European Research Funding News provides an overview of EU-related news, developments and opportunities under the following headings:

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This newsletter is just one element of the support available to help you understand the EU funding environment and to provide you with the guidance and resources you need to develop successful H2020 research bids. A fuller introduction to this support is available via the R&IS H2020 webpages [here](#).

**Highlighted Items**

**University of Sheffield amongst strongest Horizon 2020 participants**

EU research funding has been an increasingly important part of the University’s research portfolio, helping us to grow our grant income in an increasingly challenging UK environment. This success is reflected in recent figures that show that the University was ranked 7th for the number of Horizon 2020 projects it has participated in and 9th on the
basis of the value of funding received.

Download UK participation factsheet

'How it all works’ guide to understanding European funding post-Brexit.
This new guide brings together in one place support and guidance from across the University to help you to navigate the current landscape and continue to be successful in securing EU funding opportunities. It includes insights from a number of our successful academics on the benefits of engagement, and describes the dedicated support available to you across our central professional services, from R&IS, Global Engagement and Finance through to faculties and academic departments.
Look out for hard copies in your coffee rooms and other communal departmental spaces over the next few weeks.

Download ‘How it all works’

Commission Launches Horizon 2020 Interim Evaluation Consultation
The European Commission has launched an online public stakeholder consultation which will feed into the Interim Evaluation of Horizon 2020. The consultation seeks to collect information from a wide audience on different aspects of Horizon 2020 implementation. The consultation takes around 20 minutes to complete and will be open until 15 January 2017.
The University will be providing an institutional response but individual researchers are invited to respond too.

Consultation and further information

News and Policy Developments

If you have not already done so, you are strongly encouraged to register with UKRO, the European office of the UK Research Councils. Doing so will allow you to follow the links below and to gain, free of charge, access to a range of subscription-based resources including factsheets, briefings and email alerts (note that this subscriber material must not be copied to external facing web pages or shared beyond UoS). Make the most of this really valuable service - register today.

Draft 2018-2020 Scoping Papers
UKRO has obtained a number of draft scoping papers for Horizon 2020 2018-2020 Work Programmes. As usual, the information provided in this article should be treated as
Update on Science and Technology Select Committees
This article provides a summary of House of Lords and House of Commons Science and Technology Select Committee hearings on Brexit which took place this week. Further information

MSCA - Information Package and Individual Fellowship Information Note Now Available
The European Commission has published an Information Package for Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellows and Information Note for Individual Fellows. Further information

Presentations from Societal Challenge 6 Information Day Available
Presentation slides from SC6 info day that took place on 11 October 2016 are now available on-line. Further information

Tips, Intelligence and Advice

COST action anonymity
Applicants to the COST action scheme must take great care to ensure that the proposers are not identifiable within their proposals. This advice arises from an instance where an application was deemed ineligible because indirect references made to the proposers were judged to be against the rules. The guidance states that “proposals must not contain any direct or indirect reference to people and/or institutions participating in the Network of Proposers (be they Main or Secondary Proposers). This means that proposers and/or institutions’ names should neither be explicitly mentioned, nor identifiable through links to web pages or through unequivocal references to their role and/or participation in existing or ended projects).

Marie Curie Individual Fellowships: Career Restart Route
Applicants to MCIF schemes via the career restart route must not have taken part in any research at all during the 12 month period of inactivity they are claiming makes them eligible to apply via this route. Recent experience shows that working on a research publication or working on a research project part time, even if unpaid, will mean the candidate is ineligible.
Application Deadlines

A calendar of all published H2020 deadlines, including links to full call details, is available here. The below is a reminder of upcoming deadlines for the bottom up schemes under the Excellent Science pillar of H2020 (and hence open to proposals in all areas).

**H2020-MSCA-ITN-2017 Marie Sklodowska-Curie innovative training networks**
This aims to raise excellence and structure research and doctoral training, extending the traditional academic research training setting, incorporating the elements of open science and equipping researchers with the right combination of research-related and transferable competencies. The living allowance annual reference rate for early stage researchers is €37,320. The allowances are subject to country correction coefficients and a funding rate of 100 per cent. Researchers in some categories will also receive a mobility allowance of €600 and a family allowance of €500. The indicative budget for this call is €430 million.
Closing date: 10 Jan 17
Further information University of Sheffield guidance and support

**H2020 ERC-2017-CoG ERC consolidator grants**
The European Commission Horizon 2020: ERC will shortly be inviting proposals for its ERC-2017-CoG ERC consolidator grants. Applications are expected to open 20 October 2016 and close 9 February 2017. The following information is subject to change. These grants support principal investigators who are at a career stage at which they may still be consolidating their own independent research team or programme. Grants are worth up to €2 million over five years, plus an additional €750,000 start up grant. The total budget for this call is €575m, to support an estimated 320 grants.
Closing date: 09 Feb 17
Further information University of Sheffield guidance and support

Events

A list of key training, information and networking events is available here. The below summarises recently published events.

**UK Information Day on Societal Challenge 5 2017 Calls for Proposals**
The Enterprise Europe Network, in partnership with Innovate UK, is organising a National
Information Day on the 2017 Societal Challenge 5 calls for proposals on 23 November.  
Further information

**Info Day 'Innovative by Nature: Responding to Societal Challenges through Nature-Based Solutions and Cultural Heritage'**
The European Commission (DG RTD) and the network of National Contact Points for Societal Challenge 5 (NCPs CARE) are organising an info day and brokerage event on 8 December 2016 on 2017 Horizon 2020 calls related to nature-based solutions and cultural heritage. Further information

**IPR Helpdesk Webinars on IP in MSCA and Life Sciences**
The European IPR Helpdesk is running two webinars on IP matters in the Life Sciences and the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA). Further information

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