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 Research Services H2020 webpages [here](#).

### Highlighted Items

**UK Participation in Horizon 2020: UK Government Overview with Q&A**

The UK Government has published a document with an overview of the UK’s relationship with Horizon 2020 today. It also contains a Q&A, which clarifies the UK’s eligibility to participate in Horizon 2020.

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News and Policy Developments

UKRO Brexit Factsheet
Updated UKRO Brexit factsheet - reflecting the recent UK Government H2020 Q&A.  
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UK Position Paper on Framework Programme 9 (FP9)
The UK Government has published a position paper for FP9, setting out its view on how the programme could provide the best economic and social benefits to European citizens, and highlighting the UK's ambition for strong future collaboration with the EU in research and innovation.
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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.

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-2018-PoC European Research Council Proof of Concept Grant
Open to existing ERC award holders only, ERC Proof of Concept Grants aim to maximise the value of the excellent research that the ERC funds, by funding further work (i.e. activities which were not scheduled to be funded by the original ERC grant) to verify the innovation potential of ideas arising from ERC funded projects.

**Closing date: 11 September 2018**
Further details [University of Sheffield guidance and support](#)

**H2020-MSCA-IF-2018 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.

**Closing date: 12 September 2018**
Further details [University of Sheffield guidance and support](#)

**H2020-MSCA-COFUND-2018 Co-funding of regional, national and international programmes**
The COFUND scheme aims to stimulate regional, national or international programmes to foster excellence in researchers’ training, mobility and career development, spreading the best practices of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions. COFUND projects can take the form of either Doctoral, or Fellowship programmes.

**Closing date: 27 September 2018**
Further details [University of Sheffield guidance and support](#)

**Forthcoming H2020-MSCA-ITN-2019 Innovative Training Networks**

**Closing date: 15 January 2019**
Innovative Training Networks (ITN) aim to train a new generation of creative, entrepreneurial and innovative Early-Stage Researchers (ESRs). They provide funding to set up pan-European doctoral training programmes with ESRs expected to gain research and transferable skills including an appreciation of different research cultures and environments.

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**MSCA Individual Fellowships 2018 Information Event, Leeds, 16 May 2018**

UKRO, in its capacity as UK National Contact Point for the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, is holding an information event for the Individual Fellowships 2018 call on 16 May in Leeds. There is also an event on 25 April in London.

[Further details](#)

**H2020 Energy (Collaborative) calls: Information session with the UK National Contact Point (NCP), Leeds, 14 May 2018**

An information session on H2020 Societal Challenge Energy calls will take place at the University of Leeds on 14 May 2018. The event is for academics new to or experiences with EU funding, interested or planning to apply for H2020 energy-related collaborative calls.

[Further details](#)

**MSCA COFUND 2018 Information Event, London, 17 May 2018**

In its capacity as National Contact Point for the Horizon 2020 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA), UKRO have arranged an information event for organisations and individuals interested in applying to the 2018 MSCA Co-funding of regional, national and international programmes (COFUND) [call for proposals](#).

[Further details](#)

**UKRO Conference 2018, Southampton, 21-22 June 2018**

Registration is now open for the UKRO Conference 2018, which will be held from 21 to 22 June 2018 at the National Oceanography Centre in Southampton.

[Further details](#)

**Info day on Societal Challenge 2 call 2019, Brussels, 25-26 June 2018**
Come and learn about the Societal Challenge 2 calls 2019 and get some practical information on how to successfully apply to the upcoming calls for proposals. The Info Day will take place in the Charlemagne building on 25 June and the brokerage event will be on 26 June in the Borschette building of the Commission.

Further details

**EuroScience Open Forum, Toulouse, France, 9-14 July 2018**

ESOF (EuroScience Open Forum) is the largest interdisciplinary science meeting in Europe. It is dedicated to scientific research and innovation and offers a unique framework for interaction and debate for scientists, innovators, policy makers, business people, media and the general public.

Further details

**Austrian Presidency Conference on Impact of SSH for European Research Agenda, Vienna, 28-19 November 2018**

On 28-29 November 2018 in Vienna, the Austrian EU Council Presidency will host a conference entitled 'Impact of Social Sciences and Humanities for a European Research Agenda – Valuation of SSH in mission-oriented research'. The event targets researchers from SSH and arts-based research as well as researchers from other disciplinary backgrounds, including policy-makers, public research funding agencies, representatives from business and civil society organisations.

Further details

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