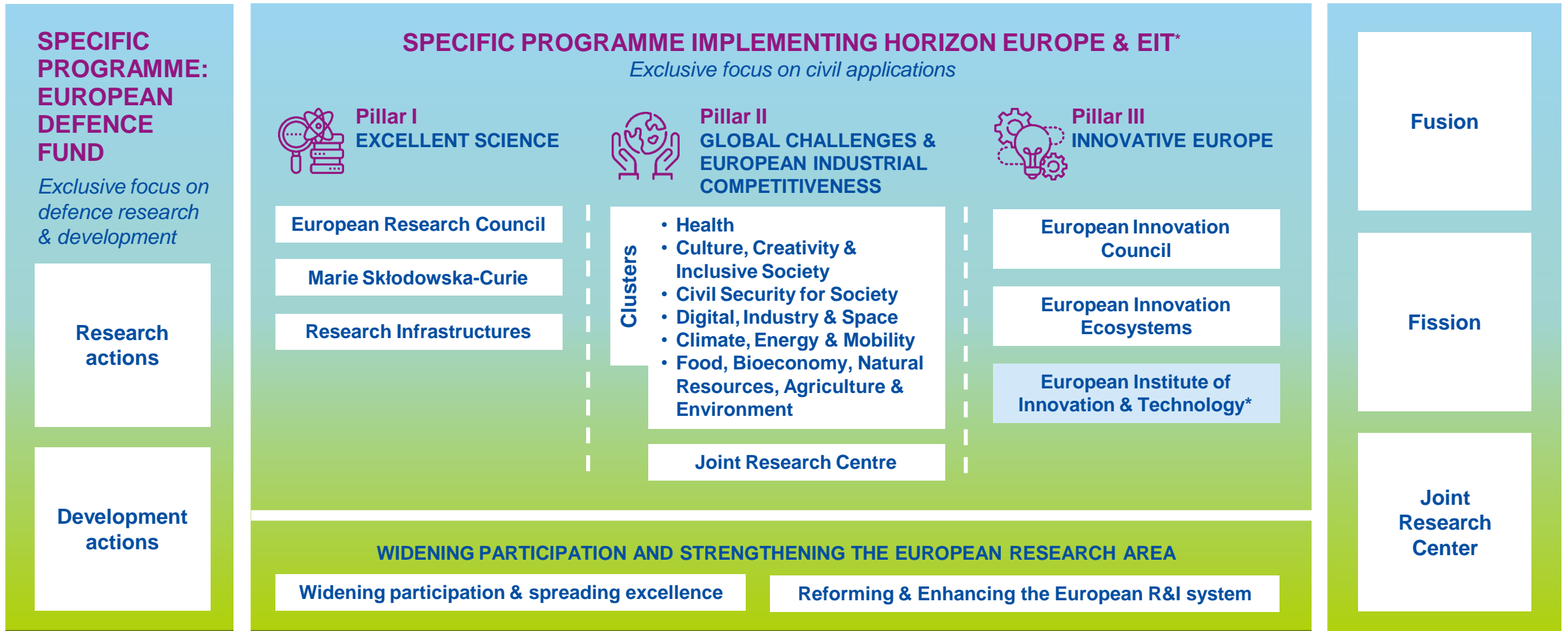
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International Cooperation

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Tackling together global societal challenges; access to the world's best talents, expertise and resources; enhanced supply and demand of innovative solutions

Association to Horizon Europe

- Third countries with good capacity in science, technology and innovation
- Taking into account objective of driving economic growth in Europe through innovation
- Intensified targeted actions
- Strengthened support to multilateral cooperation
- Openness to international participation balanced with the promotion of EU strategic autonomy



International Cooperation: Association

Association to Horizon Europe

- Association to Horizon Europe is the **closest form of cooperation** with non-EU countries, allowing entities of Associated Countries to participate in programme actions **on similar terms with entities of EU Member States**.
- **For the first time**, association is offered **not only to neighbouring countries**, but to **any country in the world with a strong R&I capacity** that share common values.

Horizon Europe sets up four categories of countries eligible for association:

- CATEGORY A – EFTA countries that are members of the European Economic Area (EEA)
- CATEGORY B – Acceding countries, Candidate Countries and potential Candidate Countries
- CATEGORY C – ENP countries (Eastern Partnership – Southern Neighbourhood)
- CATEGORY D – Other third countries and territories that fulfil a set of criteria related to their economic and political system, and their R&I system (CATEGORY D countries)



Benefits of association for a third country

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- Entities of an Associated Country **have similar rights and obligations** as entities of EU Member States, such as being automatically eligible for funding, are eligible to coordinate actions etc.
- **Access to all partnerships** (public-private, public-public, contractual)
- Associated Countries can send observers to the **Programme Committee configurations**
- Possibility to **appoint representatives** to take part in the Joint Research Centre (JRC) Board of Governors
- Benefit from support services, such as the network of National Contact Points (NCPs).



State of the play – association of third countries

Country/ Horizon Europe Regulation (EU) 2021/695 category	Horizon Europe Association Agreements status					
	Exploratory talks (Exp.)	Negotiations ongoing (Ong.)	Negotiations concluded (C)	Signed (S) /Adopted (A)	(PA) Provisional application	(F) = entry into force
(a) EEA/EFTA states						
1 Iceland				A: 24 September 2021		F: 24 September 2021
2 Norway				A: 24 September 2021		F: 24 September 2021
(b) Acceding countries, candidate countries and potential candidate						
3 Albania			C: 6 September 2021	S:10 February 2022		
4 Bosnia and Herzegovina			C: 17 September 2021	S: 22 December 2021	PA: 11 January 2022	
5 Kosovo*			C: 30 July 2021	S: 6 December 2021		F: 24 February 2022
6 Montenegro			C: 6 September 2021	S: 6 December 2021		F:6 December 2021
7 North Macedonia			C: 30 August 2021	S: 6 December 2021	PA: 10 December 2021	
8 Serbia			C: 7 September 2021	S: 6 December 2021	PA: 6 December 2021	
9 Turkey			C: 25 August 2021	S: 27 October 2021		F:18 November 2021
(c) European Neighbourhood Policy countries						
10 Armenia			C:16 September 2021	S: 10 November 2021		F: 11 February 2022
11 Georgia			C: 17 September 2021	S: 7 December 2021	PA: 7 December 2021	F: 1 February 2022
12 Israel			C: 8 October 2021	S: 6 December 2021		F: 6 December 2021
13 Moldova			C: 10 September 2021	S: 27 October 2021	PA: 27 October 2021	F: 16 December 2021
14 Morocco		Ong.				
15 Tunisia			C: 1 October 2021	S: 29 March 2022		
16 Ukraine			C: 31 August 2021	S: 12 October 2021		
(d) Other third countries and territories						
17 Faroe Islands			C: 8 October 2021			
18 United Kingdom						
19 Canada	Closed 6 April 2022					
20 New Zealand	Closed 23 March 2022					
21 South Korea	Ong.					
*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence						

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