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1. Introduction

A number of non-EU/non-Associated Countries that are not automatically eligible for funding have made specific provisions for making funding available for their participants in Horizon Europe projects. This guide includes specific information for each of these countries.

2. Australia (AU)

National programmes or funds that can support Australian participants in Horizon Europe projects

Implementing Arrangements

The EU and Australia have signed two Implementing Arrangements in order to provide more opportunities for Australian researchers to team up with European research teams: one with the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) in 2018, and one with the Australian Research Council (ARC) in 2019. For more information, contact help@nhmrc.gov.au and info@arc.gov.au.

Useful links

- HE National Contact Point Australia: Sarah Brown, Counsellor (Europe) – Industry, Science, Energy and Resources, Australian Mission to the European Union and NATO, contact: sarah.brown@industry.gov.au
- EU Delegation to Australia: https://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/australia_en; contact: delegation-australia@eeas.europa.eu; phone: +61 2 6271 2777

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3. Brazil (BR)

National programmes or funds that can support Brazilian participants in Horizon Europe projects

Horizon Europe offers numerous opportunities for the participation of entities from across the world, and some topics may be marked as being specifically relevant for cooperation with partners from outside Europe. Brazilian scientists, universities, research organisations and enterprises are able to team up with their European partners to participate in projects under Horizon Europe and make the best use of Europe's excellent opportunities in research and innovation.

Brazilian researchers and organisations are encouraged to participate in actions of Horizon Europe as individual researchers under MSCA and ERC schemes, but also as consortium members and to take part in the proposal submission to the European Commission.

Administrative Arrangement

To support Brazilian participation in Horizon Europe actions and in view of the fact that participants from the Brazil are not automatically funded by the EU, the Commission and three Brazilian funding agencies; the National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq), the Funding Agency for Studies and Projects (FINEP) and the Brazilian National Council of State Funding Agencies (CONFAP) signed
an Administrative Arrangement on the mechanisms to support Brazilian participation in Horizon Europe (2021-2027) collaborative projects, Partnerships and Missions on 19 November 2021. This comes under the Agreement for Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the European Community and the Federative Republic of Brazil.

The Administrative Arrangement aims to facilitate the co-funding of Horizon Europe collaborative activities set up by the three Brazilian funding agencies and it establishes the operational steps to support collaborative activities such as twinning of projects and the launch of coordinated calls, as well as actions to enhance mutual knowledge and awareness.


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**Implementing Arrangement with European Research Council (ERC)**

This Implementing Arrangement signed between the European Commission and the Brazilian National Council of State Funding Agencies (CONFAP) in 2016 allows for Brazilian scientists to join research teams funded by the European Research Council (ERC). Brazilian researchers will be able to undertake short or long term research visits, and collaborate with ERC-funded teams, working across Europe.


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**List of Horizon Europe 1st Work-Programme calls targeting Brazil and Latin America**

The first calls of Horizon Europe Work Programme 2021-2022 were published in June 2021. You can find in the link below some indicative calls with international cooperation as priority. These calls are specifically targeting collaboration with the Latin American region or specific countries of the region, like Brazil, Chile and Mexico: https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/sites/default/files/news/he_wp_21-22_br_lac_inco_final.pdf

**Useful links**

- HE National Contact Points Brazil: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/support/ncp;sortQuery=country;countries=20000848;functions=All%20Functions,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18
- EU Delegation to Brazil: https://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/brazil_en; contact: Eva Barreto: eva.barreto@eeas.europa.eu
4. Canada (CA)

National programmes or funds that can support Canadian participants in Horizon Europe projects

Horizon Europe offers numerous opportunities for the participation of entities from across the world, and some topics may be marked as being specifically relevant for cooperation with partners from outside Europe. Canadian researchers, universities, enterprises and institutions are able to team up with European partners to participate in projects under Horizon Europe and make the best use of Europe's excellent opportunities in research and innovation (list of calls in the Horizon Europe Work Programme 2021-2022).

