HORIZON EUROPE

SPECIFIC PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTING HORIZON EUROPE & EIT*
Exclusive focus on civil applications

Pillar I EXCELLENT SCIENCE
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- Culture, Creativity & Inclusive Society
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- Digital, Industry & Space
- Climate, Energy & Mobility
- Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture & Environment
Joint Research Centre

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European Innovation Council
European Innovation Ecosystems
European Institute of Innovation & Technology*

WIDENING PARTICIPATION AND STRENGTHENING THE EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA
Widening participation & spreading excellence
Reforming & Enhancing the European R&I system

* The European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT) is not part of the Specific Programme

EURATOM
Fusion
Fission
Joint Research Center

European Commission
International Cooperation

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
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

Association to Horizon Europe

- 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

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