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# Horizon 2020 Work Programme for Research & Innovation 2018-2020

Sources of information  
on Horizon 2020  
and other R&I programmes

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# 1. The Participant Portal: the overall source of information

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The screenshot shows the 'Home Page' of the European Commission's Research & Innovation Participant Portal. The page features a navigation bar with the European Commission logo and the text 'RESEARCH & INNOVATION Participant Portal'. Below the navigation bar, there is a search bar and a 'Home' button. The main content area is titled 'Home Page' and includes a section for 'On this site you can find and access funding for projects under the following EU programmes:' followed by a list of programmes: '2014-2020 Horizon 2020 - research and innovation framework programme', '2007-2013 7th research framework programme (FP7) and Competitiveness & Innovation Programme (CIP)', and '3rd Health Programme, Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, Consumer Programme, COSME, Internal Security Fund (Justice, Internal Security Fund Police, Justice Programme, Allocation of Asylum and Asylum Programme, Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme and Research Fund for Food & Rural'. Below this, there are two columns of links for 'Non-registered users' and 'Registered users'. The 'Non-registered users' column includes links for 'search for funding', 'read the Horizon On-line Manual & download the best documents', 'check if an organisation is already registered', and 'contact our support services or check our FAQs'. The 'Registered users' column includes links for 'submit your proposal', 'sign the grant', 'manage your project (budget, its lifecycle)', and 'receive expert advice from the Commission'. At the bottom of the page, there is a row of six icons representing different services: 'WHAT'S NEW?', 'FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES', 'HOW TO PARTICIPATE', 'WORK AS AN EXPERT', 'MY PERSONAL AREA', and 'INFORMATION AND SUPPORT'. The page number '4' and the European Commission logo are visible in the bottom right corner.

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## The service of the Participant Portal



EU Login is NOT needed!

Non-registered users

- Search for funding
- Read the H2020 Online Manual & download the legal documents
- Check if an organisation is already registered
- Contact our support services or check our FAQs



EU Login is needed!

Registered users

- Submit your proposal
- Sign the grant
- Manage your project throughout its lifecycle
- Register as expert advising the Commission

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## How to get access to the Participant Portal?

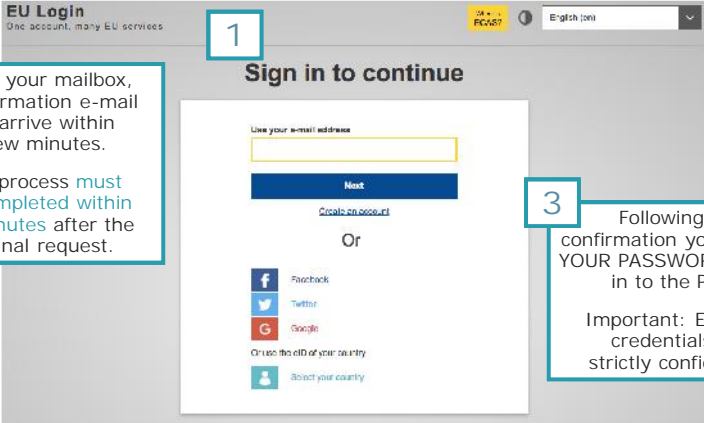
The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Participant Portal. A red arrow points to the 'Participant Portal' link in the top right corner. Below the navigation bar, there is a 'Horizon 2020 Funding' banner with a list of EU programs. Below the banner, there are two columns of user actions: 'Non-registered users' and 'Registered users'. At the bottom of the page, there are six icons representing different sections: 'WHAT'S NEW?', 'FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES', 'HOW TO PARTICIPATE', 'WORK AS AN EXPERT', 'MY PERSONAL AREA', and 'INFORMATION AND SUPPORT'.

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/home.html>

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## EU Login: how to register and log in?




**1** Sign in to continue


**2** Check your mailbox, a confirmation e-mail will arrive within a few minutes.  
This process must be completed within 90 minutes after the original request.

**3** Following the confirmation you can SET YOUR PASSWORD and log in to the Portal  
Important: EU Login credentials are strictly confidential!

