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
- Tips, intelligence and advice
- Application deadlines
- Events
- Consultations
- 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](#).

**Note:** 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](#).

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**Highlighted Items**

**New R&IS H2020 Website** - R&IS have redeveloped Sheffield's H2020 website to make EU funding easy to understand and funding opportunities easy to find. The new website simplifies H2020 into easy-to-navigate ‘what do you want to do?’ sections. Discover the website [here](#).

**Pre-published 2018-2020 work programmes**
The Commission is currently pre-publishing work programme parts. The following pre-
published and draft work programmes have been made available by the European Commission via the links below. Information and topic descriptions in these documents may not appear in the final work programmes, and new elements may be introduced at a later stage. Nonetheless early engagement with the work programmes is important if you intend to lead or contribute to a bid.

- **Future and Emerging Technologies** (FET)
- **Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions** (including ITNs and Individual Fellowships)
- **Research Infrastructures**
- **Nanotechnologies, Advanced Materials, Biotechnology and Advanced Manufacturing and Processing** (NMBP)
- **Information and Communication Technologies** (ICT)
- **Societal Challenge 2: Food Security**
- **Societal Challenge 4: Smart, Green and Integrated Transport**
- **Societal Challenge 6: Europe in a changing world**

These plus the remaining work programmes will be available [here](#) as they become available.

**UK Government Horizon 2020 Underwrite Q&A**
Q&A document setting out the parameters of what is covered by the Government's Horizon 2020 underwrite guarantee. The Q&A confirms several points including:

- The UK Government guarantees awards where the application is submitted before exit and is subsequently approved. This includes proposals which are informed of their success but, at the point of exit, have not signed a grant agreement, and proposals which have been submitted before exit and that are only informed of their success following exit.

- Two stage application processes are also included in the UK Government's underwrite commitment, provided that the proposal for the first stage of the application is submitted before the UK leaves the EU and that the application is subsequently successful.

Continue reading [here](#)

**News and Policy Developments**

**New Factsheet on ERC Synergy Grants**
UKRO have published a new factsheet on the Portal on the topic of ERC Synergy
Grants. Continue Reading

ERC 2018 Synergy Grant Guide Published
The European Research Council (ERC) has published the Guide for Applicants for the 2018 Synergy call. Continue Reading

ERC 2018 Work Programme Published
The ERC has published its 2018 Work Programme. Continue Reading

Revamped ERC Projects Repository Available On-line
The European Research Council funded projects repository has been updated and is now fully operational. Continue Reading

Tips, Intelligence and Advice

Give yourself the edge - learn how the proposal evaluation process really works
Join the European Commission's database of independent experts. The European Commission appoints independent experts to assist with assignments that include the evaluation of proposals, monitoring of projects, and evaluation of programmes, and design of policy. A number of expert reviewers and panel members at the University have gone on to submit successful applications of their own. Why not follow their example. More information and registration here.

Application Deadlines

A calendar of all published H2020 deadlines, including links to full call details, is available (Change). 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-2018-StG starting grants**
Horizon 2020: Excellent Science
These support principal investigators in starting their own independent research team or programme. Grants are worth up to €2 million each over five years.
Closing date: 17 Oct 17
Further information

**H2020 - ERC-2018-SyG synergy grants**
Horizon 2020: Excellent Science
These enable two to four investigators and their teams to bring together complementary skills, knowledge, and resources in new ways, in order to jointly address ambitious research problems. Grants are worth up to €14 million each over six years.

Closing date: 14 Nov 17

Further information

**H2020 - ERC-2018-PoC proof of concept grants**

Horizon 2020: Excellent Science

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. The total budget is €20 million to fund an estimated 130 projects. Grants are worth up to €150,000 each over up to 18 months.

Closing date: 16 Jan 18

Further information

**H2020 - ERC-2018-CoG consolidator grants**

Horizon 2020: Excellent Science

*** This opportunity will be available soon. The next call is expected to open on 24 October 2017 with a deadline on 15 February 2018. The following information is subject to change. These grants support principal investigators who are at a career stage at which they may be consolidating their own independent research team or programme. Grants are worth up to €2 million each over five years, plus an additional €750,000 start up grant. ***

Closing date: 15 Feb 18

Further information

**H2020 - ERC-2018-AdG advanced grants**

Horizon 2020: Excellent Science

*** This opportunity will be available soon. The next call is expected to open on 17 May and close on 30 August 2018. 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. An estimated 194 grants, each worth up to €2.5 million over five years, are available. ***

Closing date: 30 Aug 18

Further information

**Events**

**H2020 Research Infrastructures Information Days in London and Newcastle**

These events have been organised to inform participants of the upcoming opportunities in

MSCA - ITN Call 2018 Information Events
In its capacity as the UK MSCA National Contact Point, UKRO is organising two ITN information events in October in London and Sheffield. Continue Reading

Information events on 2018-2020 Horizon 2020 Calls for Proposals
These European Commission events will provide information on the content of the calls and will often be combined with dedicated brokerage events to support prospective applicants with finding partners for projects. Further details are available via the links below:

- Energy Challenge
- Climate change
- Health, Demographic Change and Wellbeing
- Food Security info week
- Research infrastructures
- Europe in a changing world

Societal Challenge 2: Food security. UK Information & Brokerage Event on the 2018-20 Work Programme
The UK National Contact Point for Societal Challenge 2 is organising an information and brokerage event on the 2018-20 Work Programme on Tuesday 31 October in London. Continue Reading

Consultations
Public Consultation on Health and Care in the Digital Single Market
The European Commission has launched a public consultation on health and care in the digital single market. Survey open until 12 October 2017. Continue Reading

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