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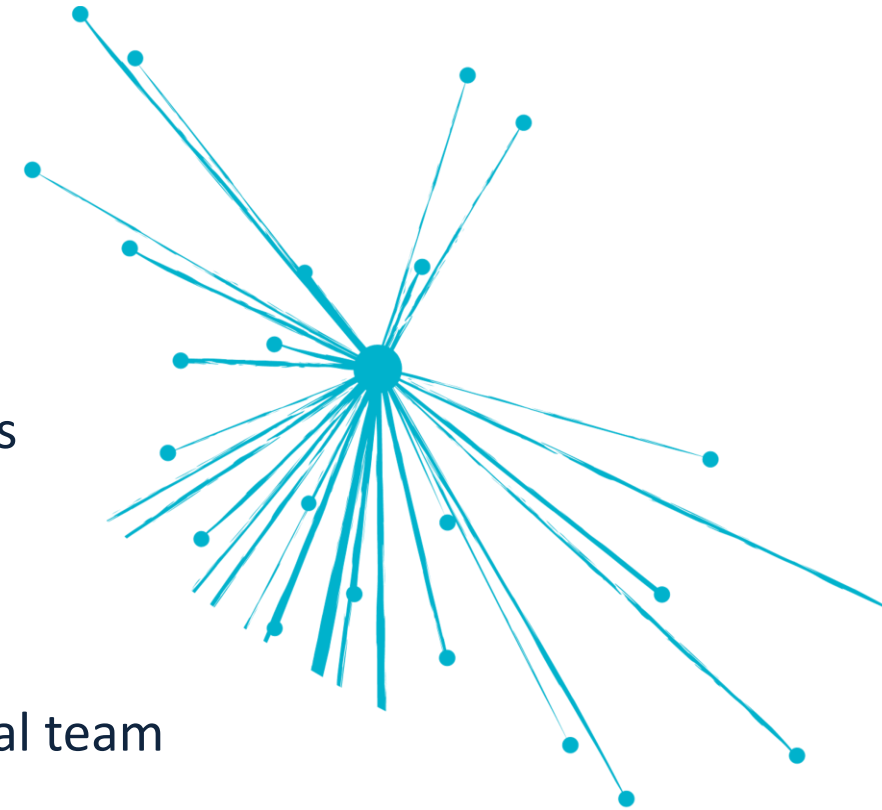
# UK Participation in Horizon Europe

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- We aim to maximise UK participation in Horizon Europe
- We support UK research intensive organisations
- Unique partnership between UKRI and subscribing organisations
- Provide a service to more than 140 subscribing organisations
- A Brussels-based team of advisors
- Part of UK Research and Innovation's (UKRI's) wider International team
- UK National Contact Point for the European Research Council and Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions
- [Factsheet on UK Participation](#)
- Active member of the IGLO Network of Brussels Based RTD Liaison Offices



# UK participation in Horizon Europe

In December 2020, the negotiations on the UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement were concluded

The [announcement](#) sets out the UK's intention to **associate to Horizon Europe**

This includes **full participation in the programme (incl. Missions, European Partnerships, etc.)**, with the exception of the EIC Fund

UK entities can participate in/coordinate projects and receive funding from Horizon Europe, incl. ERC grants

UKRO [website](#) provides latest information on UK participation



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# UK participation in Horizon Europe

[European Commission's Q&A](#) confirms **UK eligibility** to apply:

*“UK entities including universities, research centres, scientists, innovative businesses, industry, etc. can participate in the first calls for proposals of Horizon Europe as soon as they are published on the European Commission’s website.”*

*“...UK applicants are treated as if the UK is an associated country throughout the process, from admissibility and eligibility to evaluation, up until the preparation of grant agreements. However, grant agreements can only be signed if the association has come into force.”*



# Horizon Europe Guarantee

*“A new scheme was announced by UK government on 29 November to guarantee funding for successful applicants to the **first wave of Horizon Europe grant awards** regardless of the outcome of the UK’s efforts to associate to Horizon Europe.”*

*“The guarantee is a **short-term measure** intended to address the delays in the formalisation of the UK’s association to Horizon Europe. ... the government has guaranteed funding for the first wave of eligible, successful applicants to Horizon Europe **if they are unable to sign their grant agreements with the EU.**”*

*“The UK government ... will monitor the situation closely and may consider whether it is appropriate to change the scope of the guarantee, in which case, it will provide updated guidance.”*



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Guaranteed  
funding

for successful  
Horizon Europe  
UK applicants to  
the first calls

# Extensions and eligibility

The UK government [extended the guarantee to a second wave of eligible calls](#) on 15 March and then again on 1 September 2022 to cover [additional Horizon Europe funding opportunities](#).

