

European Partnerships under Horizon Europe

State of preparation

Lessons Learned

from Horizon 2020 Interim Evaluation



Support breakthrough innovation



Create more impact through mission-orientation and citizens' involvement



Strengthen international cooperation



Reinforce openness



Rationalise the funding landscape



Key Novelties

in Horizon Europe

European Innovation Council

R&I Missions

Extended association possibilities

Open science policy

New approach to Partnerships



New approach to partnerships: why?

Impact Assessment annex 8-5

- Need to **rationalise** the European R&I partnerships landscape
- Need to improve the **openness** and transparency of R&I partnerships
- Need to **link** the R&I partnerships to future EU R&I missions and/or strategic priorities



New approach to partnerships: why?

Impact Assessment annex 8-5 – current partnership landscape

Partnership approaches	Public-public partnerships (P2P)	Public-private partnerships (PPP)	EIT-KICs*	FET Flagships**
Implementation modes	ERA-NET-Cofund, EJP Cofund, Article 185, Joint Programming Initiative (JPI)	Contractual Arrangement (cPPP) Article 187	H2020 Grant agreements for different types of actions Framework Partnership Agreements (FPA)	
Currently active R&I Partnerships (Horizon 2020)	a) ERA-NETs: ~70 b) EJP Cofund: 5 c) Article 185: 6 d) JPIs***: 10	a) JUs: 7 (+HPC) b) cPPPs: 10	a) KICs: 6 (+ 2 until 2020)	a) FET-Flagships: 2 (+Quantum)
Financial contribution from H2020, estimated)	2.500 M€ (3,1% of H2020 budget)	13.450 M€ (17,5% of H2020 budget)	2.400 M€ (3,1% of H2020 budget)	1.000 M€ (1,3% of H2020 budget)

*EIT-KICs: Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs) of the European Institute for Innovation and Technology (EIT)

**FET-Flagships: Flagships of the Future and Emerging Technologies programme (FET)

*** JPIs: Joint Programming Initiatives are no EU level instruments but included here as they receive EU support via ERA-NETs and/or CSAs



New approach to European partnerships: overview

New generation of objective-driven and more ambitious partnerships in support of agreed EU policy objectives

Key features

- **Simple architecture and toolbox**
- **Coherent life-cycle approach**
- **Strategic orientation**

Co-programmed

Based on Memoranda of Understanding / contractual arrangements; implemented independently by the partners and by Horizon Europe

Co-funded

Based on a joint programme agreed by partners; commitment of partners for financial and in-kind contributions & financial contribution by Horizon Europe

Institutionalised

Based on long-term dimension and need for high integration; partnerships based on Articles 185 / 187 of TFEU and the EIT-Regulation supported by Horizon Europe



Co-funded European Partnerships

Article 8 Horizon Europe regulation:

1. Parts of Horizon Europe may be implemented through European Partnerships. The involvement of the Union in European Partnerships may take any of the following forms: ...

(b) Participation in and financial contribution to a programme of research and innovation activities, specifying the objectives, key performance and impact indicators, and outputs to be delivered, based on the commitment of the partners for financial and/or in-kind contributions and integration of their relevant activities using a Programme co-fund action (Co-funded European Partnerships);

Programme co-fund action

“programme co-funding action’ means an action to provide multi-annual co-funding to a programme of activities established and/or implemented by entities managing and/or funding research and innovation programmes, other than Union funding bodies. Such a programme of activities may support networking and coordination, research, innovation, pilot actions, and innovation and market deployment actions, training and mobility actions, awareness raising and communication, dissemination and exploitation, any relevant financial support, such as grants, prizes, procurement, as well as Horizon Europe blended finance or a combination thereof. The programme co-fund action may be implemented by those entities directly or by third parties on their behalf.”

Co-funded European Partnerships

- Most relevant current types of actions: EJP Cofund, ERA-NET Cofund
- Broad range of activities that can be implemented
- Funding rate: 30%, in justified cases up to 70%
Consideration can be e.g.:
 - Main element financial support to third parties: lower reimbursement rate
 - Main element activities directly implemented by beneficiaries: higher reimbursement rate
- Based on a grant agreement, 5-7 years duration
- Implementation based on annual work plans
- Core of partners: programme owners/managers, others in addition
- Important: define for each co-funded ex-ante what types of partners are needed to form the partnerships (consortium), and which ones will be addressed/ involved by the activities implemented (third parties)

Identification of European Partnerships

- Part of the strategic planning of Horizon Europe
- COM currently identifies internally which priorities need implementation by a partnerships in order to achieve the objectives
- Early and structured consultation of MS via the Shadow Strategic Configuration of the Programme Committee (starting on 2/3 May)
- Orientation towards the draft strategic R&I plan covering the first 4 years of Horizon Europe to be published before the summer, broad public consultation
- R&I days on 24-26 September focus on the strategic planning of Horizon Europe
- Further iteration with key (European) stakeholders in October
- Adoption by COM towards the end of the year, preparing the ground for the drafting of the first Work Programmes