

Mexico – Country page

1. Available local programs or funds that could provide support to Mexican Horizon 2020 participants

Horizon 2020 is open to participation from across the world. European researchers can include partners from anywhere in the world when preparing H2020 proposals. This means that Mexican researchers, enterprises and institutions can team up with their European partners to participate in projects under H2020. Through participation in Horizon 2020, beneficiaries can gain great benefits from access to excellent talent, knowledge, data and infrastructures and connection to world-leading teams, networks and value chains.

EU-Mexico Co-funding Mechanism for Research and Innovation projects

Mexican partners are not automatically eligible for funding through Horizon 2020. In principle Mexican partners bring their own funding to the table. This may be own funds of the participating institutions, as well as funds received from Mexican ministries, foundations and other organisations that fund research and innovation in Mexico.

Mexico created in February 2014 a complementary funding mechanism called CONACYT-Horizon 2020 providing a source of financing "project-by-project participation" to Mexican partners in successful Horizon 2020 projects covering all thematic areas. This earmarked budget (FONCICYT) is managed by the International cooperation Directorate of the National Council for Research and Innovation (Conacyt).

The key principles of the co-funding mechanism are as follows (this is indicative, beyond EC responsibility): When a proposal with a Mexican participant is submitted to an H2020 call, the Mexican partner has to submit the application to CONACYT within 30 days after the closure of the call in Europe, in accordance to the Terms and Conditions of the CONACYT call. When the proposal is selected for funding by the EC, the Mexican participant has to notify the approval to CONACYT in order to start the process of the grant agreement and receive the funding. CONACYT will finance up to an 85% of the total amount requested and approved in the case of public entities (Institutions of Higher Education (IHE), Technologic and Research Centres) and private IHE; and up to 70% of the total amount requested and approved for private entities, except IHE. The complementary amount must be provided by the Mexican entity.

For more information, please consult this website in view of submitting applications: <http://www.conacyt.mx/index.php/el-conacyt/convocatorias-y-resultados-conacyt/convocatoria-conacyt-horizon2020>

2. Current priorities / roadmap for EU-Mexico R&I cooperation

Mexican participation is welcomed in all Calls for Proposals of Horizon 2020.

The latest Joint Science & Technology cooperation Committee in November 2014 emphasized the need to deepen, scale and open cooperation in selected areas of mutual benefit.

These areas include a joint call on Geothermal energy (enhanced geothermal systems and superhot systems) in the work programme for 2016-17 (10 Million Euro have been earmarked for the call on both sides for a total of 20 Million Euro), and cooperation through multilateral initiatives on International manufacturing systems and on infectious disease preparedness and chronic diseases.

In addition, a new Implementing Arrangement between the European Research Council (ERC) and CONACYT is expected to be signed in November 2015 and represents important step in the S&T relations with Mexico in that it will stimulate collaboration in frontier research by facilitating excellence-based and bottom-up research cooperation among high-calibre Mexican and European scientists.

3. Brochures or other local communication materials to support Mexican participation in Horizon 2020

Horizon 2020 in Brief: <http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/en/news/horizon-2020-brief-eu-framework-programme-research-innovation>

4. Website of EU Delegation to Mexico

Additional information on Horizon 2020 can be found on the website of the EU Delegation:
http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/mexico/index_en.htm

5. Local National Contact Points for H2020 and other assistance services

The network of **National Contact Points** (NCPs) is the main source of guidance, practical information and assistance on all aspects of participation in Horizon 2020:

http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/support/national_contact_points.html

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Information on key research and innovation interlocutors in Mexico may be found through the **EUMEXInnova** project funded by the European Union under FP7. EUMEXCYT2 is a bilateral coordination activity to enhance and develop science, technology and innovation partnerships between the European Union and Mexico.

More: <http://www.conacyt.mx/pci/index.php/eumexinnova1>