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## 2. Search for calls in the Participant Portal



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## How to search for calls in the Participant Portal

- The specific areas that will be funded are announced in the Work Programme through calls for proposals
- All calls can be found in the [Participant Portal](#)
- Each call gives you specific information on the questions that are to be addressed in a proposal
- Make sure your proposal fully fits the call description and topics within the Work Programme

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Participant Portal

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/home.html>

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## How to search for calls in the Participant Portal

- a) By area of interest
- b) By keyword
- c) By Horizon 2020 priority areas



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## a) By area of interest



Horizon 2020 basic website  
<https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/>

Agriculture & Forestry | Aquatic Resources | Bio-based Industries  
Biotechnology | Energy | Environment & Climate Action | Food & Healthy Diet  
Funding Researchers | Health | ICT Research & Innovation  
International Cooperation | Key Enabling Technologies | Partnerships with  
Industry and Member States | Raw Materials | Research Infrastructures |  
Security | SMEs | Social Sciences & Humanities | Society | Space | Transport

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## b) By keyword

EU Programmes 2014-2020

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Keyword Search: **Asia** SEARCH

If you don't find your topic, you can also use the **free text search**.

Programme:  H2020  REFS  COSME  3rd Health Programme  
 Consumer Programme  Justice Programme  Promotion of Agricultural Products

Status:  Forthcoming  Open  Closed

Sort by:  (Planned) opening date  Deadline  Topic title  Topic identifier

Topic: **ENG-GLOBALLY-06-2017: The Asia-Pacific as a strategic region for Europe** **Forthcoming**

Publication dates: 14 October 2015

Types of action: F1A Research and Innovation action  
single-stage

Opening date: 04 October 2016 Deadline: 02 February 2017 17:00:00  
Time zone: (Brussels time)

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### c) By Horizon 2020 priority areas

EU Programmes 2014-2020

Search Topics

Updates

Calls

**H2020**

Research Fund for Coal & Steel

3rd Health Programme

Promotion of Agricultural Products

## Calls for Proposals

Horizon 2020

- Excellent Science**
  - European Research Council (ERC)
  - Future and Emerging Technologies (FET)
  - Marie-Sklodowska-Curie Actions
  - Research Infrastructures
- Industrial Leadership**
  - Leadership in enabling and industrial technologies (LEIT)
    - Information and Communication Technologies

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### c) By Horizon 2020 priority areas

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Participant Portal

## Calls for Proposals

Horizon 2020

Advanced and open to the public, subject to the rules of the Horizon 2020

- Excellent Science**
  - European Research Council (ERC)
  - Future and Emerging Technologies (FET)
  - Marie-Sklodowska-Curie Actions
  - Research Infrastructures
- Industrial Leadership**
  - Leadership in enabling and industrial technologies (LEIT)
    - Information and Communication Technologies

Status:  Calls with forthcoming topics  Calls with open topics  Calls with only closed topics

Sort by:  Call title  Call identifier  Publication date Filter x call

<b>Special Challenge: Space Key-Enabling Call for Proposals</b> Publication date: 11 October 2017	<b>Special Challenge: Blue Growth</b> Publication date: 11 October 2017	<b>Special Challenge: Transatlantic Fibre-optic Networks</b> Publication date: 07 October 2017
<b>Special Challenge: Space Key-Enabling Call for Proposals</b> Publication date: 11 October 2017	<b>Special Challenge: Blue Growth</b> Publication date: 11 October 2017	<b>Special Challenge: Transatlantic Fibre-optic Networks</b> Publication date: 07 October 2017
<b>Special Challenge: Space Key-Enabling Call for Proposals</b> Publication date: 11 October 2017	<b>Special Challenge: Blue Growth</b> Publication date: 11 October 2017	<b>Special Challenge: Transatlantic Fibre-optic Networks</b> Publication date: 07 October 2017

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# Advanced search for topics

## Calls for Proposals

Horizon 2020

Advanced search for topics  
Calls for tenders on TED

Filter International Cooperation

159 results

Topic ID	Topic Title	Deadline	Status
SC7-01-2018-00001	SC7-01-2018-00001: Research and innovation in the field of...	15 September 2018	Open
SC7-01-2018-00002	SC7-01-2018-00002: Research and innovation in the field of...	15 September 2018	Open