The guarantee will now be in place to cover **all Horizon Europe calls that close on or before 31 December 2022**, with the majority of grant signature dates expected before the end of August 2023.

Furthermore, the latest extension includes 2023 costs for the European Institute of Innovation and Technology Knowledge and Innovation Community (EIT KICs) activities delivered by UK participants.

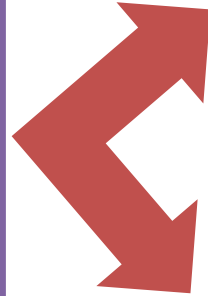


**Where are we now?**



## Association pending

- UK partners please remember to submit beneficiary and request funding,
- The change to Associated Partner takes place only at the GAP phase.



## When Association is finalised

- UK will submit as a beneficiary with EU funding. The UK will remain a beneficiary for lifetime of the project.

## If UK is unable to associate

- We will provide advice on how UK researchers can participate as as Associated Partners with UK funding.
- [UK Gov Transitional measures](#) will come into force



UK applicants should keep applying as beneficiaries  
and request EU budget at the proposal stage



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# UK government transition measures

In case of non-association



## Funding for successful in-flight applications

If the UK does not associate to Horizon Europe, UK applications submitted to funding opportunities that have closed will be assessed by UKRI, should the European Commission no longer carry out the evaluation to ensure the best get funded.

During the delay to association, you should continue to apply as an associated country to be eligible for this funding.



## Funding for Third Country Participation

If the UK does not associate to Horizon Europe, funding will be available for UK applicants to participate in funding opportunities as 'third country' applicants.

This will come into effect at the point the UK is unable to associate.

Further information on how to apply will be provided if the UK is unable to associate.



## If the UK is unable to associate

If the UK is unable to associate to Horizon Europe, the government will introduce a programme of international science, research and innovation collaborations, including immediate measures to stabilise the sector.

For more information, see:

- the government policy paper, [‘Supporting UK R&D and Collaborative Research Beyond European Programmes’ \(GOV.UK\)](#)
- The UKRI blog post from Professor Christopher Smith, [‘UKRI’s International Champion welcomes government publication’](#).

For queries about the transition measures and longer term arrangements, contact [horizoneuropealternatives@ukri.org](mailto:horizoneuropealternatives@ukri.org).

## Immediate Investment in UK Research to Cover EU Shortfall

On 21 November 2022, the UK Government [announced](#) nearly half a billion pounds in research funding to support the UK R&D sector, in response to the ongoing delay to finalise the UK's association to Horizon Europe and Euratom.

These investments will provide targeted support for staff retention and local talent strategies at eligible universities and research organisations, as well as make sure the UK labs remain world-class and at the cutting edge of R&D.

£280 million will be delivered by [UK Research and Innovation](#).



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The entire package includes:

- £30 million for the **Talent and Research Stabilisation Fund**
- £100 million in **Quality-Related (QR) funding for English universities** with additional funding for the Devolved Administrations
- £200 million for **UK Research Infrastructures** including additional funding for the Devolved Administrations
- £42.1 million for the **Fusion Industry Programme**
- £84 million for **JET Operations**



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## UKRO resources available to everyone

- UKRO website on UK participation in EU programmes:  
[https://www.ukro.ac.uk/Pages/eu\\_uk\\_relationship.aspx](https://www.ukro.ac.uk/Pages/eu_uk_relationship.aspx)
- UKRO factsheet on UK participation in EU programmes:  
[https://www.ukro.ac.uk/Documents/UK\\_EU\\_factsheet.pdf](https://www.ukro.ac.uk/Documents/UK_EU_factsheet.pdf)
- UKRO webinar on GAP phase for projects with UK organisations:
  - [Watch the recording](#) (Zoom)
  - [Presentation slides](#)

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**Thank you**