European researchers can include partners from anywhere in the world when preparing Horizon Europe proposals and Canadian researchers and organisations are encouraged to participate in actions of Horizon Europe as consortium members and to take part in the proposal submission to the European Commission.

Not all international partners are automatically eligible for funding. While the European Union funds the participation of partners from most low/middle income countries, it does not automatically fund the partners from industrialized countries such as Canada. Therefore, Canadian partners in general need to bring their own funding to the project activities.

Canadian co-funding for research and innovation projects

To support Canadian participation in Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe actions and in view of the fact that participants from Canada are not automatically funded by the EU, the Canada Research Coordinating Committee (CRCC) set up a co-funding mechanism within its New Frontiers in Research Fund (NFRF).

Established in 2018 and with a total annual budget exceeding C$100M, NFRF has three distinct funding streams:

- Support for exploratory, brand new, higher-risk, out of the box, projects within and particularly across fields, led by individuals or small teams for two or three years;
- Support for larger team-based projects that cross disciplines and are transformative, with funding up to several million dollars over several years (open to international co-applicants and collaborators);
- Direct support for international research projects, aimed at facilitating participation of Canadian researchers in international competitions (could also be used for formulation of joint calls with international funding agencies).

In January 2020 CRCC launched, within the international stream, the ‘2020 Horizon Global Platform’ – a C$50 million (over five years) co-funding envelope, aiming to fully exploit the possibilities of the international cooperation flagship areas in Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe. Canadian applicants have to register via the Platform acknowledging proposal submitted under the Horizon Europe call and at the second stage (after successful evaluation) acknowledge their participation in the consortium of the joint Horizon Europe project.

Co-funding by Quebec for Horizon Europe
Researchers from Quebec may receive support through a provincial support programme for international cooperation.

**Co-funding by Mitacs to participate in Marie Skłodowska-Curie (MSCA) Staff Exchanges**

Graduate students and post-doctoral fellows in Canada may receive funding through the Mitacs Globalink Research Award, or through the Mitacs Accelerate International program, to conduct research projects at universities and businesses in the EU Member States and select Mitacs partner countries:

- Austria
- Belgium
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Israel
- Italy
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Malta
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Ukraine
- United Kingdom

**Institutional internships – Globalink Research Award**

Award amount is $6000. Projects are supervised by a Canadian home supervisor and a host supervisor at university in one of the countries listed above. The host supervisor must be supported by a MSCA Staff Exchanges grant. Travel duration must be between 12-24 weeks.

Find the eligibility criteria, award details and the application package on the [Mitacs Globalink Research Award webpage](#).

**Industrial internships – Accelerate International**

Award amount is $15,000. Projects are supervised by a Canadian home supervisor, a host supervisor and/or a host industry supervisor in one of the Horizon Europe countries. The host supervisor must be supported by a MSCA Staff Exchanges grant. Travel duration depends on the level of study – please consult the website.

Find the eligibility criteria, award details and the application package on the [Mitacs Accelerate International webpage](#).

These awards are offered in partnership with the European Commission which funds the European partners through the Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions, namely the MSCA Staff Exchanges.

**Useful links**

- HE National Contact Points Canada: The Ministry of Innovation, Science and Economic Development of Canada is currently in the process of selecting
organisations to represent Canadian National Contact Points (NCPs) for Horizon Europe. Once selected, they will be available at: http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/support/national_contact_points.html

- Euraxess provides access to a complete range of information and support services for anyone wishing to pursue a research career in Europe. Euraxess-Links offers local networking and information opportunities in a number of countries, including North America. Euraxess-Links North America: EURAXESS North America | EURAXESS (europa.eu)
- Horizon Europe - Funding programmes and open calls: https://ec.europa.eu/info/research-and-innovation/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/

5. India (IN)

National programmes or funds that can support Indian participants in Horizon Europe projects

Horizon Europe offers many cooperation opportunities for the participation of entities from across the world ("open by default"), and many topics are marked as being specifically relevant for international cooperation or target specific countries and/or regions and multilateral organisations.

