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1. Introduction

This guide aims to provide practical information on the **co-funding modalities** for entities established in non-associated countries and territories participating or wishing to participate in actions under Horizon Europe.

It provides some general information on international cooperation under the Horizon Europe programme and more detailed information on the **co-funding modalities** that some third countries and territories have set up to support their successful entities.

In addition, this guide lists the “**Implementing Arrangements**” that some non-associated third countries have concluded with the European Commission to support their researchers to join temporarily a research team run by an ERC grantee.

International cooperation in Horizon Europe:

Horizon Europe is open to the world, meaning that legal entities established all over the world are eligible to participate in almost all Horizon Europe calls¹.

In addition to the general openness of the programme, Horizon Europe also provides for targeted international cooperation actions. As such, certain call topics can:

- encourage participation of international partners in general
- encourage participation of one or more specific third countries or regions
- require the participation of legal entities established in specific third countries, territories or regions (i.e eligibility condition).
- target country members of specific multilateral fora (e.g. Mission Innovation, Arctic Council, International Bioeconomy Forum).

It is important to make a clear distinction between participation in an Horizon Europe action and access to EU funding. Participants established in third countries can take part in most Horizon Europe calls but not necessarily receive EU funding.

Two categories of third countries can be distinguished:

1. Third countries of which the entities are **automatically eligible for EU funding**

- Countries associated to Horizon Europe for the actions falling under the scope of the association agreement
- Low- and middle-income countries

Legal entities established in the above categories can participate under equivalent conditions as legal entities established in EU Member States, unless specific limitations or conditions are laid down in the work programme. Therefore, they may participate as “**beneficiaries**” in an Horizon Europe action.

For more information and the full lists of the countries and territories whose entities are automatically eligible for funding, see [link here](#).

2. Third countries and territories whose entities are **not automatically eligible for EU funding**

¹ For more information on eligibility to participate, see [Horizon Europe Programme Guide](#). Also remind that candidate applicants should always consult the Work Programme to ensure that general & specific conditions are complied with.

Legal entities that are established in a country or territory not automatically eligible for EU funding, in principle have to bear their own cost for participating in Horizon Europe projects.

The funding for their participation can come from their own resources, institutional funding, funding from foundations or other organisations or from their national ministries or agencies.

Entities established in a non-associated third country not eligible to receive HE funding in an action may participate as **"Associated Partners"**. Contrary to beneficiaries, associated partners do not sign the Grant Agreement. .

Exceptionally, an applicant established in a non associated third country not listed as eligible for funding may be granted EU funding and participate as beneficiary if the third country or territory is explicitly identified in the work programme adopted by the Commission for this purpose; or if the Commission or funding body considers that the participation of the legal entity concerned is essential for implementing the action.

Co-funding modalities:

To facilitate the participation of legal entities that are not eligible for funding in Horizon Europe actions, the respective third countries or territories can decide to establish funding arrangements. These arrangements can take different forms.

Co-funding can be provided by the third country or territory for:

- Doctoral Networks, the Staff Exchanges (SE) Actions and COFUND under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions and Research Infrastructure actions (Pillar I);
- All actions (RIA; IA and CSA) (Pillar II);
- Pathfinder and Transition actions on the European Innovation Council (EIC) (Pillar 3).

For more detailed information per country or territory, see section 2.

Some third countries have signed **"Implementing Arrangements"** with the European Commission, which provides opportunities for researchers/scientists supported by non-European funding agencies to temporarily join a research team run by an ERC grantee.

For more information on these ERC implementing arrangements, see section 3 of this document.

Contact:

For any question, please contact us through the following functional mailbox: RTD-HORIZON-EUROPE-COFUNDING-MECHANISMS@ec.europa.eu.