# I identify your topic!

Topic ID	Topic Title	Publication Date	Types of Action	Deadline Model	Opening Date	Deadline	Time Zone
SC7-11-2018-00189	SC7-11-2018-00189: Anti-microbials and animal production	27 October 2017	RIA Research and Innovation action	Two stage	21 October 2017	13 February 2018 17:00:00 15 September 2018 17:00:00	Time Zone : (Brussels time)
SC7-05-2018-00189-2020	SC7-05-2018-00189-2020: New and emerging risks to plant health	27 October 2017	RIA Research and Innovation action	Two stage	21 October 2017	13 February 2018 17:00:00 15 September 2018 17:00:00	Time Zone : (Brussels time)
SC7-14-2018-00189	SC7-14-2018-00189: International network to promote cultural heritage innovation and diplomacy	27 October 2017	RIA Research and Innovation action	Single stage	27 November 2017	27 February 2018 17:00:00	Time Zone : (Brussels time)
SC7-17-2018-00189	SC7-17-2018-00189: Towards operational forecasting of earthquakes and early warning capacity for more resilient societies	27 October 2017	RIA Research and Innovation action	Two stage	27 November 2017	27 February 2018 17:00:00 04 September 2018 17:00:00	Time Zone : (Brussels time)
SC7-13-2018-00189	SC7-13-2018-00189: Reinforcing international cooperation on sustainable urbanization: nature-based solutions for restoration and rehabilitation of urban ecosystems	27 October 2017	RIA Research and Innovation action	Two stage	27 November 2017	27 February 2018 17:00:00 04 September 2018 17:00:00	Time Zone : (Brussels time)



## Topic description – conditions and documents

The screenshot displays the 'RESEARCH & INNOVATION Participant Portal' interface. The main content area shows a topic description for 'TOPIC : International network to promote cultural heritage innovation and diplomacy'. Key details include:

- Topic Identifier:** SC2-10-2018
- Publication date:** 07 November 2017
- Type of action:** Co-fundation and support action
- Deadline:** 27 February 2019 14:00:00
- Opening date:** 07 November 2017
- Time zone:** (UTC+00:00)

The 'Topic Description' section includes a 'Specific Challenge' and a detailed text describing the goal of the network. A 'Call' section provides further details about the funding scheme, including the 'Horizon 2020' logo and the 'Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions' logo.

At the bottom right of the screenshot, the number '17' and the European Commission logo are visible.

## Matching exercise

After a clear formulation of the project idea, a matching exercise with the potential open or forthcoming selected topic needs to be executed from your side.

- Does your idea have a significant impact (almost) identical to the expected impact of the topic?
- Does your idea tackle the challenge described in the topic description?
- Actions foreseen from your side are similar to the ones described in the topic? Do you have a common understanding in terms of costs and time with the topic?

### 3. Topics flagged for International Cooperation?



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### How to identify topics flagged for International Cooperation?

- In some cases, topics in the Work Programme encourage International Cooperation and state explicitly that 'this will be positively considered during the evaluation of proposals'.
- International Cooperation is a cross-cutting priority and included in almost all parts of Horizon 2020
- All flagged topics are defined as such in the Participant Portal

- Further information about international cooperation:  
[H2020 online manual – International Cooperation](http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/docs/h2020-funding-guide/cross-cutting-issues/international-cooperation_en.htm)

[http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/docs/h2020-funding-guide/cross-cutting-issues/international-cooperation\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/docs/h2020-funding-guide/cross-cutting-issues/international-cooperation_en.htm)



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## Steps for finding calls targeting non-European countries

Step 1: Go to Participant Portal

RESEARCH & INNOVATION  
Participant Portal <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/home.html>

Step 2: Click on "Funding Opportunities"

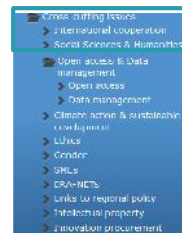


## Finding calls targeting non-European countries

Step 3: Click on "H2020 Online Manual"



Step 4: Scroll down to "Cross-cutting issues"



Step 5: Click on "International Cooperation"



## Finding calls targeting non-European countries

Step 6: Click on "International Cooperation topic page"

### International cooperation "Open to the world"

Horizon 2020 is **Open to the World**. This means that participants from all over the world, regardless of their place of establishment or residence, can participate in most of the calls of Horizon 2020. Furthermore, in many cases, the fund at least partly the participation of the international partners (see below).