In the case of India, a distinction has to be made between participation and funding. Indian participants are not automatically eligible for funding by HE for their participation in collaborative projects (Pillar 2 of HE and the actions Pathfinder and Transition under Pillar 3 on the European Innovation Council (EIC)), and thus have to bear the cost of their participation. This could be own or institutional funding or funding received from Indian ministries or agencies, from foundations and other organisations, which fund Indian participants in international research and innovation actions with European partners. On exceptional basis, HE could provide funding for Indian entities.

For the time being the Government of India has no co-funding in place for the successful Indian entities under HE collaborative projects, unlike in the past when the Department of Science and Technology (DST), the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), had co-funding mechanism available for specific topics under Horizon 2020.

Successful Indian researchers in individual grant or fellowship actions under the European Research Council (ERC) and the Postdoctoral Fellowships under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA), are funded by HE. Organisations based in India can also participate in the MSCA Doctoral Networks, the MSCA Staff Exchanges and COFUND, but have to bear the cost of their participation.

For actions in which entities from India have to bring their own funding, they are considered as 'Associated Partner' (and thus no obligation to sign the grant agreement).

Useful links

- EU Delegation to India: http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/india/index_en.htm; contact: delegation-india-ri@eeas.europa.eu
- EURAXESS India links researchers in India with Europe
- Partner search: To publish your partner search request or offer - IT HOW TO.
• Work as an expert: The EU Institutions appoint external experts to assist in the evaluation of grant applications, projects and tenders, and to provide opinions and advice in specific cases. click here
• HE National Contact Points India: India has not nominated National Contact Point(s) but interested Indian participants can seek guidance and practical information from NCPs based in Europe: click here

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6. Japan (JP)

National programmes or funds which can support Japanese participants in Horizon Europe projects

Horizon Europe offers many cooperation opportunities for the participation of entities from across the world ("open by default"), and many topics are marked as being specifically relevant for international cooperation or target specific countries and/or regions and multilateral organisations.

In the case of Japan, a **distinction has to be made between participation and funding**. Japanese entities are not automatically eligible for funding by HE for their participation in collaborative projects under HE (Pillar 2 and the actions Pathfinder and Transition under Pillar 3 on the European Innovation Council (EIC)), and thus have to bear the cost of their participation. This could be internal/institutional funding or funding received from Japanese ministries, research funding agencies, foundations and other organisations which fund international research and innovation activities with participants from the EU and Japan. On exceptional basis, HE could provide funding for Japanese entities.

For the time being the Government of Japan has no co-funding in place for the successful Japanese entities under Horizon Europe collaborative projects, unlike in the past when the JTS had foreseen co-funding schemes for some specific topics under Horizon 2020.

Successful Japanese researchers in individual grant or fellowship actions under the European Research Council (ERC) and the Postdoctoral Fellowships under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) are funded by HE. Organisations based in Japan can also participate in the MSCA Doctoral Networks, the MSCA Staff Exchange (SE) and COFUND but have to bear the cost of their participation.

For the actions in which entities from Japan have to bring their own funding, they are considered as ‘Associated Partner’ (and thus no obligation to sign the grant agreement).

For the "Staff Exchange" (SE) scheme under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA), the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) may provide some support to research entities in Japan who participate in a SE, in particular under the Core-to-Core Program (https://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-c2c/index.html) and the Bilateral Research Projects (https://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-bilat/index.html). To note, however, that entities who are planning to participate in a SE, as well as those who already participated, will not automatically be eligible for funding on the basis of the HE selection, but will be subject to a review by JSPS, on the same basis as other entities (more details will be available on the JSPS website). In case of Bilateral Research Projects, JSPS will accept applications from June to September 2022; for the Core-to-Core Program, applications will be accepted in September 2022.
Useful links