Disclaimers:

- Please note that this guide is under constant development as other third countries or territories may decide at any point in time to establish a complementary funding mechanism to support their entities to participate in Horizon Europe actions.
- This document provides links to the relevant national webpages providing information on available support to participants of Horizon Europe projects. The European Commission is not responsible for the completeness, accuracy and reliability of the information provided regarding the complementary funding mechanisms.
- Inclusion in this guide of third countries and territories should not be interpreted as reflecting any official position with regard to their legal status.

2. Third countries and territories with a co-funding mechanism

A **co-funding mechanism (CFM)** is an arrangement put in place at national or local level by a non-associated third country or territory or their funding bodies, to provide financial support to their successful legal entities in Horizon Europe actions.

Establishing a CFM is NOT an obligation. However, in case the third country or territory does establish a CFM, it is their prerogative to define and lay down the modalities and specific conditions to obtain such funding. The third country/territory decides amongst others on:

- The scope of the co-funding: the programme parts, thematic areas/ topics where co-funding will be provided; the budget, etc.
- Conditions for participation: e.g. eligibility criteria, co-funding percentage
- Possible evaluation and selection procedures (in addition to the Horizon Europe evaluation procedure). The evaluation of proposals performed by the Commission, however, remains independent from any additional evaluation performed by the national/local funding body

Please note that the European Commission is not an official party to any CFM and therefore is not legally committed by it nor is responsible for its working. Nevertheless, the European Commission provides support and guidance to countries/territories wanting to establish a CFM.

Non associated third countries/territories inform the European Commission, in writing, on the establishment of their CFM and its modalities. The Commission ensures that the country or territory is added to this guide.

2.1. Australia (AU)

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

The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) – European Union (EU) Collaborative Research Grant Scheme supports participation of entities established in Australia in international collaborative research under Horizon Europe.

- NHMRC selects topics that align with the health priorities identified in the NHMRC Corporate Plan, and are guided by the principles of the NHMRC's International

Engagement Strategy 2023–2026 to support collaborative approaches to health and medical research internationally.

- NHMRC will invite Australian legal entities who are listed on the list of proposals proposed for funding to apply to NHMRC for support of the actions performed by the Australian legal entity under the following topics:
 - HORIZON-HLTH-2023-ENVHLTH-02-01: Planetary health: understanding the links between environmental degradation and health impacts
 - HORIZON-HLTH-2023-ENVHLTH-02-02: Evidence-based interventions for promotion of mental and physical health in changing working environments (post-pandemic workplaces)
 - HORIZON-HLTH-2023-DISEASE-03-04: Pandemic preparedness and response: Broad spectrum anti-viral therapeutics for infectious diseases with epidemic potential
 - HORIZON-HLTH-2023-DISEASE-03-07: Relationship between infections and non-communicable diseases
 - HORIZON-HLTH-2023-DISEASE-03-17: Pandemic preparedness and response: Understanding vaccine induced-immunity
 - HORIZON-HLTH-2023-DISEASE-03-18: Pandemic preparedness and response: Immunogenicity of viral proteins of viruses with epidemic and pandemic potential
 - HORIZON-HLTH-2023-CARE-04-02: Resilience and mental wellbeing of the health and care workforce
 - HORIZON-HLTH-2023-CARE-04-03: Environmentally sustainable and climate neutral health and care systems

Note: For forthcoming topics open to submission and latest information on the above topic calls, please consult the Funding & tender opportunities Portal ([Search Funding & Tenders \(europa.eu\)](https://ec.europa.eu/europa/eu-grants-projects/))

- **Application Process:**
 - European Commission invites submissions of proposals against advertised research topics
 - The proposals are checked against admissibility and eligibility conditions set out in the call conditions and then subject to evaluation.
 - European Commission informs NHMRC Administering Institution/s of proposals evaluated as successfully
 - NHMRC Administering Institution/s notify NHMRC of applicant details
 - NHMRC will invite Australian legal entities who are listed on the list of proposals proposed for funding, to apply to NHMRC for support of the Australian component of research by submitting an application in Sapphire.
 - NHMRC reviews the budget requested for the Australian components of the research
 - Funding recommendations approval process.
- **Eligibility:** The NHMRC-EU scheme has eligibility criteria and applications will be excluded from consideration if eligibility requirements are not met:
 - Australian applicants must be listed on proposals on the list of proposals proposed for funding by the European Commission
 - The Administering Institution for the NHMRC-EU scheme application must be listed as an Associated Partner in the EU application
 - Evidence, such as the EU grant agreement or the grant preparation invitation letter, which indicates that the relevant proposal was successful and inviting to proceed with the preparation of the grant agreement
 - Applications must be under the selected topics as listed by NHMRC.

