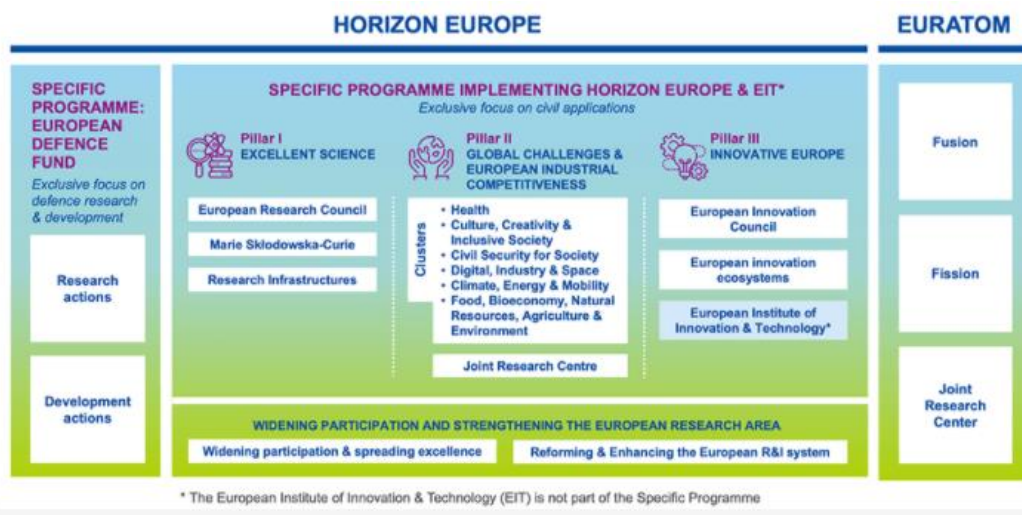




ENRF Briefing Note on Horizon Europe - Get Yourself Prepared and Engaged!

The EU institutions reached an important [agreement on Horizon Europe](#) in December 2020. The European Commission foresees to publish **the final Work Programmes** by April 2021.



At the moment, the Horizon Europe Draft Work Programmes 2021-2027 is available for consultation. The topics covered in the draft are:

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Health Cluster

The Health Cluster foresees 16 research calls established for different areas as: disease prevention; the links between environment and health; digital tools for health; cope with various diseases; strengthen health systems; and support European health-related industries. The Health Cluster has the aim to promote health and wellness among European citizens. It will deploy actions to develop an economic environment suitable for people, by giving to the Member States the right financial instruments to make high-quality innovative health technologies and health care both available and affordable for citizens, to make the healthcare system more accessible and sustainable and to implement the digital transformation also in the health and assistance field. To create greater efficiency among the EU programs, [Horizon Europe](#) will act on the creation and research of new knowledge and competencies, while [EU4Health](#) will pay more attention on how this new knowledge can provide advantages to citizens and health systems. All this will lead to a greater satisfaction of the medical and welfare needs of citizens by guaranteeing them better assistance in the prevention of diseases.

Gender Equality

This cluster provides the improvement and support of gender equality in research groups. 3 millions of nurses and lots of nurse researchers are women. The main aim of the cluster is to improve the excellence and impact on research results by promoting gender equality. As the European Commission President Ursula Von der Leyen

said, “With the Gender Equality Strategy, we are pushing for more and faster progress to promote equality between men and women”.

European Research Council

The first calls for funding for advanced researchers are expected to be disbursed on 20 May, while the grants for teams of scientists tackling questions will not be available until 2022.

Culture, Creativity and Inclusive society

This cluster will finance 3 research areas: democracy and governance; European cultural heritage and cultural and creative industries; social and economic transformations.

Civil Security for society

This cluster foresees better research in terms of protection from crime and terrorism, better border management, infrastructure protection, cyber protection and increased impact of R&I on security.

Digital, Industry and Space cluster

15 are the research calls dedicated to digital development and the twin green. Among the objectives of the European Commission regarding this cluster we have the achievement of a safer and more agile economy on data, creating human-centred technologies, global infrastructures.

Climate, Energy and Mobility

This cluster supports the implementation of the Paris Agreement and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. From the draft it emerges that the green agenda foresees to act on 6 areas: climate and responses to climate change; solutions for the green transition; sustainable, secure and competitive energy supply; efficient, sustainable and inclusive use of energy; clean transport solutions; safe and resilient transport and intelligent mobility services for passengers and freight.

Food, Bioeconomy Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment

The first calls for this cluster should be released on 15 April 2021 and the funding foresees an amount of almost € 900 million euros. Different will be the areas covered and they will range from biodiversity to digital solutions in support of the green deal.

European Innovation Council

In this cluster, the funding of projects that allow the development of new technologies is foreseen. The budget allocated this year is € 3 million, down from € 4 million in 2020. «[The EIC Accelerator](#)» a support for SMEs will continue to provide mixed financing.

Cross-cutting: Widening Participation

The main objective of this cluster is to help the EU countries that are lagging behind in obtaining research results. The commission decided to act on 3 directives: strengthening the network between researchers from expanding countries and their colleagues in the countries with the best R&I results; prevent brain drain by stimulating brain circulation; strengthen the research area in Europe.

In this context, the role of nursing researchers is important for the implementation of European Union programs. Horizon Europe becomes a fundamental tool in achieving goals on the nursing front. All the new opportunities coming will help to advance in the research and implementation of the results obtained that will allow for better development and enhancement of the Healthcare Industries and Health Systems. It is now essential to create the right synergies and alliances to play a key role in the implementation of these programs. Make sure nurses are heard and are part of this development process.

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