
Work Programme preparation is based on guidance obtained from a strategic programming exercise. To increase impact of the funding and to ensure a more integrated approach 12 Focus areas are identified, each covered by a specific call which is mentioned in the Work Programme.

There will be one Work Programme for the whole Horizon 2020 (except ERC, Euratom, and JRC). The Work Programme will be available at the Horizon 2020 Participant Portal.

Rules for Participation:

Minimum conditions:

- For standard collaborative actions: At least three legal entities independent of each other and each established in a different Member State or an Associated Country
- For ERC, SME instrument, programme co-fund, coordination and support, training and mobility actions: One legal entity established in a Member State or in an Associated Country
- Additional conditions: To be set out in the work programme or work plan, e.g. number of participants, type of participants etc.

Eligibility for funding:

- The following legal entities are automatically eligible:
  - Legal entities established in the Member States and Associated Countries
  - International European Interest Organizations
  - Legal entities identified in the Work Programmes
- Other legal entities if:
  - Participation is deemed essential for carrying out the action by the Commission or the relevant funding body
  - Provided for in an international agreement between the Union and a third country or international organization
Funding rates:

- Same rate for all beneficiaries and all activities in the grant
- The applicable rate will be defined in the Work Programme
  - Up to 100% of the eligible direct costs (Technology Readiness Levels 1 – 5/6, see below);
  - but limited to a maximum of 70% for innovation projects (Technology Readiness levels 6 – 9, see below) – exception for non-profit organizations - maximum of 100%).

Technology Readiness Levels:

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- Also possibility for lump sums, flat rates, unit costs, prizes etc. when mentioned in the Work Programme and/or Guide for Applicants.

IPR and Open Access:

IP provisions are still under negotiations. Best source for up to date information is the IPR-Helpdesk: [https://www.iprhelpdesk.eu/](https://www.iprhelpdesk.eu/)

The European IPR Helpdesk offers free of charge, first-line support on IP and IPR matters to beneficiaries of EU funded research projects and EU SMEs involved in transnational partnership agreements, especially within the Enterprise Europe Network (EEN).

Open Access for publications will be mandatory in H2020. Open Access for research data will start as a pilot. Open Access publishing supports the Innovation Union commitment for free knowledge transfer as a part of the EU's Fifth Freedom: free movement of knowledge. Further information, embargos, coverage etc. are still under negotiation and will be clarified later on in guidelines.

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Online Sources for Information:

- Participant Portal: [ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal](http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal)
- European Research Area (ERA) [http://ec.europa.eu/research/era/optimal-circulation_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/research/era/optimal-circulation_en.htm)
- Project OpenAIRE: [http://vimeo.com/openaire](http://vimeo.com/openaire)