



Terms of reference for the Horizon 2020 societal challenge 1 Scientific Panel for Health

Both the Regulation¹ establishing Horizon 2020 and the Decision² establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 provide for the establishment of a **Scientific Panel for Health** (SPH) in the following terms:

The Scientific Panel for Health will be a science-led stakeholder platform which elaborates scientific input concerning this societal challenge. It will provide a coherent scientific focused analysis of research and innovation bottlenecks and opportunities related to this societal challenge, contribute to the definition of its research and innovation priorities, and encourage Union-wide scientific participation in it. Through active cooperation with stakeholders, it will help to build capabilities and to foster knowledge sharing and stronger collaboration across the Union in this field.

These terms of reference expand on these provisions, as well as detailing how the SPH will be established and its *modus operandi*. They may be amended by the European Commission (EC) services implementing societal challenge 1 of Horizon 2020 (SC1: Health, demographic change and wellbeing), with the agreement of the SPH (once established).

The **mandate** of the SPH is to:

1. Analyse bottlenecks preventing the achievement of better health and wellbeing for all, whether scientific, legislative, ethical, cultural, regulatory or other, and propose solutions related to science, research and innovation to address these bottlenecks in the medium and longer term;
2. Identify long term trends influencing health and wellbeing through foresight and recommend research and innovation priorities to respond to them.
3. Propose strategies to promote the effective exploitation of knowledge generated at national and EU levels by research and innovation programmes through the translation and implementation of results into practice.

Consequently, the SPH:

¹ REGULATION (EU) No 1291/2013 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 11 December 2013 establishing Horizon 2020 - the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decision No 1982/2006/EC

² COUNCIL DECISION of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 - the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC

4. Will meet at minimum twice a year in plenary (inviting EC observer(s), including but not limited to, the Directors with responsibility for the implementation of the majority of health related research and innovation within Horizon 2020).

5. May organise additional workshops, seminars, surveys, hearings, public discussions, and so on, in support of its activities and directly related to its mandate. Plenary meetings may be organised in conjunction with such additional activities.

6. Will co-organise, with the EC, annual meetings during which the results of SPH activities undertaken in items 4 and 5 may be debated with the broader community, and recommendations formulated to relevant national and European level actors. Plenary meetings may be organised in conjunction with such additional activities.

7. Will make its recommendations and reports available on a publicly accessible website (as these recommendations and reports will be published by default on the official Horizon 2020 website, there is no obligation for the creation of a separate website, though the SPH is not prevented from doing so should it so wish).

Membership:

8. The SPH will (excluding observers) be composed of no more than 35 persons, acting in their individual capacity, with proven experience in and a broad understanding of research and innovation in the domain of health and wellbeing.

9. Members of the SPH will therefore bring expertise from both public and private (large industry and small business) research, regulators, patient groups, and all other domains of relevance.

10. Membership of the SPH will reflect the principles of diversity.

11. Members of the SPH will serve for a period of 3 years. Two thirds of the members may apply for renewal for another period of three years. Members serving 6 years will leave the panel. One third of the members of the SPH will consequently be replaced after the first term.

Nomination Committee establishing the SPH and initial timetable:

12. In the first instance, members of the SPH will be identified by a nomination committee established by the EC services implementing SC1 of Horizon 2020.

13. The nomination committee will present a 'long list' to the abovementioned EC services for selection and approval by the EC who will also select a Chair for the SPH. The SPH should be formally established in the fourth quarter of 2014, with its first plenary meeting also taking place at the beginning of 2015, at which time the SPH will nominate one or more Vice-Chairs.

14. The first SPH annual meeting will be held in September 2015.

15. The nomination committee consists of the following persons, at the request of the EC.

Karin Sipido (BE), Chair	Alliance for Biomedical Research in Europe
John Savill (UK)	Medical Research Council
André Syrota (FR)	INSERM
Liselotte Højgaard (DK)	Rigshospitalet; University of Copenhagen
Peter Heinrich (DE)	BioDeutschland
Elias Zerhouni (US)	Sanofi
Bengt Jönsson (SE)	Stockholm School of Economics
Daniel Aletaha (AT)	Medical University of Vienna

Resources:

16. As provided for in the Horizon 2020 SC1 work programme 2014/2015³, and from the administrative expenditure budget of the corresponding services of the EC, the activities of the SPH will be supported as follows:

- Travel and accommodation costs of the members of the SPH for their attendance at plenary meetings as provided for in item 4 above will be supported by the EC through the use of expert invitations.
- Travel and accommodation costs of the members of the SPH for their attendance at other meetings as provided for in item 5 above will be supported by the EC through the use of expert invitations.
- Travel and accommodation costs of additional experts invited by the SPH, or by the EC, to meetings as provided for in items 4 and 5 above will be supported by the EC through the use of expert invitations.
- The secretariat of the SPH will be supported by the EC. Member(s) of the secretariat will support the activities of the SPH in the organisation of its various meetings, in editing its various reports and other written material and in liaising with stakeholders, including the EC.
- The EC will support the organisation of the annual meetings of the SPH through the use of Framework Contracts.
- The EC will provide the premises for plenary meetings of the Scientific Panel for Health, and may also be requested to provide the premises for the meetings as provided for in item 5 above.

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³ Subject to the adoption of the amendment to this work programme currently expected in December 2014