
Horizon 2020

Horizon 2020 at a glance

The title Horizon 2020 was chosen as a symbol of the fact that the new framework program should become a key instrument for achieving the objectives of the [Innovation Union](#). The Innovation Union is to simplify the path from new ideas and knowledge to putting innovative products and services on the market. The Innovation Union will ensure global competitiveness of the EU and economic growth with job creation. Emphasis on the contribution of science and research to the EU's economic growth is far more significant than in the previous framework programs. The Horizon 2020 program is considered one of a series of stimulus provision. However, the world-class science remains one of the Horizon's priorities.

The main objective of Horizon 2020 is sustainable development. Climate and resource efficiency funds will be complemented by other specific Horizon 2020 targets. At least, 60% of the Horizon 2020 budget will finance sustainable development projects (most of the finance will contribute to the climate and the environment). About 35% of Horizon 2020 budget is expected to finance climate protection.

The Horizon 2020 is a strategic framework program that brings together all existing EU programs to support science, research and innovation. It is the successor of the 7th Framework Program for Science, Competitiveness and Innovation (CIP), Entrepreneurship and Innovation Program (EIP), ICT Policy Support Program (ICT PSP), the Intelligent Energy Europe Program (IEE), the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT).

The Horizon 2020 budget supports more activities (like EURATOM, the European Institute of Innovation and Technology, the Joint Research Centre)

- Non-Nuclear Direct Actions of the Joint Research Centre ([Dominika Zsapková- Haringová](#) is a national contact in the Czech Republic)
- European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)
- Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation ([Naďa Koníčková](#) is a national contact in the Czech Republic)
- Science with and for Society ([Michal Pacvoň](#) is a national contact in the Czech Republic)
- EURATOM ([Veronika Korittová](#) is a national contact in the Czech Republic)
- Related Initiatives (ERA-NET Cofund, cPPP, JTIs, [Dominika Zsapková- Haringová](#) is a national contact in the Czech Republic)

You can find current calls on ["Participant Portal"](#)

Contact information

If you have any questions, please contact [Mgr. Adéla Jiroudková](#) (contact for ERC and MSCA).

You can also find the more information on the [European Commission's website](#), [Horizont 2020](#) or at the [Technology Center CAS](#) portal. These links provide you with a basic and easily accessible form of basic information about Horizon 2020 and project preparation and solution rules. These links also provide information on current calls for projects and [national contacts](#).

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