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## International Cooperation

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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. In many cases, the EU will fund at least partly the participation of the international partners.

In addition to this general openness, several [topics](#) <sup>[1]</sup> strongly **encourage or require cooperation** with non-EU partners in collaborative projects, target a certain country/region or refer to **global initiatives**, like the Global Alliance for Chronic Diseases or the Belmont Forum.

For individual researchers, the [European Research Council](#) <sup>[2]</sup> (ERC) and the [Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions](#) <sup>[3]</sup> (MSCA) offer unparalleled funding opportunities for those who want to work in Europe.

International cooperation, under Horizon 2020, can also take place in:

- joint or coordinated calls,
- specific joint initiatives, or
- networking between projects.

International cooperation is a cross-cutting priority of Horizon 2020 following the EU's [strategy](#) <sup>[4]</sup> for international cooperation in research and innovation. The strategy is driven by the importance of cooperating internationally to:

- give Europe access to the best talent, knowledge and resources wherever they are located;
- tackle global societal challenges in the most effective way in a partnership approach;
- help establish new opportunities for European high-tech industries through participation in global value chains and access to new and emerging markets;

- have a leading voice in global debates and developments.

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