Useful links and contacts:

- 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

2.2. Brazil (BR)

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

To support participation of entities established in Brazil in Horizon Europe, 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 participation of entities established in Brazil 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 Commission and the Federative Republic of Brazil.

The Administrative Arrangement aims to facilitate funding of successful proposals in which participate legal entities established in Brazil under Horizon Europe calls as set up by the three above-mentioned Brazilian funding agencies, and establishes the support to entities established in Brazil in collaborative activities such as taking part in a consortium, twinning of projects and the launch of coordinated calls, as well as actions to enhance mutual knowledge and awareness. The operational steps and procedures embodied in implementing Guidelines are being finalized by the agencies and will be soon published.

Useful links and contacts:

- For more information: https://ec.europa.eu/info/news/brazilian-funding-agencies-and-ec-sign-administrative-arrangement-step-cooperation-research-and-innovation-2021-nov-19_en
- CNPq: Dileine Amaral da Cunha - Deputy Coordinator of Information and International Studies, in charge of European Union; email: dileine.cunha@cnpq.br
- CONFAP: Elisa Natola – Advisor of International Cooperation in charge of European Union; email: elisa.confap@gmail.com
- FINEP: Alexandre Zuccolo Barragat de Andrade – Manager of International Cooperation Department; email: barragat@finep.gov.br
- HE National Contact Points Brazil: [link on Funding and Tender Opportunities Portal](#)
- EU Delegation to Brazil: https://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/brazil_en;
- Euraxess LAC: <https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/worldwide/lac>
- Please find an indicative and none exhaustive link to topics in the HE Work Programme 2023-2024, where LAC/Brazilian participation is potentially possible: [indicative List HE calls for LAC WP 2023-2024](#)

2.3. Canada (CA)

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

To support participation of legal entities established in Canada in Horizon Europe actions, 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 legal entities established in Canada 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 in Horizon Europe. Applicants established in Canada 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.

In August 2022, CRCC launched the second phase of the co-funding mechanism, the 2022 Horizon Global Platform Competition. This will provide funding for Canadian researchers who are associated partners on successful projects funded through eligible calls under Horizon Europe's Pillar II. Horizon Global Platform grants are valued at up to CAD\$250,000 per year (including indirect costs) for a maximum of two years. The number of awards will depend on amounts requested in successful applications.

The total allocated budget is CAD\$40 million over two years and represents the second and final tranche of the CAD\$50 million over the 5 years co-funding envelope. To ensure continued support for collaborations between legal entities established in Canada and EU during the ongoing formal negotiations for Canada's association to Horizon Europe, the list of eligible calls for the NFRF 2022 Horizon Global Platform competition has been expanded. Applications are now being accepted for projects funded through any Research and Innovation call under Pillar II with a deadline before 30 September 2023.

Co-funding by Quebec for Horizon Europe:

Legal entities established in Quebec may receive support through a [provincial support programme for international cooperation](#).

Marie Skłodowska-Curie (MSCA) Staff Exchanges: Co-funding by Mitacs:

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 established in the EU Member States and selected Mitacs partner countries in the context of MSCA Staff Exchanges:

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

The award amount is \$6000. Projects are supervised by a Canadian home supervisor and a host supervisor at university established 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 and contacts:

- 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
- EU Delegation to Canada: https://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/canada/640/canada-and-eu_en
- 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/>

2.4. India (IN)

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

The Government of India has established a Co-Funding Mechanism (CFM) to support the participation of successful Indian entities in collaborative actions under the Horizon Europe Work Programmes 2023-2024. Under the Government of India is to be understood: the Department of Science and Technology (DST); the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES).

