

Taiwan – Information for Participant Portal

1. Short description of the available local programs or funds that could provide support to 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 Taiwanese 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.

Taiwan's partners are not automatically eligible for funding through Horizon 2020. In principle Taiwanese partners bring their own funding to the table. This may be own funds of the participating institutions, as well as funds received from Taiwan's funding agencies.

Co-funding Mechanism for Research and Innovation Projects

The Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) and the Ministry of Economic Affairs (MOEA) are the two major funding agencies in Taiwan, each executes its own policy and creates several different funding programs to support Taiwanese researchers to participate in Horizon 2020 covering all thematic areas. The difference is that MOEA funds SMEs and MOST funds academic researchers from Taiwan.

- Mobility type grant is available for Taiwanese researchers to meet up with their European colleagues to discuss the work programme or consortium agreement.
- Invitation type of grant is available for Taiwanese researchers to invite their European colleagues (e.g., project coordinator) to visit Taiwan for exploring the research strength (including experimental facilities and infrastructures) of the Taiwanese partner.
- Research type of grant is available for Taiwanese researchers that have successfully joined an H2020 project funded by the European Commission. The Research grant for the Taiwanese partner will be utilised to support the execution of tasks in the project.

Information on these funding mechanisms can be found here: National Contact Point, Taiwan (<http://www.ncp.tw/en/>)

2. Taiwan current priorities for S&T cooperation

Taiwan is interested in collaborating with European researchers for all the H2020 research areas. Nevertheless, the following areas: Personalized Healthcare and Medicine, Digital Security, Smart Cities and Communities, Competitive Low-carbon Energy, Energy Efficiency, Blue Growth with special emphasis to unlocking the potential of Seas and Oceans are Taiwan's national research and innovation priorities for cooperation with the EU.

3. 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.

The list of National Contact Points can be found at the Participant Portal, here:

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

For those who are interested in getting in touch with Taiwanese researchers and institutions, or looking for relevant information, please contact NCP Taiwan: <http://www.ncp.tw/en/contact@ncp.tw>).

You can also contact the Science & Technology Division, Taipei Representative Office in the EU and Belgium (Brussels) via most.taiwan@taipei-office.be for additional assistance and information.

4. Website of the European Economic and Trade Office in Taiwan

Additional information on Taiwan and the EU can be found on the website of the European Economic and Trade Office in Taiwan:

http://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/taiwan/index_en.htm