- HE National Contact Point Japan: [https://www.ncp-japan.jp/](https://www.ncp-japan.jp/); phone: +81 3 6408 0281
- Details for participation: [https://www.ncp-japan.jp/participation](https://www.ncp-japan.jp/participation)
- More information on Horizon Europe: [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1M9kL-2fjre85vU7qjOoTQTDrdfEmAF6S](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1M9kL-2fjre85vU7qjOoTQTDrdfEmAF6S)

Research funding organisations in Japan:

- Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST): [https://www.jst.go.jp/inter/english/index.html](https://www.jst.go.jp/inter/english/index.html); e-mail: intl@jst.go.jp or jointeu@jst.go.jp; phone: +81 3 5214 7375
- Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS): [https://www.jsps.go.jp/](https://www.jsps.go.jp/)
- Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development (AMED): [https://www.amed.go.jp/en/program/list/20/index.html](https://www.amed.go.jp/en/program/list/20/index.html); e-mail: jimu-ask@amed.go.jp; phone: +81 3 6870 2200

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7. Mexico (MX)

National programmes or funds that can support Mexican participants in Horizon Europe projects

To support the participation of entities established in Mexico in Horizon 2020 projects, the National Council for Science and Technology of Mexico (CONACYT) has established in 2014 the "Conacyt-H2020 co-funding mechanism". This co-funding mechanism provided a source of financing "project-by-project participation" for Mexican partners in successful Horizon 2020 projects.

With regard to future cooperation, both sides have agreed on positioning marine research, health (including Covid-19), renewable energy, sustainable cities and human capital development at the centre of an enhanced R&I strategic cooperation between EU and Mexico. As to framework conditions, there is consensus to continue supporting gender balance issues, researchers' mobility and open access/open science.

Due to financial adjustments in the implementation of the co-financing mechanism for Horizon Europe, Conacyt will announce soon the conditions and implementation of the mechanism. As a result, both parties will continue to enhance cooperation in Research and Innovation in line with the commitment expressed during the last Joint Steering Committee in September 2020.

For specific questions regarding the co-funding mechanisms contact Sr. Horacio Tonatiuh Chavira encargado de de despacho de la Dirección de Cooperación Internacional; email: horacio.chavira@conacyt.mx.
Useful links
- HE National Contact Point Mexico: the Horizon Europe 2020 remain the main source for guidance, practical information and assistance on all aspects of participation in Horizon Europe: the list of Mexican NCPs will be published soon.

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8. New Zealand (NZ)

National programmes or funds that can support New Zealand participants in Horizon Europe projects

There are no co-funding mechanisms currently in place with New Zealand under the Horizon Europe programme. However New Zealand participants are encouraged to contact their research and innovation funding organisations to seek support for their participation in Horizon Europe. Information on international cooperation research funding opportunities offered by New Zealand may be found at: https://www.mbie.govt.nz/science-and-technology/science-and-innovation/funding-information-and-opportunities/ and https://www.mbie.govt.nz/science-and-technology/science-and-innovation/international-opportunities/

Useful links
- HE National Contact Point New Zealand: Peter Bartlett, Counsellor – Science and Innovation, Europe - New Zealand Mission to the EU, Peter.Bartlett@mbie.govt.nz
- EU Delegation to New Zealand: https://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/new-zealand_en; email: Delegation-Wellington@eeas.europa.eu; phone: +64 4-472 9145

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9. People’s Republic of China (CN)

National programmes or funds that can support Chinese participants in Horizon Europe projects

EU-China STI cooperation is carried out through joint research projects under specific flagship initiatives that address thematic priorities agreed in the Joint EU-China Roadmap for future STI cooperation. The EU and China intend to bring forth two flagship initiatives under Horizon Europe, namely:
- Food, Agriculture and Biotechnologies
- Climate Change and Biodiversity.