The Government of India agrees to fund the selected Indian entity(ies), subject to a positive evaluation by both sides. Participation and funding of legal entities established in India to comply with the terms and conditions applicable by the respective Indian funding agencies and as per their regulations, are published on their respective website:

- **DST:** [Co-Funding Partnership – EU 'Horizon Europe'](#)
- **DBT:** [DBT-EU Cooperation Programme on R&I 'Horizon Europe' Calls 2023-2024](#)
- **MoES:** [MoES-EU Cooperation Programme on R&I 'Horizon Europe' Calls 2023-2024](#)

To note that the co-funding applies only to the calls specifically earmarked by the Government of India and listed hereunder. Based on the Horizon Europe principle of being open to the world, Indian entities can participate in other calls but would have to bear the cost of their participation (i.e. no co-funding by the Government of India is foreseen).

CL1- Health

- [HORIZON-HLTH-2024-DISEASE-03-13-two-stage](#): Validation of fluid-derived biomarkers for the prediction and prevention of brain disorders (RIA) - Opening: 26 April 2023 | Deadline(s): 19 Sep 2023 (First Stage), 11 Apr 2024 (Second Stage) **DBT**
- [HORIZON-HLTH-2024-DISEASE-08-20](#): Pandemic preparedness and response: Host-pathogen interactions of infectious diseases with epidemic potential (RIA) - Opening: 26 Oct 2023 | Deadline(s): 11 Apr 2024 **DBT**

CL4 - AI, Data and Robotics

- [HORIZON-CL4-2024-HUMAN-01-06](#): Explainable and Robust AI (AI Data and Robotics Partnership) (RIA)- Opening: 15 Nov 2023| Deadline(s): 19 Mar 2024 **DST**

CL5 - Climate transition, Transport, Biofuels and Climate sciences & responses (glaciers)

- [HORIZON-CL5-2024-D1-01-02](#): Inland ice, including snow cover, glaciers, ice sheets and permafrost, and their interaction with climate change-(RIA)- Opening: 12 Sep 2023 | Deadline(s): 05 Mar 2024 **MoES**
- [HORIZON-CL5-2024-D3-02-03](#): Development of smart concepts of integrated energy driven bio-refineries for co-production of advanced biofuels, bio-chemicals and biomaterials – (RIA) Mission Innovation - Opening: 17 September 2024 |Deadline(s): 21 January 2025 **DBT**

Note: For most recent information and call deadlines of above mentioned topic calls, please consult regularly the Funding & tender opportunities Portal ([Search Funding & Tenders \(europa.eu\)](#)).

Useful links and contacts:

- 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, contact: india@euraxess.net
- Looking for partners to prepare a Horizon Europe proposal: Joining the right partnership is fundamental to apply to the open calls and have more chances to get granted. To help your partners' search, the European Commission has developed a very easy to use and efficient tool: the [Partner Search Tool](#).

- Partner search guide: This document provides guidance around the various partner search tools officially available in the launch of Horizon Europe but, more importantly, it offers applicants an outline to create a complete partner profile to be used for such searches. [Download](#)
- EURAXESS Partnering portal to find and be found as a partner: Institutions registered on EURAXESS Portal can also express their interest in collaborating with partners to apply to EU funding. Search the EURAXESS Partnering portal to find institutions to build a consortium. Remember to register your institution too so that you can be found as potential partner. You have to create an account as a user to then register your organisation. You can do this [here](#). Learn how to use [EURAXESS Partnering portal](#) to find and be found as a partner [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](#).

