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

- Highlighted items
- Other news and policy developments
- Consultations
- Tips, intelligence and advice
- Application deadlines
- Events
- Key contacts

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](#).

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**Highlighted Items**

**Article 50 and Horizon 2020**

The triggering of Article 50 means that the UK and EU have two years to negotiate a withdrawal agreement. The expectation is therefore that the UK will remain a full member of the EU until March 2019. If no agreement is concluded within two years the UK’s membership ends automatically, unless the European Council and the UK decide jointly to extend this period. Although there is some uncertainty for the UK as a whole, for UK universities and their non-UK EU staff, and for UK research and innovation, the following points are worth reiterating:
The UK will remain a full member of the EU throughout the Brexit negotiations.

UK researchers therefore remain eligible to apply for H2020 and other EU funding schemes throughout the period of the Brexit negotiations.

The UK government has agreed to underwrite the funding of any bids submitted during these negotiations and to fund UK participation until the conclusion of the project.

There is no evidence to date that the UK is being disadvantaged during the assessment of proposals.

We are confident there will be funding mechanisms for collaborative research with EU partners post-Brexit, although we don't yet know what form they will take. So we need to maintain, strengthen and grow the volume of our EU research and our relationships with EU partners and so that we are in a strong position to access funding for our research via these new schemes. In essence - we need to maintain the momentum of our EU research.

In the recent UK Government's White Paper research and innovation was the only sector of the UK economy forming one of the 12 principles that will guide the UK during the Brexit negotiations: “The best place for science and innovation: We will welcome agreement to continue to collaborate with our European partners on major science, research and technology initiatives”.

The triggering of Article 50 changes very little in the immediate term; there is no greater uncertainty today about the future of EU research funding than there was yesterday. Therefore it makes sense to carry on applying for EU funding as you have in the past, knowing that any bids funded prior to Brexit will be funded to completion and that, post-Brexit, funding mechanisms for further EU collaborations will be in place.

Answers to the most commonly asked questions can be found on the EU referendum advice page here: https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/eu-advice
EU news page with analysis, comments and blogs from experts across the University can be found at https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/news/eu-referendum

You can also email any questions you have to: eu@sheffield.ac.uk

UKRO FAQs on UK Participation in Horizon 2020
UKRO has produced an FAQ document which reflects current understanding of the UK situation with regards to Horizon 2020 and other funding programmes in research, innovation and higher education.
Would you like to hold a research-development activity in Brussels?
The White Rose Brussels Office could help you to organise and facilitate an activity in Brussels such as:

- A showcase event of your research to policy and decision makers to raise the profile of your research
- Meetings with Commission officials to learn more about European funding
- Activities to develop potential European partnerships

The next deadline for submission of requests for support (for activities held from September 2017 onwards) is Friday 19th May 2017.

Further information and application form available here

HELP! Please let us know what you think of these newsletters
Please let us know what you think of these European Research Funding newsletters. Are they easy to read? Is the content of interest to you? How could they be improved to meet your needs more fully? Please take 2 minutes to give us your feedback.

Short Survey here

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.

€50 Million Additional ERC Funding to Mark 10th Anniversary
Carlos Moedas announced a €50 million increase to ERC funding in H2020 during a speech celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the ERC.

Further Information
ERC Implementing Arrangements and Visiting Fellowships
The ERC encourages the participation of non-EU/EU researchers in ERC projects through the use of both 'Implementing Arrangements' and 'Visiting Fellowships'.

Further Information

Changes to the Societal Challenge 7 Secure Societies 2017 Work Programme

Further Information

Revised European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity Released by ALLEA
A revised European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity was published by the European Federation of Academies of Sciences and Humanities (ALLEA).

Further Information

Presentations Available from Secure Societies Information Day
Presentations from the Secure Societies info day on 6-7 March are now available online.

Further Information

SWAFS Brokerage Event Presentations and Video
Presentation slides and a video from the recent Science with and for Society (SWAFS) 2017 information and brokerage event are available on-line.

Further Information

Moedas' Second Simplification Wave and Future Plans
New internal invoicing unit cost, changes additional remuneration rules, third countries not signing the Grant Agreement, more flexibility for using consultants on Horizon 2020 grants? The Commission introduces new implementation measures.

Further Information

Consultations

Interim Evaluation of Public-Public Partnerships
Contributions are particularly sought from research funders, researchers, industry, entrepreneurs, innovators and all types of organisations that have participated in Horizon 2020 and in calls for proposals published by the Article 185 initiatives in particular. The
Public Consultation for Youth and Young Scientists: Horizon 2020 and Preparing the Future

In the context of the interim evaluation of Horizon 2020, the European Commission is running an on-line Public stakeholder consultation for Youth and Young Scientists - Interim evaluation of Horizon 2020 - Preparing the future. The consultation is open until 18 April 2017.

Consultation on Open Science Policy

The European Commission Expert Group on ‘Rewards under Open Science’ has developed a number of questionnaires on Open Science covering; ‘How do universities and funders ‘reward’ researchers practising Open Science?’ and ‘Which ‘education & skills’ are deemed necessary to practise Open Science?’ The deadline for responses is 15 May 2017.