Through the future Co-Funding Mechanism (CFM), the Chinese Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) will provide financial support to Chinese mainland participants in Horizon Europe projects under the flagship initiatives and potentially other priorities to be jointly defined. The exact terms and conditions of MOST CFM calls will be published by the Ministry of Science and Technology of the People’s Republic of China on its website when the specific details are finalized.

Food, Agriculture and Biotechnologies (FAB) flagship initiative
The EU China research and innovation flagship initiative on food, agriculture and biotechnologies (FAB) is a comprehensive research and innovation cooperation programme launched in 2013 to tackle sustainable agriculture, food security and safety in the EU and China. Common priorities and WP topics have been jointly identified and co-funded by the EU with CAAS and MOST. This has been translated into 16 Horizon 2020 topics dedicated to cooperation with China with a total EU budget of €122 M. As a result, 21 joint projects have been launched involving 125 Chinese organizations.

Given the good results achieved under H2020, it was agreed to continue the FAB flagship under Horizon Europe.

The Horizon Europe Work Programme 2021-2022 included four topics targeting Chinese participation, for a total EU contribution of €32 M:

- **EU-China international cooperation on integrated pest management in agriculture** (opening date 22 June 2021; deadline date 06 October 2021)
- **EU-China international cooperation on unlocking the potential of agricultural residues and wastes for circular and sustainable bio-based solutions** (opening date 28 October 2021; deadline date 15 February 2022)
- **EU-China international cooperation on nature-based solutions for nutrient management in agriculture** (opening date 28 October 2021; deadline date 15 February 2022)
- **EU-China international cooperation on increasing the resilience of forests** (opening date 22 June 2021; deadline date 06 October 2021)

Discussion are currently underway to include additional FAB topics in the Horizon Europe Work Programme 2023-24.

**Climate Change and Biodiversity (CCB) flagship initiative**

The Climate Change and Biodiversity flagship with China was agreed by the European Commissioner for Innovation & Research, Mariya Gabriel, and the Chinese Minister of Science and Technology, Wang Zhigang, during the High Level Dialogue on Research and Innovation in January 2021. Discussions between the two sides on the formulation of the flagship are expected to be launched at the beginning of 2022.

**Other areas eligible for MOST Co-Funding Mechanism**

MOST Co-funding mechanism can also be used to promote Chinese participation in other topics, targeting low TRL projects (up to TRL4 = Technology validated in lab) and linked to the domains covered by the two flagship initiatives agreed, although not labelled as topics of the two flagship initiatives.

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**ERC-NSFC Implementing Arrangement**

In line with what already done for Horizon 2020, the European Research Council (ERC) and the National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC) will continue the cooperation to boost excellence-based and bottom-up collaboration in frontier research based on the Implementing Arrangement signed in June 2015 between the European Commission and the NSFC to facilitate the use of the ERC-funded projects to host Chinese researchers, and holders of NSFC grants.
Selected Chinese researchers will be incorporated in the research teams of the European Principal Investigators who are already supported through the ERC grants and who have expressed an interest in hosting Chinese researchers in their research teams. Potential Chinese participants are encouraged to contact NSFC to seek support for their participation in Horizon Europe.

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Useful links

- Ministry of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China (MOST) 中华人民共和国科学技术部 (most.gov.cn)
- EU Delegation to China: About the EU Delegation in China - European External Action Service (europa.eu); Niall Lawlor, Science Counselor, Research & Innovation, Delegation of the European Union to China. Niall.LAWLOR@eeas.europa.eu; Vojko Bratina, Policy Officer, Chargé de mission, Delegation of the European Union to China, Vojko.BRATINA@eeas.europa.eu

10. Republic of Korea (KR)

National programmes or funds that can support Korean participants in Horizon Europe projects

Horizon Europe offers many cooperation opportunities for the participation of entities from across the world ("open by default"), and many topics are marked as being specifically relevant for international cooperation or target specific countries and/ or regions and multilateral organisations.

