

Horizon Europe

THE NEXT EU RESEARCH & INNOVATION PROGRAMME (2021 – 2027)

Stakeholder workshop: Shaping how Horizon Europe is implemented

Reporting Session: The use of simplified forms of costs (lump sums, unit costs, flat rates)

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Main Issues discussed

- Overall positive experience and feedback from pilot projects regarding submission and evaluation (with the expected teething problems)
- Acknowledgement that the most tangible benefit will come later on, during pilot projects implementation
- It was also discussed how the lump sum approach may affect the proposal preparation stage and consortium agreements later on (budget split, WPs configuration, consortium agreements, liability aspects...)

Conclusions

- More experience on lump sum (via new pilots still under H2020) are necessary to assess the viability of this form of cost reimbursement: too early to draw final conclusions
- May be convenient to see new test pilots with relatively large consortia
- There is a general openness amongst stakeholders to build on these experiences and also to the possibility of maintaining the coexistence of different types of lump sum (tailored to specific research areas)
- How other types of simplified costs will be used under Horizon Europe (unit costs) should be further considered, following the conclusion of the legislative process.



Thank you!

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