



Horizon 2020 has been launched

Discover Research and Innovation Collaboration with Europe!

WHAT'S IN IT FOR RUSSIA?

The European Commission published in December 2013 the first Work Programmes and 165 Calls for Proposals of the new EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation "HORIZON 2020".

Calls for proposals worth more than 15 billion euro are all open to Researchers and Innovators from Russia, with deadlines in 2014 and 2015.

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- All Calls for Proposals of Horizon 2020 are fully open to Russian participation in all fields and areas.
- International participation - Horizon 2020 can connect the best teams and individual researchers from Russia with Europe's top researchers and innovators
- Horizon 2020 helps to connect Russian scientists and universities with business and industry from around the world
- Horizon 2020 offers access to Europe's knowledge, access to data, access to infrastructures and access to world-leading scientific networks
- Participation in Horizon 2020 provides opportunities to market one's ideas, know-how and technologies internationally
- Russian scientists can be funded in the Marie Skłodowska Curie mobility programme and by the European Research Council (ERC)

Research and innovation stakeholders from Russia are encouraged to become partners in collaborative research projects or to apply to fellowship grants and mobility schemes provided by the European Research Council and Marie-Sklodowska-Curie Actions.

In addition to the general openness of all topics, in the 2014/2015 calls several topics are specifically flagged for cooperation with Russia – for instance in the field of High Performance Computing, Research Infrastructures, Aeronautics, Space and Polar research. In these flagged topics the participation of Russian partners is strongly encouraged and will add value to the proposals.

BECOME A PEER-REVIEWER FOR CALLS FOR PROPOSALS

Sign up to the Horizon 2020 [expert database](#) and get involved in the selection of project proposals as peer reviewers. Registration is free of charge. Russian professors, researchers and other distinguished specialists are strongly encouraged to join the expert database through which they – if selected – can participate in the evaluation of project proposals and monitoring of actions, submitted under Horizon 2020.



FUNDING

Russia has become one of the EU's key international partners in research and innovation. It is now in a position to fully contribute to and benefit from Europe's research and innovation capacity under the same conditions and financial rules for participation as their peers from other emerging economies and industrialised countries. This means that Russian participants will need to cover their participation costs – in cash or in kind – in Horizon 2020 projects with their own contributions.

HOW TO FIND MORE INFORMATION?

- Apply through the [Participant portal](#)
- Find a partner in the [Partner search site](#) or the [CORDIS Partner Service](#)
- Find all you need to know through the [Horizon 2020 website](#)
- Horizon 2020 – in brief: [MEMO/13/1085](#)

BACKGROUND

Horizon 2020 is the EU's biggest ever research and innovation framework programme with a seven year budget worth nearly €80 billion. Most EU research funding is allocated on the basis of competitive calls, but the budget for Horizon 2020 includes funding also for the [Joint Research Centre](#), the European Commission's in-house science service; the [European Institute for Innovation and Technology](#) and research carried out within the framework of the [Euratom Treaty](#).

Separate calls will also be published under specific Partnerships with industry and with Member States (see [IP/13/668](#)). In 2014 the total EU research budget, including these items and administrative expenditure, will be around €9.3 billion, rising to around €9.9 billion in 2015. Final 2015 amounts are subject to the decision on the 2015 annual budget.

The funding opportunities under Horizon 2020 are set out in work programmes published on the EU's digital [Participant portal](#) for research funding, which has been redesigned for quicker, paperless procedures. Participants will also find simpler programme architecture and funding, a single set of rules, and a reduced burden from financial controls and audits.

The 2014-15 calls include €500 million over two years dedicated to innovative small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) through a brand new SME Instrument. Gender aspects are expected to be included in many of the projects, and there is funding to further stimulate debate on science's role within society. There are also new rules to make 'open access' a requirement for Horizon 2020, so that publications of project results are freely accessible to all.

Make best use of Europe's excellent opportunities in research and innovation!