#### Encouraging International Cooperation

In addition to this general openness of most Horizon 2020 calls to non-EU researchers, many calls particularly encourage cooperation with non-EU partners. All calls are published in bi-annual 'Work Programmes' and can be found in the [International cooperation topic page](#).

Horizon 2020 offers opportunities for

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## Finding calls targeting non-European countries

Step 7: You have found your Topics for international cooperation!

Topics for international cooperation

H2020 ONLINE MANUAL

International cooperation has always been a key feature of the scientific endeavour. In a rapidly evolving global context, Research and Innovation are increasingly linked internationally, demanding new forms of cooperation.

Horizon 2020 is **open to the world**, allowing European researchers to cooperate with their counterparts around the world in H2020 projects on any topic. In addition, in some parts of Horizon 2020, topics have been flagged as being particularly suitable for international cooperation and consortia are encouraged to include non-EU partners.

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results

Status  Forthcoming  Open  Closed

Sort by  (Planned) opening date  Deadline  Topic title  Topic identifier

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## 4. Working with the right documents

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### Before you start ...key documents

#### Participant Portal

- Work Programme: background, topics and budgets
- General annexes to the general Work Programme: list of countries, eligibility and admissibility conditions, evaluation criteria and procedure, scoring and thresholds, etc.
- Submission forms and templates: essential forms and guides to draw up and submit your proposal
- Guide to the submission and evaluation process



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## Working with the right documents

### [Annotated Model Grant Agreement](#)

- Eligible costs
- Management of IPR
- Open Access, Ethics
- Many examples and best practice solutions



### [Desca Model Consortium Agreement](#)

- Governance Structure of the project
- Dissemination and access rights to results
- Version with „elucidation notes“ and explanations available



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## Working with the right documents



### Participant Portal

- Ethics guide, Open Access guide
- Guide for proposal submission and evaluation
- Project reporting templates
- Check list for Consortium agreement
- H2020 online Manual



### Official EU website

- Strategic/political background documents

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## Where to find the relevant documents?

**Topic conditions and documents**

1. Eligible countries defined in [Article 13](#) of the Work Programme. A number of non-EU's countries are eligible to participate in Horizon 2020 projects. Specific provisions for [eligible non-EU countries](#) are described in the Online Manual.

2. A **legality and admissibility conditions** section in [Annex II](#) and [Annex I](#) of the Work Programme.

Proposed **usage limits and layout** are set out in Part B of the proposed template in the submission system below.

3. **Evaluations:**

- Evaluation criteria, **rating and thresholds** are described in [Annex I](#) of the Work Programme.
- **Submission and evaluation processes** are described in the Online Manual.

**Specific evaluation procedure apply to this topic:**

licants will be awarded to proposals according to the ranking list. However in order to ensure a balanced portfolio of approved actions, at least the highest-ranked proposal per sub-theme will be funded provided that it obtains a threshold.

4. **Indicative time for evaluation and grant agreements:**

Information on the outcome of evaluation (single stage call): maximum 8 months from the deadline for submission.

Signatures of grant agreements maximum 3 months from the deadline for submission.

5. **Proposal templates, evaluation forms and model grant agreements (MGA):**

**Coordination and Support Action:**

Model grant agreements for **Coordination and Support Action**

Proposal templates are available after entering the submission link.