2.5. Japan (JP)

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

The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) may provide some support to research entities established in Japan who participate in a “Staff Exchange” (SE) scheme under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Programme. The modalities for this are specified in the Japanese Core-to-Core Program (<https://www.jspss.go.jp/english/e-c2c/index.html>) and the Bilateral Research Projects (<https://www.jspss.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 are available on the JSPS website). In case of Bilateral Research Projects, JSPS will accept applications from June to September 2023; for the Core-to-Core Program, applications will be accepted in September 2023.

Useful links and contacts:

- National Contact Point for Horizon Europe in Japan: <https://www.ncp-japan.jp/>; phone: +81 3 6408 0281
- Details for participation: <https://www.ncp-japan.jp/participation>
- EU Delegation to Japan: https://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/japan/19229/eu-japan-science-and-technology-relations_en; email: Delegation-Japan-ST@eeas.europa.eu; phone: +81 3 5422 6001
- More information on Horizon Europe: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1M9kL-2fjre85vU7qjOoTQTDrdfEmAF6S>
- EURAXESS Japan : <https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/worldwide/japan>

Research funding organisations in Japan:

- Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST): <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.jspss.go.jp/>
- National Institute of Information and Communications Technology (NICT): <https://www.nict.go.jp/en/>
- Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development (AMED): <https://www.amed.go.jp/en/program/list/20/index.html>; e-mail: jimu-ask@amed.go.jp; phone: +81 3 6870 2200
- New Energy and Industry Technology Development Organization (NEDO): <https://www.nedo.go.jp/english/>

- NARO Bio-oriented Technology Research Advancement Institution (BRAIN): <https://www.naro.go.jp/laboratory/brain/index.html>

2.6. 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 Europe projects, **the National Council for Science and Technology of Mexico (CONACYT)** has established the **“Puerta Horizonte Europa-Mexico”** co-funding mechanism".

The National Council of Science and Technology (Conacyt) launched a call on 15 November 2022 “Puerta Horizonte Europa-Mexico”, which aims to encourage the participation of Mexican entities in the Horizon Europe Programme and strengthen bilateral relations between the EU and Mexico in Science, Technology and Innovation. This new mechanism proposes two modalities: Institutions with their own resources may apply under Modality 1 and can apply in all areas of Horizon Europe calls. Under modality 2 Conacyt will fund a maximum of 8 projects in the areas of health, energy and human security.

Legal entities established in Mexico interested in participating in a consortium may apply to Conacyt for financial support. After an internal selection process Conacyt will guarantee financing for the Mexican partner of up to 125,000 Euro if the proposal is subsequently selected for funding by the EU

Useful links and contacts:

- The Puerta Horizonte Europa-Mexico call can be consulted at the official website of Conacyt: <https://conacyt.mx/convocatorias/convocatorias-de-desarrollo-tecnologico-e-innovacion-abierta/convocatoria-puerta-horizonte-europa-2022-2024/>).
- 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.
- EU Delegation to Mexico: http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/mexico/index_en.htm

2.7. The People’s Republic of China (CN)

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

In line with the ongoing discussions on the Joint Roadmap for the Future of EU-China cooperation in Science, Technology, and Innovation^[1], the EU and China have signed an Administrative Arrangement for the period 2021-2024 to set up a Co-funding Mechanism (CFM) that will support collaborative research projects under two agreed research flagship initiatives, one on Food, Agriculture and Biotechnology (FAB) and the

[1] The development of a Joint Roadmap for the Future of EU-China cooperation in Science, Technology, and Innovation was agreed at the Fourth EU-China Innovation Cooperation Dialogue of April 2019 and is currently under discussion. It aims at the development of a research and innovation ecosystem that is levelled, reciprocal, and respectful of R&I values, through the discussion, agreement, and implementation of set framework conditions for cooperation.

other on Climate Change and Biodiversity (CCB). In the Horizon Europe Work Programmes 2023-2024, this applies to:

Food, Agriculture and Biotechnology (FAB) flagship initiative: the Ministry of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China (MOST) will fund Chinese participation in four FAB topics:

