European Research Funding News

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
- Wonky stuff
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- 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 Research Services H2020 webpages here.

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**Highlighted Items**

**Government guarantees EU funding in case of ‘no-deal’ Brexit**
The UK government has announced that HM Treasury has extended the underwrite guarantee funding until the end of 2020, to enable UK organisations to continue to benefit from funding post-Exit even in a no deal scenario. [Continue Reading]

*****For those working on Marie Curie Individual Fellowship applications*****

**MSCA: Net4Mobility+ Handbooks for Prospective IF and COFUND Applicants**
The EU-funded Net4Mobility+ Network of National Contact Points for the Marie Sklodowska-Curie Actions has prepared three handbooks with tips on how to prepare a successful application to the 2018 Individual Fellowships and COFUND Calls. [Continue Reading]

**MSCA: Video from ‘Winning Marie Curie with Open Science’ Webinar**
A video recording from the recent Open Science CLINIQUE Webinar: Winning Marie Curie with Open Science, relevant to the MSCA Individual Fellowships 2018 call, is now available on-line.

Slides Available from MSCA NCP IF Event in Leeds
Presentation slides are available from the UKRO information event on the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Individual Fellowships 2018 call, which took place in Leeds.

******For those working on ERC Advanced Grant applications******

Summary of Session on How to be Successful in the ERC Evaluations?
How to win the European Research Council's grants? Participants of the UKRO Conference got first hand advice from the ERC representative, evaluators and an experienced applicant.

Common Issues with ERC Eligibility Extensions
Additional Information on ERC Starting and Consolidator Grant Eligibility Extensions.

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.

New versions of 2018-20 work programmes available
New versions of the most 2018-20 work programmes were published on 24 July 2018 are available here. For individuals familiar with the work programmes, a document summarising the key changes can be found by clicking on the right arrow (>) next to the work programme title. Otherwise now might be a good time to get acquainted.

Horizon 2020: Update on Societal Challenge 2 - Food
With the 2019 Horizon 2020 Work Programme update coming soon, this article provides information specifically on the Societal Challenge 2 (Food) Work Programme part.

Overview of International Visa Systems for Researchers Available
Together Science Can has published an analysis of visa systems in 22 countries applicable to researchers moving internationally.

Did you know: Co-funding Mechanism for Horizon 2020
Brazil has extended its co-funding mechanism for Horizon 2020 from several states to the entire country.
**Tips, Intelligence and Advice**

*Acting as an evaluator or reviewer is a great way to understand more fully how EU research funding decisions are also represent a great networking opportunity. Evaluators and reviewers frequently go on to win awards of their own on the basis of the insights they have gained. See below two such opportunities.*

**EIT is Looking for External Evaluators and Reviewers**
The European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) is continuously looking for external experts to evaluate, monitor and review the EIT innovation model and its Innovation Communities. [Continue Reading](#)

**Update on Horizon 2020 Evaluators**
Some recent stats and how to sign up. [Continue Reading](#)

**Participant Portal Partner Search**
If you want to find experienced partners, who already have ongoing projects, or if you want to browse in the database of registered organisations, visit the [Partner Search page](#) of the Participant Portal. You can search by keyword/geographical area/funding type, etc. Search results include complete organisation profiles with lists of funded projects and the possibility to contact representatives.

**Wonky Stuff**

**Updated Annotated Model Grant Agreement (v.5.0) Published**
The European Commission has published an updated version of the Annotated Model Grant Agreement (v5.0, 3 July 2018). UKRO summary of Changes [here](#). New AMGA [here](#).

**Third Monitoring Report on Integration of Social Sciences and Humanities in Horizon 2020 Published**
The European Commission has published its Third Monitoring report on SSH-flagged projects funded in 2016 under the Societal Challenges and Industrial Leadership. [Continue Reading](#)

**What Happens Now? - From Horizon 2020 to Horizon Europe**
Timeline and main milestones for the remaining Horizon 2020 Work Programme development - and the Horizon Europe legislative process - explained. [Continue Reading](#)

**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
ERC-2018-AdG advanced grants
These 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 each, over five years, with an additional start up grant of €1m available.
Closing date: 30 Aug 18
More details and application

ERC-2018-PoC proof of concept grants
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: 11 Sep 18
More details and application

H2020-MSCA-IF-2018 Marie Sklodowska-Curie individual fellowships
This supports individual, trans-national fellowships for promising researchers seeking employment in EU member states or Horizon 2020 associated countries. The living allowance annual reference rate for experienced researchers is €58,560.
Closing date: 12 Sep 18
More details and application

H2020-MSCA-COFUND-2018 Marie Sklodowska-Curie co-funding of regional, national and international programmes
This aims to stimulate regional, national or international programmes to foster excellence in researchers' training, mobility and career development. Grants are worth up to €10 million.
Closing date: 27 Sep 18
More details and application

This supports projects that aim to turn results from FET-funded projects into genuine societal or economic innovations. Each successful proposal is expected to receive up to €100,000 over 18 months. The total indicative budget is worth €8.2 million.
Closing date: 16 Oct 18
More details and application

H2020-ITN-2019 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 €39,240.
Closing date: 15 Jan 19
More details and application
Save the Date - Societal Challenge 6 Information Day
Information and brokerage event for the 2019 Societal Challenge 6 call for proposals will take place on 30 October in Warsaw. Continue Reading

EIT Digital Annual Conference: Driving global impact with European digital innovations
The leading European open innovation organisation EIT Digital will host its third annual Conference showcasing EIT Digital's vision and achievements about shaping digitalization in Europe. The EIT Digital Conference will be held in Brussels, at The EGG, on 11 September, 2018. Continue Reading

Horizon 2020 Energy virtual info day
The H2020 Energy virtual info day will take place on Thursday, 13 September 2018. The event will cover the upcoming Horizon 2020 calls for funding in the areas of: Renewable Energy Sources, Carbon Capture and Storage, Batteries. In addition participants will have the opportunity to learn about Horizon energy prizes, evaluation process and how to apply for funding. The event will be webstreamed. In order to receive the link to the webstreaming of the event, participants will need to register. Registrations will open on 3 September 2018. Continue Reading

Security Research Event 2018
Challenges related to the theme of the event will be addressed; An Exhibition that will … This year the security research event will take place on Wednesday 5 December and Thursday December 2018. Continue Reading

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