Tips, Intelligence and Advice

How it all works: Understanding European Research Post-Brexit

Despite the uncertainty about our status when we leave the EU, collaboration with our research partners in Europe will continue to be a key part of our international ambitions. It will be important, therefore, to have a strong Horizon 2020 profile as the government starts to negotiate our future status, both in terms of funding portfolio and the global reach and impact of our research. This guide brings together in one place support and guidance from across the University to help you navigate the current landscape and continue to be successful in securing EU funding.

Fit for Health 2.0 Webinar on Data Management in Horizon 2020

A free webinar on Data Management in Horizon 2020. Information on issues related to data management, data management plan, availability of data and the open research data in H2020
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 ERC-2017-PoC proof of concept grant**

These aim to maximise the value of European Research Council funded research by funding further work to verify the innovation potential of ideas arising from ERC funded projects, and bring them to a pre-demonstration stage where potential commercialisation or societal opportunities have been identified. Grants are worth up to €150,000 each over 18 months, but should normally be completed within 12 months.

Closing date: 25 Apr 17

[Further details](#) University of Sheffield guidance and support

**COMING SOON: H2020 ERC-2017- AdG ERC advanced grants**

The European Commission Horizon 2020: ERC will shortly be inviting proposals for its ERC-2017-AdG ERC advanced grants. The call is expected to open 16 May and close 31 August 2017. The following information is subject to change. These grants support principal investigators at the career stage at which they are already established research leaders with a recognised track record of research achievements. Grants are worth up to €2.5 million over five years, plus an additional start up grant of €1m. The total budget for this call is €567m, to support an estimated 245 grants.

Anticipated closing date: 31 Aug 17

[Further details](#) University of Sheffield guidance and support

**H2020-MSCA-IF-2017 Marie Sklodowska-Curie individual fellowships**

This supports individual, transnational fellowships for promising researchers seeking employment in member states or associated countries, based on an application made jointly by the researcher and host organisation. The indicative budget for this call is €248 million.

Closing date: 14 Sep 17

[Further details](#) University of Sheffield guidance and support
**H2020-FETHPC-2017 proactive – high performance computing**
This call aims to achieve world-class extreme scale computing capabilities in platforms, technologies and applications. Proposals must address various topic related to exascale computing. Each successful proposal is expected to receive between €1 million and €4m although proposals for other amounts will also be considered. The total indicative budget for this call is €44m.
Closing date: 26 Sep 17
Further details

**H2020-FETOPEN-2016-2017 novel ideas for radically new technologies – topic 1**
This aims to support the early stages of joint science and technology research for radically new future technological possibilities. Proposals may receive funding of up to €3 million. The total indicative budget for this call in 2017 is €110.5m.
Closing date: 27 Sep 17
Further details

**H2020-FETOPEN-2016-2017 innovation launchpad – topic 4**
This aims to support the early stages of joint science and technology research for radically new future technological possibilities. Each successful proposal is expected to receive up to €100,000 over 18 months, although proposals for other amounts will also be considered. The total indicative budget for this call is €3 million.
Closing date: 27 Sep 17
Further details

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**Events**

A list of key training, information and networking events is available [here](#). The below summarises recently published events.

**BBI JU - Info Day and Brokerage Event**
The Bio-Based Industries Joint Undertaking (BBI JU) is organising an Info Day and Brokerage Event on 28 April in Brussels to highlight the 2017 BBI JU calls.
Further Information

**eHealth Week 2017**
The coming eHealth Week 2017 will discuss topics such as ‘Cross-border exchange of
personal health data: from policy to practice’ and ‘European Reference Networks: how digital health helps’. The event will take place in Malta on 10-12 May.

European High Performance Computing Summit Week 2017
This event will gather all High Performance Computing (HPC) related European initiatives and actors in a single week. The summit will take place in Barcelona on 15-19 May.

UKRO ERC Proof of Concept Grant Information and Proposal Writing Event
An UKRO ERC Proof of Concept Grant information and proposal writing event will be held on 18 May in London.

UKRO ERC Advanced Grant Information and Proposal Writing Events
UKRO ERC Advanced Grant information and proposal writing events for the 2017 call will be held on 18 May and 24 May 2017.

JPI Urban Europe Event in Brussels – Registration Open
The Joint Programming Initiative (JPI) Urban Europe is holding an event entitled "Engaging for Impact: The next step in urban transition", on 29-30 May in Brussels.

Horizon 2020 Societal Challenge 2 Infoweek including high-level policy events
A week of events covering Horizon 2020 Societal Challenge (SC2) ‘Food security, sustainable agriculture and forestry, marine and maritime and inland water research and the bioeconomy’. An InfoDay on the new SC2 Work Programme for 2018-2020 and a related brokerage day will be complemented by two high level dissemination and policy events and a bioeconomy village highlighting SC2 projects and initiatives. The events will take place in Brussels on 14-17 November 2017

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