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](#).

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### Highlighted Items

**UKRO visit on 16 May 2019**

Sarah Ashwood, our UKRO European Advisor, will be visiting the University to provide an update on European Research Funding. As you would expect, this will include an update on developments relating to Brexit and the implications for future access to Horizon 2020 and, thereafter, Horizon Europe (the successor to Horizon 2020). The agenda will be confirmed in due course, in light of ongoing Brexit developments but is anticipated to cover:

- Brexit update
- Post Brexit funding scenarios and routes to participation
- Horizon Europe: background, drivers and how to engage

Spaces are limited. Please complete the form [here](#) to book your place. We will confirm places in due course.
The recently agreed extension means that UK researchers will continue to be eligible to apply for and receive Horizon 2020 funding until 31 October 2019. Further, all UK applicants who are successful with bids submitted prior to 31 October 2019 will be covered by the [UK government underwrite](#).

**Brexit: Participation of Organisations from Third Countries in Horizon 2020 Projects**

‘Third country’ status is a default status in Horizon 2020 and applies to countries that are neither EU Member States nor Associated Countries. This means that, even if the UK were to leave the EU without a deal at the end of October 2019, the UK Government underwrite would cover the UK participation (albeit as a Third Country) in projects awarded from Brexit day to their completion. [Continue Reading](#)

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**Horizon Europe: Draft Horizon Europe Framework Programme**

The Council of the European Union has agreed the draft structure of the Horizon Europe Framework Programme. This contains the areas of intervention for each of the Global Challenges. It is well worth a look to see where your research area will sit within the proposed structure. [Continue Reading](#)

**Horizon Europe: Update on Missions with Horizon Europe**

Under Horizon Europe, the Commission will launch new cross-cutting ‘Missions’ with bold, ambitious goals and strong European added value to tackle issues that affect our daily lives. Five very broad mission areas have so far been identified: climate, cancer, water, cities/carbon neutral cities and soil/food.

These Missions will be governed by Missions Boards, who will define the Mission, objectives, help design timelines and calls and monitoring. Each Mission Board will be composed of a maximum of 15 independent high-level individuals with broad expertise, including where appropriate SSH experts, from across Europe and beyond, including relevant end-users. A call for Mission Board members is expected soon, with interviews and selection between June and September’. Watch this space if interested in participating.

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**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](#).

**Horizon 2020: Update on Societal Challenge 5 - Climate**

This article provides an update on the Societal Challenge 5 ‘Climate Action, Environment, Resource Efficiency and Raw Materials’ part of Horizon 2020. It also provides an overview of other research-related activity in this area in last two months. [Continue Reading](#)
This article provides an update on the Societal Challenge 1 (SC1) part of Horizon 2020, before the publication of the 2020 Work Programme later this year, as well as on other health research-related activities in the last two months. Continue Reading

Horizon 2020: Update on ICT Under LEIT
This article provides an update on the Information and Communication Technologies - Leadership in Enabling and Industrial Technologies (ICT-LEIT) part of Horizon 2020, before the publication of the 2020 work programme in the summer of 2019. Continue Reading

Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation - Updated 2020 Work Programme
UKRO has obtained an updated version of the draft 2020 Work Programme part for Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation. You can access the updated work programme here but this must not be shared beyond the University of Sheffield.

Societal Challenge 6 - Draft 2020 Work Programme
UKRO has obtained a draft version of the 2020 Work Programme for Societal Challenge 6 ‘Europe in a changing world – inclusive, innovative and reflective societies’. You can access the draft work programme here but this must not be shared beyond the University of Sheffield.

Tips, Intelligence and Advice

Register as an expert
The European Union Institutions appoint external experts to assist in the evaluation of grant applications, projects and tenders, and to provide opinions and advice in specific cases. Doing so is a great way to understand more fully how these processes work and what reviewers are really looking for - clearly useful information when developing your own proposals. Register here.
Even if you don’t register it is well worth looking at the Experts Briefing Slides here – to understand the role, responsibilities, remit and modus operandi of appointed experts

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.

Learn about Public-Public Partnerships (P2Ps)
Research and innovation partnerships were introduced to develop the European Research Area (ERA), with the aim of overcoming fragmentation and duplication, enhancing competitiveness and innovation and addressing global and European challenges more effectively. There are a wide range of different joint programming instruments and initiatives including Member-State-led initiatives, instruments strongly supported by the European Commission and Horizon 2020, partnerships among public agencies and alliances between
**Application Deadlines**

Search for open and forthcoming and closed calls by keyword or programme [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).

**Horizon Impact Award DEE-Prize-2019**
Types of action: Recognition Prize | Programme: Horizon 2020  
Deadline model: single-stage  
Deadline date: 28 May 2019 17:00:00 Brussels time

**FET Proactive: emerging paradigms and communities FETPROACT-EIC-05-2019**
Types of action: Research and Innovation action | Programme: Horizon 2020  
Deadline model: single-stage  
Deadline date: 03 September 2019 17:00:00 Brussels time

**EIC Transition to Innovation Activities FETPROACT-EIC-06-2019**
Types of action: Research and Innovation action | Programme: Horizon 2020  
Deadline model: single-stage  
Deadline date: 03 September 2019 17:00:00 Brussels time

**Individual Fellowships MSCA-IF-2019**
Types of action: Mobility Fellowships | Programme: Horizon 2020  
Deadline model: single-stage  
Deadline date: 11 September 2019 17:00:00 Brussels time

**ERC Proof of Concept Grant ERC-2019-POC**
Types of action: ERC Proof of Concept Lump Sum Pilot | Programme: Horizon 2020  
Deadline model: multiple cut-off  
Deadline dates: 25 April 2019 17:00:00 Brussels time; 19 September 2019 17:00:00 Brussels time

**Design Studies INFRADEV-01-2019-2020**
Types of action: Research and Innovation action | Programme: Horizon 2020  
Opening date: 25 July 2019  
Deadline model: single-stage  
Deadline date: 12 November 2019 17:00:00 Brussels time

Types of action: Research and Innovation action | Programme: Horizon 2020  
Deadline model: multiple cut-off  
Deadline dates: 18 September 2019 17:00:00 Brussels time; 13 May 2020 17:00:00 Brussels time

**FET Innovation Launchpad FETOPEN-03-2018-2019-2020**
Deadline dates: 08 October 2019 17:00:00 Brussels time; 14 October 2020 17:00:00 Brussels time

Events

Registration is not yet open for the following events – but suggest you save the date if interested with a view to registering in due course.

- **Societal Challenge 1 Info Day and Health Partnering Day 2019** – 3-4 July 2019 in Brussels
- **Energy Info Days** – 25-27 June 2019 in Brussels
- **Societal Challenge 2 Info Day 2020 and brokerage event** – 3-4 July 2019 in Brussels
- **ICT Proposers' Day 2019** – 19-20 September 2019 in Helsinki

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