- HORIZON-CL6-2023-BIODIV-01-15: Integrative forest management for multiple ecosystem services and enhanced biodiversity.
- HORIZON-CL6-2023-ZEROPOLLUTION-02-1-two-stage: Optimisation of manure use along the management chain to mitigate GHG emissions and minimize nutrients/contaminants dispersion in the environment.
- HORIZON-CL6-2024-FARM2FORK-02-5-two-stage: Animal nutritional requirements and nutritional value of feed under different production management conditions;
- HORIZON-CL6-2024-COMMUNITIES-02-2-two-stage: New sustainable business and production models for farmers and rural communities.

Climate Change and Biodiversity (CCB) flagship initiative: MOST will fund Chinese participation in three CCB topics:

- HORIZON-CL5-2023-D1-02-01: EU-China international cooperation on data and model development for pathways to carbon neutrality: focusing on decarbonisation, energy efficiency and socio-economic implications of the transition.
- HORIZON-CL5-2023-D1-02-02: EU-China international cooperation on blue carbon.
- HORIZON-CL6-2024-CLIMATE-01-7: EU-China international cooperation on improving monitoring for better integrated climate and biodiversity approaches, using environmental and Earth observation.

For forthcoming topics open to submission, please consult the Funding & tender opportunities [Search Funding & Tenders \(europa.eu\)](#)

Through the CFM, Chinese entities participating in the flagship topics will be funded by the MOST. The exact terms and conditions of MOST CFM calls are published on their website.

Other Co-Funding opportunities by MOST:

MOST will also co-fund additional projects that do not fall under the above flagship topics, but that are nevertheless directly linked to the areas of the flagship initiatives. Only projects that have a low level of technological maturity (not exceeding a level of Technology Readiness Level 4 - TRL4) will be eligible to receive co-funding from the Chinese authorities.

Useful links and contacts:

- MOST: Ms. WANG Yingshi email: wangys@most.cn, or in the China Science and Technology Exchange Centre (CSTEC) QIAO Lin, qiaol@cstec.org.cn, or YU Sha, shay@cstec.org.cn.
- Ministry of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China: [中华人民共和国科学技术部 \(most.gov.cn\)](#); [Ministry of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China \(most.gov.cn\)](#)
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- Delegation of the European Union to China: [China | EEAS Website \(europa.eu\)](#)

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2.8. Principality of Monaco (MC)

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

To support selected Monegasque entities for participating in Horizon Europe collaborative projects, the Principality of Monaco has set up **a co-funding mechanism** in a number of Horizon Europe topics, in line with the Principality's own R&I priorities. National funding can be requested in the following areas: **energy, bio-economics, digital technology, health and Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions**. This list may be updated in light of evolving priorities.

Concretely, this means that for a successful proposal under a Horizon Europe call in one of the above mentioned priority areas, the legal entity established in Monaco, who meets the eligibility conditions, can request funding directly from the Prince's Government up to a maximum of 50% of the eligible costs.

The Business Development Agency (Direction De L'expansion Économique), within the Ministry of Finance and Economy has been appointed as the **national funding body**.

In practice, any Monegasque organisation that wants to submit an application under the Horizon Europe programme and wishes to receive national funding, must request a preliminary meeting with the Business Development Agency in order to confirm their eligibility.

A pre-approval process for the R&I project proposal has been put in place, consisting of three stages:

1. A short proposal is submitted to the Business Development Agency
2. The proposal is reviewed by the Business Development Agency
3. The Business Development Agency gives its agreement **in principle** to fund the Monegasque entity in case the proposal successfully gets through the Horizon Europe evaluation process.

