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.

Highlighted Items

New partner search service
A new partner search service makes it possible to search organisations already registered in the Participant Portal and taking part in EU funded projects. It will display the following public information for organisations registered on the Participant Portal:
• Areas of research interest
• EU programmes they have been involved in
• Roles on projects (coordinator, partner, third party)
• Organisations with which they most frequently collaborate
• Details of the projects they have been involved in.

A non-exhaustive list of other options for partner searches can be found in the Online Manual.

ERC Starting Grant Information and Proposal Writing Events
The UK Research Office (UKRO) is holding events in London and Edinburgh on 19 and 26 July respectively for researchers who are interested in applying for the 2018 ERC Starting Grant call.

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
• EU-funded project meetings dovetailed with meetings with Commission staff to explore how to take the project further
• Activities to develop potential European partnerships

The next deadline for submission of requests is Friday 10 November 2017.
The request form for support can be downloaded from 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 access, free of charge, a range of resources including fact-sheets, briefings and email alerts (Note that this subscription-based material must not be copied to
external facing web pages or shared beyond UoS). Make the most of this really valuable service - register today.

Interim Evaluation: UKRO summaries
UKRO has produced a number of useful summaries of the main findings from the Interim Evaluation of Horizon 2020. Links to the summaries available so far are below
Societal Challenge 1 Health summary
Societal Challenge 2 Food Security summary
Societal Challenge 3 Energy summary
Societal Challenge 5 Climate summary
Societal Challenge 6 Societies summary

Expert Evaluators Needed for European Innovation Council Project
The European Innovation Council (EIC) has announced that they are seeking a group of expert evaluators with experience in innovation and investment to evaluate its pilot scheme starting in 2017.

New Flagship Initiatives in Research and Innovation between the EU and China
During last week’s summit in Brussels, the EU and China agreed to boost their research and innovation cooperation with a new package of Flagship Initiatives, which will be implemented through Horizon 2020.

FP7 Post-Grant Open Access Pilot Extended
The FP7 Post-Grant Open Access Pilot, run by OpenAIRE, will be extended until end of February 2018. This scheme provides funding to make FP7 project research results Open Access.

New Strategy for Transport Research and Innovation Published
The European Commission has adopted a new ‘Europe on the Move’ strategy, which includes a research and innovation element.

Updates to COST Networking Tools, New President of the COST Association, and Next COST Collection Date
The European Cooperation for Science and Technology (COST) has published an
updated version of its Vademecum. Additionally, a new COST association President has been appointed, and the next COST collection date will be the 7 September 2017.

**Presentation Slides from ERC NCP Events**
Presentation slides are now available from the ERC NCP events regarding the 2017 ERC Advanced Grant and Proof of Concept Grant calls.

**Call for Expressions of Interest for Membership of the Scientific Panels and the Scientific Committee of the European Food Safety Authority**
The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) is looking for scientists who wish to join the Scientific Committee or become a member of one of the Scientific Panels. Deadline 8 September 2017.

**Consultations**

**UKRO MSCA Implementation Survey**
UKRO would like to invite subscribers to complete an online survey on management practices of their Horizon 2020 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions projects. Survey is open until 7 July 2017.

**OpenAIRE Survey on Data Management Plans**
OpenAIRE have opened a survey asking for feedback on the Horizon 2020 template for Data Management Plans.

**Tips, Intelligence and Advice**

**Search for H2020 funding opportunities**
The EU Participant Portal has massively improved its funding search tool which now allows quick and accurate keyword searches. In the 'find a topic' box search on:
Funding scheme (e.g. ERC returns the currently open ERC schemes).
Research topics (e.g. 'energy' returns a number of open calls).
Use the 'select the programme' box to limit your search to different EU funding programmes.
Use the 'status' buttons to limit your results to open, forthcoming or closed calls.
Use the 'sort by' buttons to change the order in which your results are presented.

Note: There are currently a limited number of upcoming opportunities, pending publication of the 2018-2020 work programmes. However you might choose to look at closed calls to get a feel for the search tool and an idea of the types of calls that may be open in your topic areas in due course.

Glossary of EU funding terms
Do you know your Innovation Actions from your Innovative Training Networks? Or your Global Fellowships from your Individual Fellowships? A guide to the most frequently used EU funding terms can be found on the R&IS H2020 webpages here.

Application Deadlines
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). Details and deadlines for other open calls can be found via a keyword search using the search tool here.

H2020 ERC-2017-AdG ERC advanced grants
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. The aim of this activity is to provide long-term funding to support investigators and their research teams to pursue ground breaking, high-gain and high-risk research in a host institution based in an EU member state or associated country.
Closing date: 31 Aug 17
Further details

H2020 ERC-2017-PoC proof of concept grant
These aim to maximise the value of ERC-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. Only principal investigators who have already received an ERC frontier research grant may apply.

Closing date: 5 Sept 17

Further Details

H2020-MSCA-IF-2017 Marie Skłodowska-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 allowances are subject to country correction coefficients and a funding rate of 100 per cent. The indicative budget for this call is €248 million.

Closing date: 14 Sep 17

Further details

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.
Events

As well as being valuable in their own right, information sessions, workshops, brokerage events, conferences and project launches are all great ways to build a network of potential collaborators. The below are a small selection of forthcoming events. But the tools here, here and here will allow you to tailor searches to your own particular interests.

Registration Now Open: Brain Tumour Research Seminar at European Parliament, 27 June 2017
University of Wolverhampton, ERRIN and European Brain Council will host a policy and research seminar on brain related issues.
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Industrial Innovation Information Days 2017 - Save the Date
The European Commission will be organising Information Days on Industrial Innovation in the upcoming NMBP work programme on the 3-4 October 2017.
Continue Reading

FOOD 2030: 2017 Event Save the Date
The European Commission will organise another FOOD 2030 event in Brussels on 16 October 2017.
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Horizon 2020 Societal Challenge 2 Infoweek including high-level policy events
An 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
Further details
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