[Access evaluation form](#)

[Current MGA](#) | [MGA](#) | [Model grant agreement](#)

[Associated topic categories](#)

## Specific topic description



## How to participate

(A-Z) [Sitemap](#) [About the site](#) [Contact](#) [Legal Notice](#) | [English](#)

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MY AREA | HOME | FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES | HOW TO PARTICIPATE | EXPERTS | SUPPORT

My Organisation(s)  
My Proposal(s)  
My Project(s)  
My Notification(s)  
My Expert Area

**Horizon 2020 Funding**  
Starting from 1/1/2024

On this site you can find and secure **funding** for research & innovation projects under the following EU programmes:

- 2014-2020 Horizon 2020 - research and innovation framework programme
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WHAT'S NEW? | FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES | HOW TO PARTICIPATE | WORK AS AN EXPERT | MY PERSONAL AREA | INFORMATION AND SUPPORT

RESEARCH DIGITALISA | GROWTH | OLAF

## How to participate – Where to find help?

- a. H2020 Online Manual: step-by-step online guide through the Portal processes from proposal preparation and submission to reporting on your on-going project
- b. Reference documents: library of legal documents, guidance notes, and additional reference material for H2020
- c. Beneficiary register: list of all beneficiaries participating in the EU R&I, education, and culture programmes (search for already registered organisations and their PICs)

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## a. Horizon 2020 Online Manual

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## a. H2020 Online Manual – e.g. How to submit a proposal

## b. Reference documents

Check standard proposal templates per action type.

If the topic uses a special template, it is available from the Topic documents page.

This page includes all the H2020 & FP7 reference documents, e.g. Legal Basis, Work Programmes, model grant agreements, guides for specific actions and horizontal issues.

### c. Beneficiary Register

- Beneficiaries need to register and receive a 9-digit Participant Identification Code (PIC)
- Quote your PIC in all correspondence with the Commission!

### Further information and support

## 5. National Contact Points (NCPs)



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### National Contact Points

- The network of National Contact Points (NCPs) is the main structure to provide guidance, practical information and assistance on all aspects of participation in Horizon 2020.
- Established also in many non-EU and non-associated countries "international partner countries".
- Personalised support on the spot and in applicants' own languages for all aspects regarding Horizon 2020 participation
- Organise workshops and information events
- Established, operated and financed by EU Member States, associated countries and third countries
- Nominated by national ministries to the European Commission



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## How to find your National Contact Point

The screenshot shows the 'National Contact Points' section of the Participant Portal. On the left, there is a navigation menu with options: 'My Organisation(s)', 'My Projects(s)', 'My Project(s)', 'My Notification(s)', 'My Financial Notification(s)', and 'My Expert Area'. The main content area is titled 'National Contact Points' and includes a brief description: 'The network of National Contact Points (NCPs) is the main structure to provide guidance, practical information and assistance on all aspects of participation in Horizon 2020. NCPs are also established in many non-EU and non-associated countries ("third countries").' Below this is a search interface with a 'Search for:' label. It features two dropdown menus: 'Select the country' (with 'Member states' selected and 'Austria' and 'Belgium' listed) and 'All functions' (with 'Coordinator', 'Legal and Financial', and 'SMEs' listed). A 'SEARCH' button is to the right. Below the search fields are 'Sort by' options: 'Country', 'Contact name', 'Most recent', and 'Organisation'. At the bottom, there is a section titled 'What is the NCP network?' with a paragraph explaining that NCPs are national structures established and financed by governments of the 28 EU member states and the states associated to the framework programme. NCPs give personalised support on the spot and in applicants' own languages. The NCP systems can vary from one country to another from highly centralised to decentralised networks, and a number of very different actors, from ministries to universities, research centres and special agencies to private consulting companies.

Contact details of NCPs on the Participant Portal  
[http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/support/national\\_contact\\_points.html](http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/support/national_contact_points.html)

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## 6. Further information

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## Enterprise Europe Network

- The world's largest support network for SMEs with international ambitions. The Network is active in more than 60 countries worldwide.
- More information: <http://een.ec.europa.eu/about>

## European IPR Helpdesk

- Provides assistance on Intellectual Property (IP) issues to current and potential beneficiaries of EU-funded research and innovation projects.
- More information: <https://www.iprhelpdesk.eu/>

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## Useful links

- Horizon 2020 Manual:  
[http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/docs/h2020-funding-guide/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/docs/h2020-funding-guide/index_en.htm)
- Participant Portal:  
<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/home.html>
- The Participant Portal FAQ:  
<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/support/faq.html>
- National Contact Points:  
[https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/support/national\\_contact\\_points.html](https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/support/national_contact_points.html)
- EU Login Help:  
<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/cas/help.html>



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