Useful links and contacts:

- Monaco and the European Union: <https://en.gouv.mc/Policy-Practice/Monaco-Worldwide/Monaco-and-the-European-Union>
- Information on Horizon Europe programme and how to apply for co-funding: [Horizon Europe Programme / Financing innovation / Assistance / Aids and development / Public Services for Businesses- Monaco \(gouv.mc\)](#)
- National Funding Body: Direction de l'Expansion Économique; 9 rue du Gabian - 98000 Monaco, contact Mr François-Xavier Le Clerc; (+377) 98 98 19 20; functional mailbox: [Contact entity Direction de l'Expansion Économique](#)
- HE National Contact Point Monaco (Point de Contact National): Mr Bruno Nabeth Direction de l'Expansion Economique; 9 rue du Gabian - 98000 Monaco
E-mail: bnabeth.ext@gouv.mc
- Representation of the Principality of Monaco to the European Union: Mr Nicolas Pomey, Advisor for European affairs, email: npomey@diplomatie.gouv.mc

2.9. Republic of Korea (KR)

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

For the calls open to international cooperation, the Korean research entities which successfully joined a Horizon Europe project, can ask for matching funds from the Korean government regardless of the cluster or topic of HE in which they have been successful (so-called bottom-up participation). **The Ministry of Science and ICT (MSIT)** offers co-funding to 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 specific budget for co-funding; inquiries could be made on an ad hoc basis.

Useful links and contacts:

- NRF for entities in basic and applied research:
https://www.nrf.re.kr/biz/notice/view?biz_not_gubn=guide&menu_no=362&page=1&nts_no=183280&biz_no=294&search_type=NTS_TITLE&search_keyword1=EU ; contact: Ms. Youngok KANG /Researcher; email : yokang@nrf.re.kr; phone: +82-2-3460-5722
- KIAT for entities in industrial research and technology:
<https://www.kiat.or.kr/front/board/boardContentsView.do>; contact: Mr. Youngmin JEONG /Researcher; email: wjddudals00@kiat.or.kr; phone: +82-2-6009-3769
- 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
- EURAXESS: contact: Dr Tomasz Wierzbowski, EURAXESS South Korea Representative email: tomasz.wierzbowski@euraxess.net

2.10. Switzerland (CH)

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

The Swiss government has put in place a number of schemes and procedures to ensure funding of Swiss participants in Horizon Europe Actions:

- 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 previous calls of 2021 and 2022;
- a similar financial guarantee for Swiss participants as associated partners in collaborative projects for Horizon Europe 2023 calls;
- direct funding mechanisms for mono-beneficiary projects (transfer grants and direct funding).

Useful links and contacts:

- [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. A detailed Q&A on Switzerland's participation in Horizon Europe (and Horizon 2020) and related programmes and initiatives is included SERI's contact information: europrogram@sbfi.admin.ch; hotline +41 58 463 50 50.

- National Contact Points Switzerland: Switzerland has appointed a network of [17 National Contact Points](#) covering all areas of Horizon Europe. The NCP coordinator of Switzerland is Mr. Riccardo Scarinci, EURESEARCH, Belpstrasse 11 – 3007 Bern, Switzerland; E-mail: riccardo.scarinci@euresearch.ch
- EU Delegation to Switzerland: https://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/switzerland_de; Contact: delegation-bern@eeas.europa.eu

2.11. Taiwan

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

Taiwan National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) has announced through a formal letter addressed to the European Commission that it **will continue to co-fund Taiwan's participation under Horizon Europe**. Taiwan's entities and researchers wishing to participate in Horizon Europe can apply for co-funding through the website of the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC).

Useful links and contacts:

- Questions related to the NSTC funding can be addressed to the contact point provided in the NSTC website; for the EU: Ms. Ching-Mei Tang – cmtom@nstc.gov.tw.
- Questions related to Horizon Europe could be addressed to local contact point or NCPs for Horizon Europe, see list: [Funding & tenders \(europa.eu\)](#). E-mail address: contact@fp9.tw. Contact: Dr. Lily Chen: lilychen@mail.ntust.edu.tw
- Taiwan European Union Innovation and Cooperation Platform – TEUICP <http://teuicp.tw/>

3. Third Countries with an ERC Implementing Arrangement

To strengthen international participation in actions of the European Research Council (ERC), the European Commission has signed "**Implementing Arrangements**" with **key funding bodies and science ministries** around the world. These arrangements provide opportunities for **early-career scientists** supported by non-EU funding agencies to temporarily join a research team run by an ERC grantee in the EU. The purpose of those arrangements is to encourage, develop and facilitate such opportunities.