In the case of Korea, a distinction has to be made between participation and funding. Korean participants are not automatically eligible for funding from HE for their participation in collaborative projects in HE (Pillar 2 and the actions Pathfinder and Transition under Pillar 3 on the European Innovation Council (EIC)), and thus have to bear the cost of their participation. This could be own funding or funding received from Korean Ministries or agencies, from foundations and other organisations that fund international research and innovation activities with Korean participants. On an exceptional basis, HE could provide funding for Korean entities.

For the calls open to international cooperation, the Korean research entities who successfully joined a Horizon Europe project, can ask matching funds to the Korean government regardless in which cluster or topic of HE they have been successful (so-called bottom-up participation). The Ministry of Science and ICT (MSIT) offers co-funding to the successful Korean entities provided they have also been successful in the domestic competition organized by the National Research Foundation of Korea (NRF). The domestic calls for proposals open twice a year by the respective funding agencies. The Korea Institute of Advancement for Technology (KIAT) has so far not earmarked budget for co-funding; inquiries could be made on an ad hoc basis.

Successful Korean researchers in individual grant or fellowship actions under the European Research Council (ERC) and the Postdoctoral Fellowships under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) are funded by HE. An organisations based in Korea
can also participate in the MSCA Doctoral Networks, the MSCA Staff Exchange (SE) and COFUND, but have to bear the cost of their participation.

For the actions in which entities from Korea have to bring their own funding, they are considered as ‘Associated Partner’ (and thus no obligation to sign the grant agreement).

**Useful links**

- NRF for entities in basic and applied research: https://www.nrf.re.kr/biz/notice/view?menu_no=363&page=1&nts_no=158359&biz_no=52&target=&biz_not_gubn=notice&search_type=NTS_TITLE&search_keyword1=%ED%95%9C%EC; contact: Mr. Chan- Seob SHIN /Researcher email: manchu6d@nrf.re.kr; phone: +82-2-3460-5727
- KIAT for entities in industrial research and technology: https://www.kiat.or.kr/site/contents/yearInfo/index2.jsp?menuID=001001002&projectId=322&groupId=322; contact: KIAT: Ms. Jung soo Hwang /Researcher email: hjs0327@kiat.or.kr; phone: +82-2-6009-3211
- National Contact Points Korea: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/support/ncp;sortQuery=country;countryGroups=3C;countries=20000933;functions=All%20Functions,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18
- EU Delegation to the Republic of Korea: https://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/south-korea_ko; contact: Ms Ju Young Kim, Policy Officer in Science, Technology, and Innovation email: Juyoung.kim@eeas.europa.eu; phone: +82-2-3704-1755
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### 11. Switzerland (CH)

**National programmes or funds that can support Swiss participants in Horizon Europe projects**

As Switzerland is currently not associated to Horizon Europe and is not considered by the European Union as candidate to association, the country was not covered by the transitional arrangement allowing entities from other countries formerly associated to Horizon 2020 to be considered as eligible from the beginning of Horizon Europe, in 2021. Swiss entities’ eligibility under Horizon Europe is therefore determined by the rules applicable to non-associated third countries.

In this situation, the Swiss government has put in place a number of schemes and procedures:

- a specific financial guarantee for Swiss participants in ERC Starting and Consolidator Grants 2021;
- a financial guarantee for Swiss participants as associated partners in collaborative projects for Horizon Europe 2021 calls
- a similar financial guarantee for Swiss participants as associated partners in collaborative projects for Horizon Europe 2022 calls
- direct funding mechanisms for mono-beneficiary projects (transfer grants and direct funding).
This link provides access to the webpage of the Swiss State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI), where all relevant information is available in the format of targeted factsheets covering the different guarantees and mechanisms listed above. SERI’s contact information: europrogram@sbfi.admin.ch; hotline +41 58 463 50 50.

Useful links

- National Contact Points Switzerland: Switzerland has appointed 17 National Contact Points covering all areas of Horizon Europe. The NCP coordinators of Switzerland are:
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- EU Delegation to Switzerland: https://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/switzerland_de; contact: Political, press and information Section.

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