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CONNECT Advisory Forum for ICT Research and Innovation (CAF) has been set up as part of the preparation for Horizon 2020.



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The CAF brings together a number of leading personalities of the European ICT industry, large public research organisations and academics addressing not only the scientific and technological aspects of ICT but also the economic and societal impacts of new developments.

The CAF's guidance should help DG CONNECT to put in place an ICT research and innovation portfolio that promotes European competitiveness in a digital world. This portfolio should be one that:

- supports SMEs as well as major players
- drives out-of-the-box research and disruptive innovation
- engages with citizens and remains attentive to individual impact

The role of ICT in [Horizon 2020](#) [2] is extensive and cuts across the three priorities, "scientific

excellence', "industrial leadership" and "societal challenges". The CAF is explicitly tasked to advise on safeguarding the linkages and coherence of ICT across all the three priorities of H2020, taking into account the broader policy context within which the implementation of Horizon 2020 will be taking place.

This Forum was established in 2013 and its composition was renewed in 2015 (about 1/3 new members).

Meetings

CAF plenary meetings have taken place on the following dates:

- 13 July 2017
- 7 October 2016
- 29 June 2016
- 3 February 2016
- 19-20 October 2015
- 17 September 2014
- 20 June 2014
- 21 March 2014
- 5 November 2013
- 14 May 2013
- 28 February 2013

Further details, including agendas, minutes and reports, can be found under the 'Additional Information' tab on the [Register of Commission Expert Groups](#) [3].

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