Please note that for one country multiple implementing arrangements can be signed with different funding bodies (e.g. depending on the thematic area covered by the implementing arrangement).

Once a year, the ERC launches a Call for expression of interest (usually in October each year) amongst ERC grantees to inquire about their interest to host non-European scientists in their research teams.

Consequently, ERC sends each non-European funding agency with whom it signed an implementing arrangement, a listing of interested Principal Investigators(PI)/teams, with a publishable description of the relevant ERC projects.

The non-European funding agency informs then the pre-selected non-European scientists of the collaborative ERC opportunities. Interested non-European scientists contact the ERC grantee to check their mutual interest. In case both scientists agree on all the details, the Host Institution of the ERC grantee issues a "letter of intent" or "support letter" which the non-European scientist has to submit to the non-European funding agency to apply for funding.

For more information, see also "[ERC Teams open to the world](#)" on the ERC website or contact ERC-IMPLEMENTING-ARRANGEMENTS@ec.europa.eu.

Currently ERC implementation arrangements are signed with the following countries:

Argentina

Signed in March 2015 with the Ministry of Science, Technology and Productive Innovation

Read more: agreement [ES|EN](#), [press highlight](#)

For the interested CONICET-funded scientists, see more [here](#)

Australia

Signed in February 2019 with the Australian Research Council (ARC)

Read more: [agreement](#), [press release](#)

Signed in October 2018 with the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC)

Read more: [agreement](#), [press release](#)

Brazil

Signed in October 2016 with the Brazilian National Council of the State funding agencies (CONFAP)

Read more: agreement [EN](#), [press highlight](#), [leaflet](#)

Canada

Signed in October 2016 with the Tri-agency Institutional Programs Secretariat

Read more: [agreement](#), [press highlight](#) [EN|FR](#)

India

Signed in October 2020 with the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR)

Read more: [agreement](#), [press highlight](#)

Signed in October 2017 with the Scientific Engineering Research Board (SERB)

Read more: [agreement](#), [press highlight](#)

Japan

Signed in November 2020 with the Agency for Medical Research and Development (AMED) of Japan

Read more: [agreement](#) [EN](#), [press release](#)

For the interested JSPS-fellows, see more [here](#)

Signed in October 2018 with the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST)

Read more: [agreement](#), [press release](#)

Signed in May 2015 with the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)

Read more: agreement [EN](#), [press release](#)

Korea

Signed in November 2013 with the Ministry of Science, ICT and Future Planning
Read more: [agreement](#), [press highlight](#)

Mexico

Signed in November 2015 with the Mexican National Council of Science and Technology (Conacyt)
Read more: agreement [ES|EN](#), [press highlight](#)

People's Republic of China

Signed in June 2015 with the National Natural Science Foundation (NSFC)
Read more: agreement [ZH|EN](#), [press highlight](#) For interested NSFC-funded scientists, contact NSFC, Ms. FAN Yingjie, email: fanyj@nsfc.gov.cn.

Singapore

Signed in October 2019 with the National Research Foundation Singapore (NRF)
Read more: [agreement](#), [press release](#)

South Africa

Signed in October 2015 with the National Research Foundation (NRF)
Read more: agreement [EN](#)

Thailand

Signed in September 2022 with the Programme Management Unit for Human Resources & Institutional Development, Research and Innovation (PMU-B)
Read more: [agreement](#), [press highlight](#)

United States

Signed for the first time in July 2012 with the National Science Foundation (NSF), and replaced by a new arrangement in October 2019.
Read more: [agreement \(2019\)](#), [press release \(only on 2012 agreement\)](#)